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May 22, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
1303-10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 193-20

Dear Governor Newsom:


On April 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 192-20 (Urging the Pardon of Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru), which was enacted on May 8, 2020.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to your attention:

- One certified copy of Resolution No. 193-20 (File No. 200408)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely,


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

- c. Member of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Dean Preston, Rafael Mandelman, Gordon Mar
Sophia Kittler, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors
Eddie McCaffrey, Mayor's Manager of State and Federal Legislative Affairs
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director
Rebecca Peacock, Mayor's Office
Paul Yoder, Karen Lange, Erica Smith, City Lobbyists - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.



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Resolution

200408 [Urging the Pardon of Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru]

Sponsors: Ronen; Preston, Mandelman and Mar

Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom to pardon Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru and stop her deportation.

4/28/2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

5/8/2020 Mayor - RETURNED UNSIGNED

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

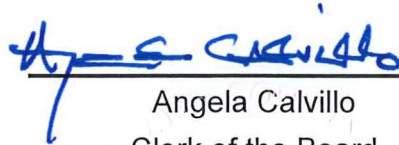
CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original thereof on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and County of San Francisco.

May 11, 2020

Date


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

1 [Urging the Pardon of Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru]

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4 **her deportation.**

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6 WHEREAS, According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an act of
7 domestic violence occurs every 15 seconds in the United States, with four women losing their
8 lives daily. On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate
9 partner in the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control 1 in 4 American women will
11 experience domestic violence over the course of their lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Liyah met her husband, a US citizen, in Ethiopia where he was stationed
13 with the United States military, and later she moved to Northern California to live with him; and

14 WHEREAS, Once in the US, Liyah experienced increasingly severe and life-
15 threatening physical abuse from her husband; and

16 WHEREAS, Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru, a Black immigrant from Ethiopia, in an attempt to
17 defend herself, injured her husband, was prosecuted and accepted a plea deal without
18 understanding the potential future consequences to her immigration status; and

19 WHEREAS, Black women, particularly immigrants, are criminalized, incarcerated and
20 deported at over twice the rate of white women, making Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru's story far from
21 exceptional; and

22 WHEREAS, On November 27, 2018, Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru completed her sentence at
23 Folsom State Prison, and was transferred directly to Yuba County Jail for immigration
24 detention, where she now faces the added punishment of deportation because she is an
25 immigrant; and

1 WHEREAS, On March 2, 2019, the national #FreeLiyah campaign was launched to
2 stop Aylaliya “Liyah” Birru’s deportation, garnering over 75,000 signatures in support for her
3 freedom; and

4 WHEREAS, Incarcerated people are at a higher risk of infection due in the COVID-19
5 global pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, Each day that Aylaliya “Liyah” Birru spends in detention in excess of her
7 original sentence increases her risk of being infected with coronavirus; and

8 WHEREAS, On March 26, 2019, Aylaliya “Liyah” Birru filed a pardon application to the
9 office of California Governor Gavin Newsom; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor Gavin Newsom can immediately stop Aylaliya “Liyah” Birru’s
11 deportation, and A gubernatorial pardon is the only clear path for Aylaliya “Liyah” Birru’s
12 freedom and reunification with her loved ones and family in San Francisco; now, therefore, be
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 supports Aylaliya "Liyah" Birru's safe return to her family and community in San Francisco;
16 and, it be

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges California
18 Governor Gavin Newsom to grant a pardon to Aylaliya “Liyah” Birru to stop her deportation;
19 and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports all
21 survivors of domestic and sexual violence survivors, regardless of their criminal convictions
22 and immigration status; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
24 the Clerk of Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Gavin Newsom.

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Tails
Resolution

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File Number: 200408

Date Passed: April 28, 2020

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April 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 200408

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/28/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

05/08/2020

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

05/08/2020

Date