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Youth Commission Meeting

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Monday, March 11, at 6:30pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP
1730 Oregon St. Berkeley, CA 94703

The Commission may discuss any items listed on the agenda but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. Call to Order (Chair) 6:38PM
2. Roll Call (Secretary) Present: Weisberg, Kashay, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingam, Bell, Sanders, Marchesini Gonzales, Alberga and Thompson. Late: Powell. Absent: Bailey, Patel, Jenson, and Levenson.
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair) M/S: Marchesini/Ormsby: Ayes: Weisberg, Kashay, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingam, Bell, Sanders, Marchesini Gonzales, Alberga, Powell and Thompson. Noe's: None; Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Patel, Jenson, and Levenson.
4. Approval of Minutes for February 13, 2024 (Chair) M/S: Marchesini/Chokkalingam: Ayes: Weisberg, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingam, Marchesini, Powell and Thompson. Noe's: None; Abstain: Gonzales, Sanders, Bell, Alberga and KaShay. Absent: Bailey, Patel, Jenson, and Levenson.
5. Public Comments (2 min)
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Chair)
9. Discussion: An action plan for a letter of recommendation using the survey
10. Discussion: Review Letter of Support for Measure Y1, of allowing 16-year-olds to vote for BUSD School Board elections.
11. Action: Letter of Support for Measure Y1, allowing 16-year-olds to vote for BUSD School Board elections. M/S: Marchesini/ Sifora: Ayes: Weisberg, Kashay, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingam, Bell, Sanders, Marchesini Gonzales, Alberga, Powell and Thompson. Noe's: None; Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Patel, Jenson, and Levenson.
12. Action: 2024 Elections for Sergeant at Arms: Morgan nominated himself for Sergeant at Arms/Ormsby second: Aye's; Powell, Bell, Sanders, Thompson, and Marchesini. Noe's: Kashay, Alberga, Chokkalingam and Weisberg. Abstain: Gonzales. Absent: Bailey, Patel, Jenson, and Levenson
13. Adjourn: 7:44pm, M/S: Marchesini/Ormsby: Ayes: Weisberg, Kashay, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingam, Bell, Sanders, Marchesini Gonzales, Alberga, Powell and Thompson. Noe's: None; Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Patel, Jenson, and Levenson.

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Bartlett	Diya Patel	BUSD/ Chang	Sofia Marchesini
Vacant	Marcel Jenson	BUSD/Dell	Julio Gonzales
Hahn	Django Morgan	BUSD/Vasudeo	Sophia Alberga
Wengraf	Arson Ormsby	BUSD/Liao	Eva Levenson
Vacant	Anjani Chokkalingam	BUSD	Nina Thompson
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1. Call to Order (Chair) 6:36pm
2. Roll Call (Secretary) Present: Weisberg, Patel, Jenson, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingham, Levenson, Marchesini and Thompson. Late: Powell. Absent: Bailey, Kahsay, Bell, Sanders and Alberga.
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair) M/S: Chokkalingham/Thompson; Ayes: Weisberg, Patel, Jenson, Morgan, Ormsby, Levenson and Marchesini. Noe's: None. Abstain: Powell. Absent: Bailey, Kahsay, Bell, Sanders and Alberga.
4. Approval of Minutes for January 8, 2024 (Chair) M/S: Chokkalingham/Ormsby; Ayes: Patel, Jenson, Morgan, Levenson and Marchesini. Noe's: None. Abstain: Powell, Thompson and Weisberg. Absent: Bailey, Kahsay, Bell, Sanders and Alberga.
5. Public Comments (2min)
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Chair)
9. Discussion Item: Measure Y1 and an action plan to construct a letter of support
10. Discussion Item: Review the roles and responsibilities of elected leadership for the Youth Commission
11. Action: 2024 Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Sergeant at Arms
New Chair - Sofia Marchesini, M/S/Thompson/Chokkalingham: Aye's: Weisberg, Patel, Jenson, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingham, Powell, Levenson, Marchesini and Thompson. Noe's: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell, Sanders, Negus, and Alberga.
Vice Chair - Arson Ormsby, M/S/Chokkalingham/Weisberg, Patel, Jenson, Morgan, Ormsby, Chokkalingham, Powell, Levenson, Marchesini and Thompson. Noe's: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bell, Sanders, Negus, and Alberga.
Sergeant at Arms- was a tied, table to the March meeting.
12. Discussion Item: Reviewing Results of Berkeley High Bathroom Survey
13. Discussion Item: An action plan for a letter of recommendation using the survey
14. Adjourn 7:34pm M/S: Thompson/Chokkalingham; Ayes: Weisberg, Patel, Jenson, Morgan, Ormsby, Levenson, Powell and Marchesini. Noe's: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Bailey, Kahsay, Bell, Sanders and Alberga.

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Dear [BUSD School Board and Alameda County Board of Supervisors],

On November 8, 2016, Berkeley voters affirmed the power of the youth voice in politics by passing Measure Y1, an ordinance that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to vote for members of the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) Board of Directors. In the more than seven years since its passage, Measure Y1 has yet to take effect. Today, on [insert date here], we ask that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors implement this measure.

The basic framework of our democracy relies on the principle that that which is elected by the people must be enacted by the government. With over 70% of the popular vote, Measure Y1 was supported by an overwhelming majority of Berkeley voters, and our [municipal/citywide] government must act accordingly to uphold the strength of our democracy.

Measure Y1 continues to be advocated for by groups like the Berkeley Youth Commission. Our mission is to identify needs among young people in Berkeley and make recommendations that reflect them. We believe this issue is of the utmost importance and urgency, as it secures youth representation on our local School Board. It encourages direct lines of communication between the School Board members and students, amplifying the youth voice in pressing and consequential decisions. It would further incentivize School Board members to legislate with BUSD students in mind. With voting power comes the ability to better advocate for programs widely supported by students.

Measure Y1 states that before its implementation, the City of Berkeley, the County Registrar of Voters, and the School District would likely meet and come to an agreement establishing the exact terms and conditions under which this policy would be implemented. We request that this meeting take place immediately, in hopes that measure Y1 can take effect before the 2024 general election. The BUSD School Board legislates on students' behalf, and we ask that our democratically attained representation not be denied.

Best regards, The Berkeley Youth Commission