

1 [Condemning Racist Threats and Intimidation of the Williams Family]

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3 **Resolution condemning racist threats and intimidation of the Williams Family and**
4 **urging Departments to prioritize investigation and support for the family.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco prides itself on its diversity and commitment to racial equity;
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8 WHEREAS, All San Franciscans deserve to exist free of racist harassment, threats,
9 and intimidation; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2020, the San Francisco Health Commission declared anti-Black racism
11 as a human rights and public health crisis; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2023, the San Francisco African American Reparations Advisory
13 Committee wrote in its Reparations Plan, “San Francisco’s international reputation as a liberal
14 destination for free thought and uninhibited opportunities is undermined by its legacy of
15 mistreatment, violence towards, and targeted racism against Black Americans”; and

16 WHEREAS, The Fillmore and Western Addition neighborhoods have been targeted by
17 redevelopment policies, evictions, gentrification, and other racist policies and practices for
18 decades that have displaced thousands of Black residents from their homes and community;
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20 WHEREAS, On April 26, 2024, Alamo Square resident Terry Williams found a package
21 addressed to him left at his home, and the package contained a Black doll with a noose
22 around its neck, racist written slurs, and a toy grenade; and

23 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2024, Williams found a second package addressed to him at
24 his home, and the package contained images of the Ku Klux Klan, written racial slurs, and
25 threats; and

1 WHEREAS, On May 10, 2024, Williams received two pieces of mail addressed to him
2 which contained blatantly racist slurs and symbols; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department has stated that it is investigating the
4 incidents as hate crimes; and

5 WHEREAS, Neighbors and community leaders have shown their support for Williams
6 and his family, collecting video surveillance from neighbors, fundraising for a security system
7 at the residence, contacting City leaders, and staging a rally calling for this case to be solved
8 and the family protected from further harassment; and

9 WHEREAS, Over two weeks after the first incident, and notwithstanding the pattern of
10 racial terror threats against Williams and his family, no arrests have been made; and

11 WHEREAS, These incidents have caused extreme distress to Williams and his family,
12 as well as other Black community members and neighbors; and

13 WHEREAS, Finding the perpetrator or perpetrators of these racist threats must be
14 prioritized to ensure the safety of the Williams family and the broader community; and

15 WHEREAS, A major fire occurred at the family home on May 21, 2024, that is currently
16 being investigated, and has displaced all occupants of the building, further traumatizing the
17 family; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors condemns the ongoing
19 racist intimidation and threats against Terry Williams and his family; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
21 Mayor, San Francisco Police Department, and the Office of Victim Services to prioritize
22 identifying and apprehending the perpetrator or perpetrators of these hate crimes, and
23 supporting Mr. Williams and his family through these traumatic events; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Fire
25 Department to expedite its investigation of the major fire that occurred on May 21, 2024, and

1 urges the Mayor's Office, Human Services Agency, and all departments to urgently find
2 temporary housing and provide all necessary support for the family; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
4 Federal Bureau of Investigations to investigate the threats delivered to Mr. Williams by mail.

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