Chinese American Democratic Club

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Honorable Norman Yee, President of the Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall,
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl Suite 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Honorable Norman Yee,

The General Membership of the Chinese American Democratic Club (CADC) has voted unanimously to support Supervisor Gordon Mar's calling on the San Francisco Police Department to release 10 years of aggregated citywide crime victim demographic data and legislation to require annual disclosure of victim demographics going forward.

Since 1958, CADC's mission has been to "foster active participation in the democratic process of government ... demand a high standard in government to seek justice and equality for all people...".

We strongly encourage your support of this legislation.

Yours truly,

Bayard Fong

Bayard Fong, CADC 1st Vice President
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Cc: Board of Supervisors   Sandy Lee Fewer
                                        Catherine Stefani
                                        Aaron Peskin
                                        Gordon Mar
                                        Vallie Brown
                                        Matt Haney
                                        Rafael Mandelman
                                        Hillary Ronen
                                        Shamann Walton
                                        Asha Safai

Chinese American Citizens Alliance

1044 Stockton Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

Date: September 5, 2019

SUBJECT: Support for Aggregated Victim Demographic Data Legislation

TO: Mayor London Breed and San Francisco Board of Supervisors
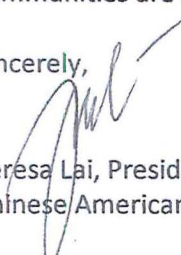
FROM: Chinese American Citizens Alliance

Dear Mayor Breed and President Yee,

For many years, the Chinese community has felt that many of our vulnerable elderly, immigrant, women, and monolingual community members are victims of crime. In addition, hate-motivated crimes in San Francisco have surged in the past few years increasing by 61% from 2017 to 2018. Nationally, hate crimes increased for three consecutive years since 2015. Since hate crimes require intent to be proven, without an obvious statement of hate against a certain community, many hate crimes go undocumented.

The mission of Chinese American Citizens Alliance is to promote the general welfare, legal rights, and happiness of the Chinese community and we feel that action must be taken to help the diverse communities impacted by violence and crime.
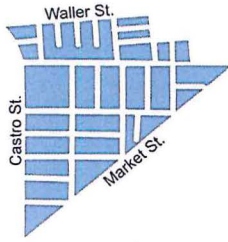
Chinese American Citizens Alliance fully supports Supervisor Gordon Mar's legislation to require annual disclosure of aggregated victim demographic data. This legislation will indicate whether certain communities or demographic groups are disproportionately victims of specific types of crimes and is critical to developing more effective crime prevention strategies, determining appropriate police staffing, identifying budget and resource priorities for public safety programs, and ensuring that all communities are safe.

Sincerely,

Teresa Lai, President
Chinese American Citizens Alliance

Cc: Mayor London Breed
Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer; Supervisor Catherine Stefani;
Supervisor Aaron Peskin; Supervisor Gordon Mar
Supervisor Vallie Brown; Supervisor Matt Haney
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman; Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Shamann Walton; Supervisor Asha Safai
Norman Yee, President, BOS

Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association

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(415) 267-1821 / www.dtna.org

SUBJECT: Support for Aggregated Victim Demographic Data Legislation
TO: President Yee, Board of Supervisors, and Mayor Breed
FROM: DTNA Board

Dear President Norman Yee and Mayor Breed,

The DTNA Board supports Supervisor Gordon Mar's proposed legislation to require disclosure of aggregated victim demographic data.

Over the past several years the DTNA and other neighborhood and public interest organizations have been frustrated by the unwillingness of the San Francisco Police Department to release aggregate data and long-term crime trends, especially in the area of clearance rates. We believe that San Francisco, like other cities, should publish yearly data showing ten-year trends in numbers of crimes citywide and broken down by neighborhood, including trends regarding what percentage of crimes are being solved, and why others are not. It is impossible for taxpayers to know whether the money they spend on public safety is being well spent without this information.

In addition, the DTNA Board finds it unacceptable that reasonable requests for data from sitting supervisors are rejected by the SFPD. That has been the experience of our last two supervisors, Scott Wiener and Rafael Mandelman. It is not possible for the legislative branch to do its job if it cannot access data that allows it to evaluate city departments.

We believe that Supervisor Mar's request for data was entirely reasonable – if a particular group of people are being targeted based on race, gender identity, or sexual orientation in our city, then that needs to be known. Legislators could then work with SFPD and the Mayor's office to craft a policy response. It is disappointing to us that it requires legislation for the SFPD to provide necessary information, but since that appears to be the case, we support the legislation.

We also hope that supervisors will work together in the next several months to craft broader legislation that would define specific benchmark data that the SFPD is required to provide, including statistics broken down by neighborhood, and clearance rates, noting how many were cleared because the perpetrator was prosecuted and convicted, how many because the District Attorney declined to prosecute, and how many because the victim declined to file charges, as well as the status of cases that have not been cleared. We further hope that Mayor Breed will sign such legislation and see that it is promptly implemented.

