

Amendment by Supervisor Wiener
File Number 160030
Agenda Item 41

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WHEREAS, There are three ongoing investigations - and possibly a federal investigation, as requested by San Francisco - to determine whether the police officers involved in the shooting of Mario Woods violated any law or policy, with none of those investigations having been completed or reached any conclusions; and

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For the Board's records

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President Breed:

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association opposes the Board of Supervisors' Resolution for a "Day of Remembrance" for Mario Woods. The POA described Mr. Woods' death as a tragedy. But despite the circumstances of his death, a Day of Remembrance for Mr. Woods is completely inappropriate.

Days of remembrance typically honor public service or sacrifice—think Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Veterans' Day or 9/11.

In contrast, yesterday's San Francisco Chronicle revealed that Mr. Woods—a convicted armed robber and validated gang member, who was on parole—inexplicably slashed an innocent stranger with a kitchen knife and refused to drop that knife when confronted by police. He was so under the influence that he was immune to chemical deterrents, de-escalation efforts and lesser uses of force. Mr. Woods reportedly told officers that they would "have to shoot me because I'm not going back [to prison]."

Other tragedies have befallen our San Francisco police family in recent years. In 2004, Officer Isaac Espinoza was shot and killed by a convicted felon on parole. In 2006, the same thing happened to Officer Bryan Tuvera, and Officer Nick Tomasito Birco was intentionally run over by a convicted felon on probation. More recently, our brothers and sisters in the San Francisco Fire Department lost Lieutenant Vincent Perez and Firefighter/Paramedic Anthony Valerio in a 2011 house fire.

None of these selfless individuals were considered, then or now, for a "Day of Remembrance." It will be a hurtful day to their families if this City's elected officials decide to recognize and honor an individual that preyed upon our most vulnerable citizens.

Martin Halloran
SFPOA President

cc Mayor Edwin Lee
Members of the Board of Supervisors
President Tom O'Connor, Firefighters 798

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From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
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Subject: FW: item #160030

From: Peter Ho [mailto:mynameispho2@gmail.com]
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Subject: RE: item #160030

Instead of voting on legislation like this, try to find ways to support the Police in deescalating tense situations.

Voting for this legislation is telling the Police/staff that 'we won't give you the tools/power to do your job, but we'll blame you because whatever you did was wrong.' Support those that work for you. Give them clear direction/support and then hold them accountable for it.

As unfortunate a situation as this was, Mr. Woods' actions resulted in his death. We need to own up and take responsibility for what we do, instead of continuing to blame society.

Peter Ho
San Lorenzo, CA

Major, Erica (BOS)

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 11:48 AM
To: BOS-Supervisors; Major, Erica (BOS)
Subject: File 160030 FW: "NO" on Mario Woods Remembrance Day

From: Mimi Gomes [mailto:mgomes124@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 11:25 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: "NO" on Mario Woods Remembrance Day

To the Board of Supervisors,

You can NOT be serious to honor someone who was a convicted armed robber and validated gang member, who was on parole [and] inexplicably slashed an innocent stranger with a kitchen knife and refused to drop that knife when confronted by police.

Please address Police reform another way.

A Mario Woods Remembrance Day would be disgusting and insane!

It's like saying let's honor criminals!!!

"NO" on Mario Woods Remembrance Day!!!

Thank you!
A concerned citizen

Major, Erica (BOS)

From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2016 11:34 AM
To: BOS-Supervisors; Major, Erica (BOS)
Subject: 160030FW: objecting to official apology resolution

From: Allen Jones [mailto:jones-allen@att.net]
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Subject: objecting to official apology resolution

Attention: All Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I support a sincere apology to Gwen Woods. However, the proposed official apology resolution by Supervisor David Campos is anything but sincere as I see it. I hope the entire board will consider my reasons for objecting to this proposed resolution.

The only reason the Editorial by the San Francisco Examiner and Supervisor David Campos are seeking an official apology to Gwen Woods is because there was video of this shooting. I have come to this conclusion because I have documented a small amount of SF City Hall's treatment of Blacks and shared it with city leaders since 2011. No video and of course no apology offered.

A year ago at this time, I wrote and submitted to the entire SF Board of Supervisors and city leaders the suggestion to dedicate the year 2015 to looking in the mirror concerning racism as well as **apologize** to the entire Black community for how this community has been treated.

