

1 [Urging the Administration of Equitable and Just Victim Services]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco law enforcement agencies to administer victim**  
4 **services and justice equitably.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco District Attorney’s Office Victim Services Division  
7 assists victims of crimes with trained victim advocates who work closely with victims of crime  
8 to alleviate the impact of trauma, navigate the criminal justice system, and rebuild their lives;  
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10 WHEREAS, In 2018, the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) updated its  
11 Strategic Plan to create a promise to the department and the communities it protects, by  
12 issuing a new strategy statement, “Safety and Respect for All,” committing the department to  
13 “engage in just, transparent, unbiased, and responsive policing”; and

14 WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office 2021 Annual  
15 Report: The Status of Justice, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.  
16 230550, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, the  
17 Office reported serving over 8,500 victims of crime, and the victims were 27% White/Non-  
18 Latino, 25% Latino, 19% Black/African American, 16% Asian American Pacific Islander  
19 (AAPI), and 13% unknown; and

20 WHEREAS, The San Francisco District Attorney’s 2021 report states that the primary  
21 language of victims with Limited English Proficiency in 2021 are 62.93% Spanish-speaking  
22 and 26.67% Cantonese speaking; and

23 WHEREAS, The victims of crime in San Francisco are representative of all races,  
24 gender identities, and socio-economic statuses; and

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1           WHEREAS, According to a report published by University of California Los Angeles  
2 School of Law, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which is  
3 hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, transgender people  
4 are over four times more likely to be victims of violent crime; and

5           WHEREAS, Black victims of violent crime were less likely than white victims to report  
6 the crimes to the police, and according to U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice  
7 Statistics, nationally, marginalized groups are less likely to report instances of crime; and

8           WHEREAS, According to a report published by the National Library of Medicine, on file  
9 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which is hereby declared to be  
10 a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, 48% of women experiencing homelessness  
11 were victims of violent crime; and

12           WHEREAS, In 2000, the Justice Tracking Information System (JUSTIS) Committee  
13 Governance Council was created by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an integrated  
14 criminal justice information system serving participating criminal justice agencies in San  
15 Francisco; and

16           WHEREAS, In March 2022, voters approved an Initiative Ordinance creating the Office  
17 of Victim and Witness Rights, which would coordinate city services for victims and witness of  
18 crime; and

19           WHEREAS, In San Francisco between November 2021 and April 2023, there have  
20 been at least eight known assaults against the unhoused population by a perpetrator using  
21 bear mace on his victims; and

22           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department was aware of the assaults, but took  
23 no action to notify the public of the potential danger to the unhoused population; and

1           WHEREAS, On Thursday, April 27, 2023, a young transgender black man, Banko  
2 Brown was shot and killed after being accused of shoplifting at a San Francisco Walgreens;  
3 and

4           WHEREAS, On Monday, May 1, 2023, the San Francisco District Attorney issued a  
5 public statement, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which  
6 is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, declining to file  
7 charges against security guard who shot the victim, and claimed there was credible self-  
8 defense; and

9           WHEREAS, Since that statement, witnesses have come forward and disputed the  
10 District Attorney’s decision, leading her to revise her statement claiming that the investigation  
11 is ongoing and charges may still be filed in the death of Banko Brown; and

12           WHEREAS, The disregard of victims who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color  
13 (BIPOC), transgender, and unhoused by our law enforcement agencies is unacceptable; and  
14 be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
16 urges San Francisco law enforcement agencies to abide by their own standards and protect  
17 all victims, regardless of race, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
19 Francisco urges the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco to create the Office of  
20 Victim and Witness Services; and be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
22 Francisco urges law enforcement agencies to input data and utilize the JUSTIS integrated  
23 data system; and be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
25 Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the

1 Chief of Police of the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff, San Francisco  
2 District Attorney, San Francisco Public Defender, Adult Probation Department, and Juvenile  
3 Probation Department.

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