Sincerely,

Erik Honda
DTNA Vice-President, for the DTNA Board

Cc: Mayor London Breed
Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer
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Dear Mayor Breed and members of the Board of Supervisors:

Nationally, hate-motivated crimes have increased for three consecutive years since 2015. In San
Francisco, hate crimes have surged in the past few years, increasing by 61% from 2017 to 2018.

Members of our community are concerned about racial targeting by criminals in response to a string of
high-profile crimes targeting Chinese- and other Asian-American victims. Community members have been
anxious about the brazen violence and robbery in broad daylight.

For many years, the Chinese community has felt that many elderly, immigrant, women, and monolingual
community members are disproportionately victimized by crime. GGHNA fully supports Supervisor
Gordon Mar's calling on the San Francisco Police Department to release the last 10 years of aggregated
victim demographic data and legislation to require annual disclosure of aggregated victim demographic
data going forward.

We believe this legislation will indicate whether certain communities or demographic groups are
disproportionately victims of specific types of crimes and is critical to developing more effective crime
prevention strategies, determining appropriate police staffing, identifying budget and resource priorities
for public safety programs, and ensuring that all communities are safe.

Sincerely,

Carla Kozak

Secretary, Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association

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October 1, 2019

President Norman Yee
Board of Supervisors
City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Victims Demographics legislation

Dear President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

We write to express the support of the Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People (SHARP) for Victims Demographics legislation authored by Supervisor Gordon Mar. Our neighborhood association believes this proposed legislation is needed to develop more effective crime prevention strategies and to ensure all communities are safe.

We agree the San Francisco Police Department ought to release years of aggregated victim demographic data, and we support legislation to require annual disclosure of victim demographic data going forward. This legislation is critical to developing more effective crime prevention strategies, determining appropriate police staffing, identifying budget and resource priorities for public safety programs.

Nationally, hate crimes have increased for several years while increasing in San Francisco increasing by 61 percent last year. Please support Supervisor Mar's call to release demographic crime data so we can better address these and other crimes.

Sincerely,

S.H.A.R.P. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CC: Mayor London Breed

VVAA support for Supervisor Gordon Mar's legislation to require disclosure of aggregated victim demographic data

Dear Supervisor,

In light of the recent and increasingly brutal crimes against our elderly Asian citizens, the Visitacion Valley Asian Alliance is writing to support much-needed aggregated victim demographic data transparency legislation from Supervisor Gordon Mar's office.

In the 1980's when I moved to Visitacion Valley, many crimes were targeted at the largely non-limited English speaking immigrants. However, victims were unable to make police reports because of language barriers, lack of access for them and LACK OF police data.

As their ESL instructor and multilingual neighbor, I organized monthly police meetings, initiated bilingual surveys, provided victims with translations in courts and police matters etc., I even offered, for free, to then Captain Bruce the use of my Leland Ave property to enable residents direct opportunities to communicate with law enforcement.

While the ethnic media has reported many of the crimes, the English media has only recently starting to write about the serious cases. In my 30 years of volunteer community work, I grieve for the many victims who suffered greatly because they did not get the services and resources they deserve.

Supervisor Mar's aggregated victim demographic data transparency legislation will provide annual disclosure of aggregated victim demographic data (race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, religion) for crimes that are committed. This aggregated data will help guide budget and resource priorities, police staffing, and crime prevention programs to keep our communities safe.

We fully support Gordon Mar's legislation because the much needed data will make San Francisco a safer City for all.

Sincerely,

Marlene Tran, Spokesperson
Visitacion Valley Asian Alliance (VVAA)

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Dear Mayor Breed and Supervisors,

Stop Crime SF fully supports Supervisor Gordon Mar's calling on the San Francisco Police Department to release the last 10 years of aggregated victim demographic data and legislation to require annual disclosure of aggregated victim demographic data going forward. This legislation will indicate whether certain communities or demographic groups are disproportionately victims of specific types of crimes and is critical to developing more effective crime prevention strategies, determining appropriate police staffing, identifying budget and resource priorities for public safety programs, and ensuring that all communities are safe.

Stop Crime SF is a grassroots group with more than 800 members. We are San Francisco residents with the mission to work together to reduce and prevent crime in our neighborhoods.

Nationally, hate crimes increased for three consecutive years since 2015 and hate-motivated crimes in San Francisco have surged in the past few years increasing by 61 percent from 2017 to 2018. Since hate crimes require intent to be proven, without an obvious statement of hate against a certain community, many hate crimes go undocumented.

This disturbing trend of increasing hate crimes against ethnic and religious minorities and the LGBT community cannot be tolerated.

Please support Supervisor Mar's call to release demographic crime data so we can better address hate crimes and other offenses.

Frank Noto
President
Stop Crime SF
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