A year later, the Examiner and Supervisor feel the need to make an official apology. I am not saying that had the city acted on my suggested resolution a year ago that Mario Woods might not have been gunned down by SFPD. I am saying that ALL city leaders should look in the mirror before offering up an official apology to Gwen Woods that will most likely be interrupted by SFPD as speaking for them.

For the SFPD to continue to justify the Mario Woods shooting tells me that this police department is suffering from being psychologically deficient. However, an official apology by the SF Board of Supervisors points to a whitewash by an elected official looking for a feather in his political cap. These two reprehensible positions by the leadership of The City are my opinion as a longtime resident of the city and a Black man. And for the SF Examiner to sign on to this whitewashed apology is pure ignorance.

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The only thing I love more than justice is the freedom to fight for it!

--Allen Jones--

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From: Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
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Subject: File 160030 FW: vote today for day of remembrance

From: Steve Messer [mailto:smesser.intero@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 7:31 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: vote today for day of remembrance

I am writing in regards to the vote today concerning the day of remembrance for Mario Woods birthday. I think this was a very poor choice by any city supervisor to propose a day of remembrance for a convicted felon who was killed after committing a crime. The issue in this matter is not police reform. If officers had Tasers, they could have resolved the situation that way. City supervisors denied officers the use of Tasers. The responsibility rests with those that denied officers the tools they need to deal with difficult situations. The reform needed is not just the police.

City supervisors need to quit making excuses for criminals. Supervisors need to back up the majority law abiding, quiet, hard working citizens who don't have time to go protest against the loud, vocal minority who support criminals that ignore and fight the police. The people shouting at the mayor and police are people backing convicted felons and criminals. There is no accountability to criminals. Police and law abiding citizens are under attack from criminals and those who support them. Government officials buying in to the criminals garbage. Laws and enforcement have become lax due to government officials attitudes. Property crimes are way up out of sight. Everyday working citizens are being told by government to accept the criminal activity. Be compassionate while you are being victimized. Have compassion. Yet when citizens give an inch of compassion, criminals, their supporters and legislators take a mile.

Now SF City Supervisors are going to memorialize a convicted felon on his birthday in a call to hold police and citizens accountable. For citizens and police to reform. How about the criminals reform??!! I find it appalling that city even has this item up for a vote. Way to cater to criminal supporters. How about accepting some responsibility for denying the force Tasers and making a vote to give police the tools they need to deal with ignorant criminals who refuse to listen to police and/or want to fight police??!! I will come down on the side of those who protect the masses over the criminals and convicted felons. You best believe the majority of voters will also. Voters are getting fed up with this trend of vocal criminal minority and their supporters trying to hold the law abiding working citizens accountable while criminals run nilly willy over local cities.

I commend Mayor Lee and the police chief for standing strong in the face of criminal supporter protests. I urge the Board to give police the tools they need to do their jobs.

I strongly urge a no vote on this matter and that the matter be removed from the Board's agenda for a vote. It flies in the face of common sense. Gives more perceived credibility and credence to criminals and their supporters in their minds. Society, citizens do not need to embrace or condone criminal activity. Police are not sticking their heads in the sand. The Board is sticking their collective heads in the sand in not providing officers with Tasers and condoning, supporting criminals and their supporters.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: MARIO WOODS, APOLOGY

Dear Supervisor Campos,

We are in full support of your resolution in re a public apology to Mario Woods' mother.

I was especially struck by your statement because you'd cited your experience as an immigrant which I and the people I represent share with you.

Supervisor Campos, I and the immigrant Filipinos at West Bay Pilipino, like you, likewise lived through state violence. We have witnessed, experienced, or at the very least, heard of torture, illegal detentions, police brutality, abuse, corruption and abductions under the Marcos regime, and even to the present.

Much more has to be done to restore trust in the SFPD--and for immigrant communities like ours that hesitate to call authorities in times of trouble, it is vital to the safety of our community. The Filipino community is aware of the racism towards communities of color, including Filipinos, and would like to engage in conversations to change this.

<http://www.balitangamerica.tv/anti-filipino-slurs-among-racist-homophobic-sfpd-texts/>

<http://www.balitangamerica.tv/gifts-for-pinoy-youth-fosters-positive-ties-between-sfpd-and-community/>

<http://www.balitangamerica.tv/sf-pinoys-outraged-over-ruling-that-spare-jobs-of-racist-cops/>

Thank you, Supervisor Campos, for representing the immigrant voice in this matter. We support you.

Warm regards,

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"How comfortable we are and yet there is so much suffering in the world."

~ Dalai Lama