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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 6, 2024

To: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office
Chief William Scott, Police Department
Chief Karima Baptise, Victim Services Division

From:  Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Board of Supervisors

Subject: Condemning Racist Threats and Intimidation of the Williams Family
(File No. 240509)

On May 21, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 287-24, sponsored by Supervisor Dean Preston (File No. 240509, Condemning Racist Threats and Intimidation of the Williams Family), which was enacted on May 31, 2024.

Please find the attached courtesy copy of the Resolution for your office's information and consideration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184.

c: Members of the Board of Supervisors; Supervisors Dean Preston,
Shamann Walton, Hillary Ronen, Rafael Mandelman, Connie Chan,
Matt Dorsey, Ahsha Safai, Catherine Stefani, Aaron Peskin, Joel Engardio,
Myrna Melgar
Andres Power, Mayor's Policy Director
Lisa Ortiz, Police Department
Lili Gamero, Police Department
Rima Malouf, Police Department
Diana Oliva-Aroche, Police Department
Carl Nicita, Police Department
Monifa Willis, Chief of Staff, Victim Services Division
Lilly Rapson, District Attorney's Office

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;
7 and

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;
19 and

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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Resolution**

File Number: 240509

Date Passed: May 21, 2024

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

May 21, 2024 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

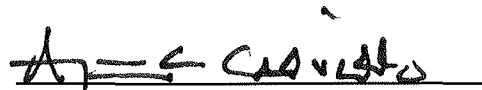
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

May 21, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** on 5/21/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

**London N. Breed
Mayor**

05/31/2024

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

05/31/2024

Date

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