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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: The Youth Task Force

The Board of Supervisors approved the concept of a Youth Task Force in June of 1997 to advise the Human Relations Commission and the Board of Supervisors on Youth Issues. As a sub-committee of the Human Relations Commission, the Youth Task Force has experienced much success and has proven to have an invaluable positive impact on the youth of Santa Clara County. While the Youth Task Force has experienced success in most of their objectives, they have not had success in their attempt to advise the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors on issues and initiatives that affect the lives of youth. As a strong supporter of programs that empower our youth, I am requesting that each Supervisor take time out of their busy schedules to meet once a year for 45 minutes with members of the Youth Task Force to discuss county policies and programs that impact them. This year the Youth Task Force has chosen to focus their energy on the following three issues: Safe Sex, Violence Prevention and the Juvenile Justice System. We can help our youth leaders achieve all the goals they set out to accomplish by taking time out once a year to attend their meetings and listen to their invaluable insight.