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## **CITY COUNCIL Colleague's Memo**

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**Meeting Date:** March 20, 2023

**Report #:** 2303-1084

### **TITLE**

Colleague's Memo: Council Contingency Fund request for Try Harder! A Palo Alto Community Screening Event

### **RECOMMENDATION**

In support of May as "Teen Mental Health Month" along with furthering the teen mental health focus of the 2023 council priority of Community Health and Safety, the city will provide to YCS \$3,000 for the film license and screening fee from the Council Contingency Fund.

### **GOAL**

An event to kick off and highlight May as Mental Health Month by opening conversations within the community through supporting two of Palo Alto's non-profit partners and school district representatives.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The City of Palo Alto, in partnership with PTA Council, allcove, and Youth Community Services (YCS) will host a screening of the documentary film, "Try Harder", produced by Bay Area filmmaker Debbie Lum. The documentary captures the pressures students face at San Francisco's elite Lowell High School. Try Harder! movie review & film summary (2021) | Roger Ebert YCS and allcove are coordinating the event and will use the film as a learning tool paired with YCS's Call to Action workshop. YCS will be using the Developmental Relationship Framework (DRF) to guide a discussion on how to support the youth in our lives. Youth from YCS and allcove will co-lead the discussion along with adult staff members. YCS has a workshop that will be paired with the film which will help adults think of ways they can utilize the DRF in their own relationships with youth.

The PTA Council (PTAC) has reserved the use of the Palo Alto High School Theatres Haymarket Theater for the viewing of the film. YCS and allcove will work together to plan the agenda of the event and to train the youth facilitating the Call to Action workshop.

Time/Date: Saturday May 6th, 2023 Time TBD (likely 2:00 to 4:30).

#### **TIMELINE**

February--train Youth Advisory Groups (YAG) and YCS Peer Leaders in the DRF for the May event.

March--host planning meetings with youth leaders to decide on logistics of the event.

April--start promoting the event

May--event date and wrap up meeting.

#### **FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT**

This would reduce the Council contingency fund by \$3,000 and leave a balance of \$101,000 of the original \$125,000 for the remainder of FY 2023.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None.