[Urging the Administration of Equitable and Just Victim Services]

Resolution urging San Francisco law enforcement agencies to administer victim services and justice equitably.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco District Attorney's Office Victim Services Division assists victims of crimes with trained victim advocates who work closely with victims of crime to alleviate the impact of trauma, navigate the criminal justice system, and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) updated its Strategic Plan to create a promise to the department and the communities it protects, by issuing a new strategy statement, "Safety and Respect for All," committing the department to "engage in just, transparent, unbiased, and responsive policing"; and

WHEREAS, According to the San Francisco District Attorney's Office 2021 Annual Report: The Status of Justice, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, the Office reported serving over 8,500 victims of crime, and the victims were 27% White/Non-Latino, 25% Latino, 19% Black/African American, 16% Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), and 13% unknown; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco District Attorney's 2021 report states that the primary language of victims with Limited English Proficiency in 2021 are 62.93% Spanish-speaking and 26.67% Cantonese speaking; and

WHEREAS, The victims of crime in San Francisco are representative of all races, gender identities, and socio-economic statuses; and

WHEREAS, According to a report published by University of California Los Angeles School of Law, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, transgender people are over four times more likely to be victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, Black victims of violent crime were less likely than white victims to report the crimes to the police, and according to U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics, nationally, marginalized groups are less likely to report instances of crime; and

WHEREAS, According to a report published by the National Library of Medicine, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, 48% of women experiencing homelessness were victims of violent crime; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, the Justice Tracking Information System (JUSTIS) Committee Governance Council was created by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an integrated criminal justice information system serving participating criminal justice agencies in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, In March 2022, voters approved an Initiative Ordinance creating the Office of Victim and Witness Rights, which would coordinate city services for victims and witness of crime; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco between November 2021 and April 2023, there have been at least eight known assaults against the unhoused population by a perpetrator using bear mace on his victims; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department was aware of the assaults, but took no action to notify the public of the potential danger to the unhoused population; and

WHEREAS, On Thursday, April 27, 2023, a young transgender black man, Banko Brown was shot and killed after being accused of shoplifting at a San Francisco Walgreens; and

WHEREAS, On Monday, May 1, 2023, the San Francisco District Attorney issued a public statement, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 230550, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, declining to file charges against security guard who shot the victim, and claimed there was credible self-defense; and

WHEREAS, Since that statement, witnesses have come forward and disputed the District Attorney's decision, leading her to revise her statement claiming that the investigation is ongoing and charges may still be filed in the death of Banko Brown; and

WHEREAS, The disregard of victims who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), transgender, and unhoused by our law enforcement agencies is unacceptable; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges San Francisco law enforcement agencies to abide by their own standards and protect all victims, regardless of race, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco to create the Office of Victim and Witness Services; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges law enforcement agencies to input data and utilize the JUSTIS integrated data system; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the

Chief of Police of the San Francisco Police Department, San Francisco Sheriff, San Francisco District Attorney, San Francisco Public Defender, Adult Probation Department, and Juvenile Probation Department.

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May 16, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton
Excused: 1 - Stefani

File No. 230550

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/16/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

5/26/2023

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

5/26/2023
Date