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1 [Urging the Department of Justice to Expedite its Investigations Related to the Events in
2 Ferguson, Missouri]

3 **Resolution urging the Department of Justice to expedite its investigation of the fatal**
4 **shooting of Michael Brown, to initiate reforms of the Ferguson Police Department and**
5 **St. Louis County Police Department, and to investigate the St. Louis County Grand Jury**
6 **process.**

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8 WHEREAS, The population of Ferguson is 63% black, while only three out of fifty-three
9 officers on the Ferguson Police Department are black; and

10 WHEREAS, On August 9, 2014, Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, was shot
11 and killed by Darren Wilson, a white police officer, in Ferguson, Missouri; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's body was left lying in the street for four and a half hours after
13 he was killed, which caused additional grief for his family and heightened anger among
14 community members in Ferguson; and

15 WHEREAS, Multiple eye witnesses testified that Mr. Brown had his hands up when he
16 was shot, which contributed to community anger and unrest, and led to the phrase, "hands up,
17 don't shoot," becoming a rallying cry for protesters; and

18 WHEREAS, The killing of Michael Brown led to passionate protests from many people
19 in Ferguson who demanded an investigation and airing of grievances of racial profiling and
20 police brutality from the Ferguson Police Department and St. Louis County Police
21 Department; and

22 WHEREAS, Local and state law enforcement responded to the protests with an
23 overwhelming show of force, including military-grade weapons and equipment; and
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1 WHEREAS, The protracted, violent conflicts between protesters and law enforcement
2 have galvanized concerns nationwide about police brutality, police militarization, and racial
3 inequality in the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, A number of protesters in Ferguson filed lawsuits alleging law enforcement
5 officers violated civil rights and used excessive force; and

6 WHEREAS, Several members of the media were arrested during the protests, and the
7 Associated Press reported that the St. Louis County Police Department obtained a Temporary
8 Flight Restriction over Ferguson for twelve days for the express purpose of restricting
9 coverage from media helicopters; and

10 WHEREAS, Instead of deciding on whether to press charges against Darren Wilson,
11 St. Louis County Prosecutor Robert McCullough referred the decision to the St. Louis County
12 Grand Jury; and

13 WHEREAS, On November 24, 2014, Mr. McCullough announced that the Grand Jury
14 had decided to not file criminal charges against Mr. Wilson; and

15 WHEREAS, The sweeping scope of the Grand Jury's review of the case, including
16 seventy hours of testimony from approximately sixty witness and thousands of pages of
17 documents, has been called highly unusual; and

18 WHEREAS, Questions have been raised about a number of inconsistencies in
19 witnesses' accounts, and about apparently lax or unorthodox forensic practices in the
20 investigation of the incident; and

21 WHEREAS, The Grand Jury transcripts show that multiple eye witnesses disagreed
22 with each other, and with the testimony of Mr. Wilson, about important details of the
23 confrontation between Mr. Brown and Mr. Wilson; and

1 WHEREAS, A medical examiner testified that he did not take any photographs
2 because the battery in his camera died, and that he did not take any measurements of the
3 crime scene because he stated, "it was self-explanatory what happened," and

4 WHEREAS, After the shooting, Mr. Wilson was allowed to transport himself to the
5 police station where he washed blood off his hands without them being photographed, and he
6 was allowed to package his own service revolver as evidence; and

7 WHEREAS, Officers who interviewed Mr. Wilson after the shooting failed to tape record
8 the interviews; and

9 WHEREAS, These questions about the Grand Jury process have led to many
10 objections to the decision to not press charges against Mr. Wilson and triggered a new wave
11 of protests in Ferguson and in cities across the country; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors extends its deepest condolences to the
13 family of Michael Brown; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
15 Justice to expedite its criminal civil rights investigation into the circumstances of the fatal
16 shooting of Michael Brown; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
18 Justice to expedite its *civil pattern or practice investigation* of the Ferguson Police Department
19 and its *Collaborative Reform Technical Assistance process* with the St. Louis County Police
20 Department; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of
22 Justice to ensure that these actions lead to the Ferguson Police Department and St. Louis
23 County Police Department revising their use-of-force policies, adopting a process for citizen
24 oversight of officer-involved shootings and allegations of misconduct, and ceasing their use of
25 military-style equipment; and, be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Justice to conduct an investigation into the St. Louis County Grand Jury process.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee.
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- 2. Request for next printed agenda ~~without reference to Committee.~~
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Request for Closed Session (attach written motion).
- 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole.
- 11. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

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Sponsor(s):

Supervisor John Avalos

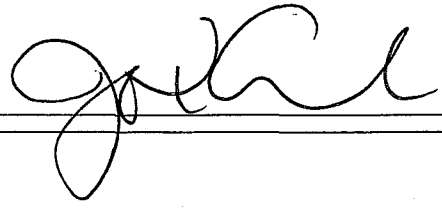
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Resolution - Urging the Department of Justice to expedite its investigation of the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, to initiate reforms of the Ferguson Police Department and St. Louis County Police Department, and to investigate the St. Louis County Grand Jury

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