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MAGIC Convener Meeting Minutes

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📍 **Hayes Valley Clubhouse**

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PRESENTATIONS:

San Francisco Youth Commission: Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist

Joshua provided an overview of San Francisco's local government and how young people can get involved in civic engagement and advocacy through the SF Youth Commission.

Key Takeaways:

- Joshua explained the roles of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office in shaping city policies, budgets, and services and how they collaborate with the SF Youth Commission.

- Youth Commission: Established in 1995, the Commission includes 17 youth commissioners who advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on issues affecting young people.
- Youth Advocacy: Commissioners research community issues, recommend policies, request legislation, and advocate for changes that support youth.
- Community Engagement: Commission meetings are open to the public, and staff can provide civic engagement presentations and training for youth groups and community organizations.

Youth Commission Opportunities: Applications for the 2027–2028 term are open to San Francisco residents ages 12–23. Commissioners serve one-year terms and typically commit around 10 hours per month.

Opportunities for MAGIC Partners: Partners can help spread the word about applications, encourage youth leaders to apply, and explore opportunities to establish District 5 and District 10 Youth Councils.

Overall Takeaway: Joshua encouraged MAGIC partners to connect young people with leadership opportunities and help ensure youth voices are represented in local government and community decision-making.

SF-Marin Food Bank Western Addition Community Market: Louisa Cantwell, Associate Director of Direct Service

Louisa shared an overview of the SF-Marin Food Bank's food assistance programs, highlighting its Western Addition Community Market and resources available to San Francisco residents.

Key Takeaways:

- Food Assistance Network: The Food Bank partners with more than 250 community and faith-based organizations to support food distribution sites, providing approximately 25–30 pounds of food per household each week. More than 70% of the food distributed is fresh produce.
- Eligibility and Access: San Francisco and Marin residents are eligible for food assistance regardless of income. The Food Locator tool on the Food Bank's website helps individuals find nearby food sites and other programs, including home delivery and senior food assistance.
- Western Addition Community Market: Opened in June 2025, this free, grocery-store-style market allows participants to choose their own groceries, including fresh produce, proteins, and other staples. Participants can pick up food weekly, with flexible scheduling options.
- Location and Eligibility: The market is located at 1239 Turk Street and serves people who live or work in ZIP codes 94102, 94109, 94115, and 94117.

- Additional Support: The market connects participants with other resources, including CalFresh, childcare, and rental assistance. The Food Bank also offers multilingual support to help people enroll and access services.

Opportunities for MAGIC Partners: Partners are encouraged to share Food Bank resources and market information with families and community members who may need food assistance. Flyers are available in multiple languages.

Overall Takeaway: Louisa emphasized the importance of making food assistance accessible, flexible, and welcoming while connecting families to additional support services that address their broader needs.

- **Parents for Public Schools of San Francisco:** Vanessa Marrero, President of Parents for Public Schools in San Francisco

Vanessa shared how PPS-SF supports families in navigating the public school system while advocating for educational equity and amplifying parent voices in San Francisco.

Key Takeaways:

- Family Support and Enrollment: PPS-SF connects diverse families through parent ambassadors at school campuses and offers enrollment navigation workshops to help families understand SFUSD's changing enrollment process and lottery system.
- Educational Equity and Advocacy: The organization advocates for equitable school policies, ethnic studies, and efforts to address school segregation and unequal resources. Vanessa emphasized the importance of understanding how School Board decisions affect students and families.
- Parent and Youth Voices: PPS-SF works to ensure families and underserved youth, including foster youth and multilingual students, are represented in education policy decisions.
- Community Engagement: Vanessa encouraged community members to stay informed about School Board meetings, research candidates and their positions, vote, and follow PPS-SF for updates and meeting highlights.

Opportunities for MAGIC Partners: Community members, including those who are not parents, can get involved by visiting the PPS-SF website to explore volunteer opportunities and learn more about the organization's advocacy work.

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Overall Takeaway: Vanessa emphasized that every child deserves access to a quality public education and encouraged families and community partners to stay engaged, advocate for equity, and ensure their voices are heard in decisions affecting San Francisco schools.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- **Help us plan future Convener Meetings**! Share your feedback here: **MAGIC Convener Meeting Survey**
- **Future Presenters:** If you are interested in presenting at a future meeting, please complete the **MAGIC Convener Request Form.**
- **MAGIC Programs Resource Guide** – In late 2026, we will update the Resource Guide and send out more info as the date approaches.
- **Next Convener Meeting**- Thursday, November 19th, 2026 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm, at the Southeast Community Center, 1550 Evans Ave, San Francisco, CA 94124
- **Holiday Food Box-** Thursday, December 10, 2026
- **MAGIC Holiday Celebration-** Thursday, December 17th at the Presidio

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SUB-COMMITTEES

- **Social Committee** – MAGIC Halloween Celebration at Booker T. Washington Community Service Center **Friday, October 30th from 3:30-6:00 pm.**

- **Trick-or-Treat Trail** hosted by participating businesses along the 3rd St Corridor, **Saturday, October 31st from 3:00-6:00 pm.**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Share announcements by emailing: Vernon@bayviewmagic.org
- General Announcements Shared Drive