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I write in support of the Youth Rights Ordinances. I believe these ordinances are critical to protecting our youth and ensuring a fair and equitable justice system. I was a public defender for over 30 years and I saw the inequality in the interactions between police officers and the young people who were arrested. These ordinances will help equalize those interactions. The goal of the ordinances is to ensure that every youth who is arrested or asked to consent to a search has access to an attorney. Access to an attorney will allow the youth to be fully informed and to make a decision based on that information and with the assistance of counsel. We should not hide from fully informing our children.

I am currently the Chair of the Public Defense Advisory Board but I write you in my individual capacity. I believe the Board has never voted on this issue and therefore does not have an official position.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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