

1 [Urging the City of Vallejo to Require Vallejo Police to Release Body Camera Footage Related  
2 to the Killing of Sean Monterrosa]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vallejo to require the**  
4 **Vallejo Police Department to release the body camera footage of the officer-involved**  
5 **shooting that claimed the life of San Francisco resident, Sean Monterrosa.**

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7 WHEREAS, Sean Monterrosa was the child of Argentine immigrants and the middle of  
8 three children who grew up in Bernal Heights and attended Aptos Middle School before  
9 graduating from Independence High School; and

10 WHEREAS, As a youth, Sean was involved with local nonprofit organizations including  
11 Horizons Unlimited, where he demonstrated a passion for learning, reading, and mentoring  
12 other young people to develop a love of learning as well; and

13 WHEREAS, On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, Sean was tragically shot and killed at the age  
14 of 22 by the Vallejo Police Department; and

15 WHEREAS, According to police reports, Sean was kneeling, unarmed, and had his  
16 hands up in a surrender position when he was shot five times by Vallejo police; and

17 WHEREAS, Reports indicate that the Vallejo officer involved opened fire through the  
18 windshield of a police cruiser; and

19 WHEREAS, John Burris, a renowned civil rights attorney representing Sean  
20 Monterrosa’s family, said the case was one of the worst he had seen because Sean was in a  
21 position of surrender when he was shot; and

22 WHEREAS, Sean was committed to social justice and was involved in the fights to  
23 secure justice for Mario Woods, Alex Nieto, and Jessica Williams, all of whom were shot and  
24 killed by San Francisco police in recent years; and

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1           WHEREAS, According to Michelle Monterrosa, Sean’s sister, one of the final  
2 messages he shared with her before his death was a request that she sign a petition  
3 demanding justice for George Floyd, a black man killed by Minneapolis Police officer Derek  
4 Chauvin who kneeled on his neck for more than eight minutes; and

5           WHEREAS, For over a week, protesters have been marching and demonstrating  
6 nationwide against police killings and brutality following the killing of George Floyd; and

7           WHEREAS, This national outrage, marked by day after day of protests, rallies and  
8 marches, has called for radical reforms to the nation’s policing system which continues to  
9 perpetuate racial injustice; and

10           WHEREAS, For years, police accountability and civil rights activist in Vallejo have run  
11 up against a police department that has disproportionately targeted people of color, has been  
12 allowed to brutalize black and Latino residents, and has rarely been held accountable for its  
13 actions; and

14           WHEREAS, In recent years, there have been more than a dozen officers on the Vallejo  
15 police force who have killed multiple people, and the department’s rate of killing has been  
16 significantly higher than the national average and other cities across Northern California; and

17           WHEREAS, Over the past decade, Vallejo police have shot 32 people, 18 of them  
18 fatally, and no officer has been fired for their role in a police shooting in that time; and

19           WHEREAS, Last February, Vallejo police killed Willie McCoy, a 20-year-old who had  
20 been sleeping in his car when six officers fired 55 rounds, and the city eventually determined  
21 the killing of McCoy was “reasonable” despite widespread outrage over footage of the death;  
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23           WHEREAS, The California Department of Justice has launched a formal investigation  
24 and reform initiative over the Vallejo Police Department, a rare and substantial move  
25 announced just days after its officer fatally shot and killed Sean Monterrosa; and

1           WHEREAS, According to public records, Jarrett Tonn, the officer identified as having  
2 shot Sean, has fired his gun at a person three other times while on duty over the last five  
3 years, including two shootings within a six-week period in 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, On Friday, June 5, 2020, hundreds of friends, family, and community  
5 members gathered at the 24th Street and Mission BART plaza in San Francisco in  
6 remembrance of Sean Monterrosa, demonstrating the number of people whose lives he  
7 touched; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
9 urges the Mayor and City Council of the City of Vallejo to require the Vallejo Police  
10 Department to release the police body camera footage of the officer-involved shooting  
11 incident that claimed the life of Sean Monterrosa and to fully comply with the California  
12 Department of Justice investigation on police misconduct; and, be it

13           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
14 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Mayor and  
15 the City Council of the City of Vallejo.

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