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[Condemning the Increase of Racial Profiling and Discrimination Harassment]

Resolution condemning the increase of racial profiling and discrimination harassment from private businesses and individuals who profile people of color for suspicion of crime or denial of service based on the individual's race, age, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, and national origin.

WHEREAS, There has been an increase of racial profiling and discriminatory incidents recorded and posted on social media targeting people of color in public, private property, and retail businesses in San Francisco and in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, On July 7, 2019, a youth program called Project Level, which employs 75 disadvantaged youth through Mayor London Breed's Opportunities For All Initiative, brought their interns to the Forever 21 flagship store on Stockton Street to purchase clothes for a video shoot, was confronted by the store manager and police officers and falsely accused of shoplifting; and

WHEREAS. No apology from the manager of Forever 21 was given to the Project Level program staff and interns on the manner in which they were targeted and treated; and

WHEREAS, On July 4, 2019 in San Francisco, an individual accused a Black man for breaking into an apartment building when he was waiting for his disabled friend in the lobby; and

WHEREAS, In June 2018, in San Francisco, an individual accused an 8-year old Black girl for "illegally selling water without a permit" in front of her residence across from Oracle Park; and

WHEREAS. In May 2018, in Oakland, an individual called the police on a group of Black men who were having a barbecue at Lake Merritt; and

WHEREAS, All across the United States, there has a been an increase of incidents in which individuals of the majority called have called the police on people of color for conducting regular daily activities; and

WHEREAS, All across the United States, there has been an increase of incidents in which individuals of the majority have threatened people of color who speak another language other than English; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has affirmed its commitment to developing a discrimination-free community regardless of race, age, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, and national origin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors reiterates its responsibility to work to prevent discrimination in all its forms and prides itself on treating all individuals with dignity and respect; and, be it

FUTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges that companies commit to providing bias-based training, training employees to provide customers with information on how to file a discrimination complaint, and companies committing to investigate any allegations of discrimination; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED; That the City will call for a boycott of any business that profiles or discriminates an individual on the basis of race, age, ethnicity, language, gender, sexual orientation, immigration status, and national origin to be enacted.

# Resolution Calling for Examination and Measurement of the Community's Contribution to Biased Policing Based on Findings from the 2016 SF DOJ Collaborative Reform Initiative

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Be it resolved that to address the Non-Police Officer or Community's contributions to Biased Policing the SF Board of Supervisors requires that:

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6. Because implicit bias still permeates policing and safety organizations and structures, restorative justice strategies should be used wherever possible, as opposed to the state's criminal justice system.

Be it further resolved that during the implementation of the above requirements, SF contract an appropriate firm in order to both examine and measure bias within the above named segments in order to evaluate the impact of this work. All findings should be made publicly available online.

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#### Citations

- 1. DOJ Collaborative Reform Initiative : An Assessment of the San Francisco Police Department, Executive Summary, October 2016.
- 2. Ibid.
- 3. Ibid.
- 4. Declaration of Special Agent Tyler Nave in Support of Government's Opposition to Defendant Furminger's Motion for Bail Pending Appeal at 1-2 & Exhibit A, *United States v. Furminger*, No. CR 140102 CRB (N.D. Cal. Mar. 15, 2015) ECF No. 247-1.
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- 6. DOJ Recommendation 25.3 instructs SFPD "...expand its focus on initiatives relating to antibias and fully implement existing programs as part of the overall bias strategy, including the existing Not on My Watch program aimed at engaging officers and the community on addressing issues of bias."
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#### San Francisco Interrupting Racial Profiling

We are a group of San Francisco residents working to interrupt racial profiling on social media and in public life. Our mission is to prevent harm, injury, and stigmatization of People of Color.

#### Mission

#### **Interrupt Racial Profiling**

Our mission is to prevent harm, injury, and stigmatization of People of Color channeled through social media or experienced in community life. We know that People of Color are often the most targeted online and we therefore act to interrupt the processes that allow the targeting of People of Color. We seek to honor and embrace People of Color for this population's true character and demonstrated contribution to their community. We know that through unveiling the cloud of online conversations, exposing and mitigating harmful input both here and in our communities, we can create safe and welcoming neighborhoods.

#### Vision

### **Truth and Reparations**

We recognize that traditionally marginalized communities, especially Black people, are the primary target of hate crimes in California, as well as nationally. We therefore seek to interrupt those activities—both online and in our physical communities—that target People of Color with hate and abuse. We seek to offer healing support to those

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People of Color harmed and injured by abuse through Restorative Justice, calling in willing parties to healing circles for Truth and Reparations, the making of amends. Then and only then will we realize a beloved community.

#### **Values**

### Challenge Campaigns That Target People of Color

We challenge social/political movements that involve targeting People of Color. We believe the focus of resistance movements should be fighting at the institutional and systemic level, rather than targeting individuals, which simply recreates the oppressor/oppressed dynamic. Further, because of the false and misleading stories that fuel the internet, we follow the example of Zoe Quinn: we reject strategies such as hacking, online stalking or doxing tactics. We also reject deliberate intimidation and harassment in real life, as these are some of the very same activities we aim to interrupt and end. Instead, we will surface instances of racial bias and racial profiling and will follow the practice of "calling in" as opposed to "calling out." Peaceful nonviolence resistance doesn't leave anyone wounded in its wake, it takes the moral high ground and leads the way to the moral high ground. We also follow the example of Martin Luther King Jr. who stated:

"Love is creative, understanding goodwill for all men.
It is the **refusal** to defeat any **individual**.
When you rise to the level of love, of its great beauty and

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#### Draft

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My name is Marty Jaye and I am a member of San Francisco Interrupting Racial Profiling. I am here today to endorse Supervisor Walton's resolution Condemning the Increase of Racial Profiling and Discrimination Harassment. Also I urge the Committee's support of our Resolution Calling for Examination and Measurement of the Community's Contribution to Biased Policing as presented by IRP's director, Angela Jenkins.

SF-IRP tracks racial profiling in the SF community and in on-line crime and safety apps such as Nextdoor, Citizen and Amazon Ring. We have been alarmed at the proliferation of incidents injurious to people of color (especially Black people) and the lack of racial bias oversight in these venues. From the frightening encounters with police experienced by folks targeted for being Black to the pervasive racial profiling online to high numbers of 911 calls implicating Black people, we believe intervention is urgently needed.

In June 2018, a community member harassed an 8-year-old Black girl in her neighborhood for selling water "without a permit" on a hot day July 2018 then called 911 to report her. In July 2018 Black entrepreneur Viktor Stevenson was opening his business in the Mission when he was approached by several SFPD officers, one with his hand on his gun. A neighbor had called 911 suspicious that this man was committing burglary. On the on-line community app Nextdoor, posts frequently identify suspicious individuals with vague descriptions such as "young Black men," "tall Black man," "thugs," "ghetto types," etc. And per SFPD's Admin 96A reports, calls for service citing Black individuals have averaged 40% of calls over the past few years while most recent census numbers count Black people as merely 5.6% of the City's population.

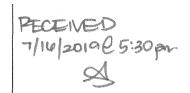
Public announcements by SFPD neighborhood crime and safety watch groups supported by the City urge people, "If you see something, say something," and "trust your instincts" in identifying suspicious activity in their communities, but offer nothing to the public in the way of implicit bias awareness. SF-IRP urges the Board of Supervisors to take proactive responsibility to address this issue City-wide. We support high quality implicit bias training across the board in SF businesses, Community Benefit Districts, Community Police Advisory Boards and community public safety groups.

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