

1 [Condemning Recent Attacks on Board of Education Members]

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3 **Resolution condemning the recent attacks on San Francisco Board of Education**  
4 **Members and elected leaders after a vote temporarily ending Lowell High School's**  
5 **merit-based admission process.**

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7 WHEREAS, On Tuesday October 20th, the San Francisco Board of Education (SFBE)  
8 Members unanimously voted to temporarily end the merit-based admission process at Lowell  
9 High School; and

10 WHEREAS, The temporary change to Lowell High Schools admission process was in  
11 response to the impacts of COVID-19 which lead San Francisco Unified School District  
12 (SFUSD) to use a pass/fail system compromising the high school's regular merit-based  
13 process; and

14 WHEREAS, Grade Point Average (GPA) based admissions have been in place at  
15 Lowell High School since 1966; and

16 WHEREAS, Since it's implementation, Lowell High School's merit-based admissions  
17 process has been legally challenged several times, citing the policy as a key factor in the  
18 persisting racial in-equity in the school; and

19 WHEREAS, According to SFUSD's 2017-2018 School Accountability Report Card for  
20 Lowell, the school has a population of approximately 2,728 students and 56% of students  
21 identify as Asian, 14% identify as White, 10% identify as Latino, 2% identify as African  
22 American, and Native American or Pacific Islander students both makeup less than 1% of the  
23 student body; and

24 WHEREAS, A California Department of Education report revealed that achievement  
25 gaps for African Americans and Latinos in San Francisco are some of the worst in the state of

1 California with 96% of school districts across the state reporting better reading scores  
2 amongst low-income black students than low-income black students in San Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, Lowell High School Principal Dacotah Swett stated that she believes a  
4 lottery system would shift the student body population at Lowell to more closely resemble to  
5 population of San Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, On Friday October 23rd, a Facebook page called “No2racebaiting” was  
7 created on Facebook attacking School Board Members Alison Collins and Gabriela Lopez,  
8 both of whom are women of color; and

9 WHEREAS, The No2racebaiting Facebook page posted an edited photo of the two  
10 School Board Members, depicting them with swastikas on their foreheads and red x-marks  
11 across their faces and an accompanying caption which read “NO TO NAZISM IN SFUSD;”  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A video was then posted of a person wearing what appeared to be a  
14 bloody glove shown burning the photo of the two School Board Members; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Scott Wiener and Black Senior Lowell High School student  
16 Shavonne Hines-Foster were both also harassed online following the press conference  
17 related to this issue, and Senator Wiener also received death threats; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with those elected  
19 officials, students, and community members who have been attacked and threatened during  
20 the discussions around the Lowell High School admissions process; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors condemns the use of violent  
22 imagery and threats of violence meant to intimidate and silence our city’s leaders.