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March 21, 2016

The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General of the United States
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

**Re: City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Resolution No. 24-16**

Dear Honorable Attorney General Lynch:


On January 26, 2016, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 24-16, Urging an Independent Federal Investigation of the Shooting of Mario Woods, which was enacted on February 5, 2016.

This resolution requests the United States Department of Justice to undertake an independent investigation of the shooting of Mario Woods on December 2, 2015, and of the broader issue of use of force practices by the San Francisco Police Department. Pursuant to that end, I am forwarding a copy of Resolution No. 24-16 to your attention.

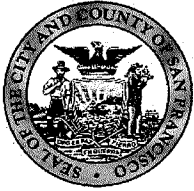
Please follow-up with Board President London N. Breed at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 256, San Francisco, California 94102-4689.

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

cc. Brian Stretch, Department of Justice Acting United States Attorney
London N. Breed, President of the Board of Supervisors



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Resolution

160028 [Urging an Independent Federal Investigation of the Shooting of Mario Woods]

Sponsors: Breed; Cohen, Campos, Avalos and Mar

Resolution calling for an independent federal investigation of the shooting of Mario Woods by the San Francisco Police Department on December 2, 2015.

1/26/2016 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

1/26/2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang, Wiener and Yee

2/5/2016 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.

March 21, 2016

Date



Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board

1 [Urging an Independent Federal Investigation of the Shooting of Mario Woods]

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3 **Resolution calling for an independent federal investigation of the shooting of Mario**
4 **Woods by the San Francisco Police Department on December 2, 2015.**

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6 WHEREAS, On December 2, 2015, five San Francisco Police Officers shot and killed
7 Mario Woods during an encounter in the Bayview neighborhood; and

8 WHEREAS, Video footage of the shooting has shocked the community and raised
9 serious questions about the actions of the officers involved, as well as SFPD's training and
10 use of force protocols and its treatment of African Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department, District Attorney's office, and Office
12 of Citizen Complaints are actively investigating the Woods shooting; and

13 WHEREAS, As a San Francisco Chronicle editorial said in December: "What would
14 help rebuild community trust in the department is an outside independent investigation —
15 preferably from an institution with unimpeachable integrity and the authority to look at the big
16 picture of whether the department has deep-seated problems with misconduct," adding the
17 investigation requires "a rigor and independence that will lend it credibility;" and

18 WHEREAS, The Task Force on 21st Century Policing commissioned by President
19 Barack Obama in 2015 recommends as one of six pillars of best practices that police
20 departments should proactively request independent investigations of police-involved
21 incidents of serious injury or death in order to improve transparency and community relations;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice investigated the October 2014
24 shooting of Laquan McDonald by the Chicago Police, and following requests from Illinois
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1 officials, has undertaken a broader investigation of whether the patterns and practices of the
2 Chicago Police Department violate the civil rights of residents; and

3 WHEREAS, A Washington Post analysis found at least 385 fatal police shootings
4 nationwide, including 100 African American men, during the first five months of 2015 alone,
5 and quoted Jim Bueermann, a former police chief and president of the Washington-based
6 Police Foundation, as saying police shootings "are grossly under-reported;" and

7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors, like the communities it represents, is gravely
8 concerned not only about the shooting of Mario Woods but about police training and use of
9 force practices, particularly against young men of color; and

10 WHEREAS, City and Police Department policies and practices should not just meet
11 constitutional standards but exceed them; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the United States Department of
13 Justice to undertake an independent investigation of the shooting of Mario Woods on
14 December 2, 2015, and of the broader issue of use of force practices by the San Francisco
15 Police Department.

