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Hello,

Please see below for communication from the Asian Women's Shelter regarding File No. 250301.

File No. 250301: Resolution recognizing the month of April 2025 as, "National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month" in the City and County of San Francisco. (Sherrill, Mandelman, Sauter, Chan, Walton, Dorsey, Melgar, Mahmood)

Sincerely,

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Hi there,

In collaboration with SF Youth Commission x Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence (BWRADV) x Asian's Women Shelter (SFAWS) - the following is SFAWS's letter of support of the BOS recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and youth experiencing in SA by our Executive Director, Orchid Pusey:

"Asian Women's Shelter works every day to create a San Francisco in which every

person, family, school, and community is safe from gender-based violence. Survivors of sexual assault in San Francisco, as in other cities and counties, are babies, children, tweens, teens, young adults, adults and seniors. They are often pushed into silence by stigmas rooted in misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, racism, classism, and more. Without widespread awareness on the prevalence, damage, root causes, and possible healing related to sexual assault, new perpetrators keep on coming into being. New survivors keep on coming into being. Existing survivors hide from systems and communities alike to avoid retraumatization. And the same social recipe gets repeated in perpetuity. A bold recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month by the Board of Supervisors disrupts stigmatized silence in San Francisco. It disrupts a default in which perpetrators evade accountability and survivors lose access to support and justice. It challenges the erasure of critical information for communities: that the majority of sexual assault victims are under 30; that female people aged 16-19 are 4 times more likely than the general population to be victims of rape or sexual assault; that transgender people are over four times more likely than cisgender people to experience violent victimization, including rape, sexual assault, and aggravated or simple assault (new study by the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law); and that BIPOC are disproportionately victims of sexual assault, with Native Americans being twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault than any other race. Sexual assault is common and it is wrong. Its potentially lifelong impacts should not be the default building blocks of our society. AWS would like to stand together with the SF Youth Commission, Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in recognizing SAAM."

warmly,

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