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Subject: FW: Safety for Asian Elders
Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:47:36 AM

Hello,

Please see below communication regarding File No. 210156:

Hearing to address concerns on crime and violence targeting Asian-American seniors and other vulnerable groups and the rise of anti-Asian racism, including crime prevention efforts, status of investigations, victim services programs, other public safety resources, and strategies the departments are deploying to reduce crime and violence targeting the Asian Pacific Islander and person of color communities and to promote cross-racial solidarity; and requesting the Police Department, Office of the District Attorney, Human Rights Commission, Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, Adult Probation Department, and Juvenile Probation Department to report.

Regards,

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From: Pamela Tau <ptlee14@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 7:59 AM
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Chan, Connie (BOS) <connie.chan@sfgov.org>
Cc: Eva Monroe <evamonroe@me.com>; ptlee14@gmail.com
Subject: Safety for Asian Elders

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Sending comment from resident Eva Monroe, member of JCCCNC, Filipina elder.

I would like to share my concern for the continuation of funding for the senior escort programs. I am FOR however way we can continue to help and preserve our senior independence as a way of life in SF.

I will be 75 I March so this ha an impact on my life and the lives of my peers. All citizens haver a right to lead safe

lives and the senior escort programs are a step in there right direction. I would like to know how these programs are implemented throughout the City... through neighborhoods community centers? Who are the spokespersons that seniors may contact to establish these programs in their neighborhoods? How responsive would our district supervisors be to actually implementing the programs and who are the sources of funding?
Eva Monroe

Good morning Supervisor Chan and BOS supervisors, I reached out to my senior art program regarding today's hearing. I am forwarding you Eva Monroe's comment per her request.
Thank you,
Pamela Tau Lee
Resident D1

From: [Christine Wei](#)
To: [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment on Items #1, #2, and #4 for 6/10 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 10:14:57 PM

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Dear Supervisors Mar, Stefani, and Haney,

I'm a resident of District 3 and a member of the No New SF Jail Coalition as well as Showing Up for Racial Justice SF (SURJ SF). I'm writing to express my support for the Compassionate Alternative Response Team and the expansion of 24-hour public bathroom access; and to urge an investment in long-term, community-centered solutions to fight violence targeting Asian Americans.

Support for Item #1 -- re: Compassionate Alternative Response Team

Removing police response from addressing homelessness is a matter of public safety and racial justice that everyone supports, from the community to the mayor to SFPD itself. CART is a practical and effective program that would connect people to services, focus on moving them off the streets permanently, and create infrastructure for addressing calls from both housed and unhoused San Franciscans in order to meet everyone's needs -- not just shuffle people around or exacerbate problems by criminalizing poverty.

It's important that we fully fund the program and set it up for success, and I support the community's ask to reallocate \$4.8 million from the SFPD budget for CART (in addition to giving it the \$2 million that are already on reserve for an alternative response to policing).

Priorities for item #2 -- re: 24-Hour Public Bathroom Access

I was glad to see the addition of extra Pit Stop facilities last year in response to COVID, and I support the expansion of permanent 24-hour public bathroom access throughout the city. The past year has shown us how important resources for good hygiene are to public health, and bathroom access helps keep city streets cleaner too. Rather than pour tons of money into sanitation, why not provide facilities that prevent the need for clean-up in the first place?

While 24-hour bathroom access will clearly improve the health and safety of unhoused San Franciscans, it also has a big impact on housed San Franciscans -- whether gig workers making deliveries all day or families enjoying a weekend out and about. As the city continues to open up, these facilities will make this place more accessible to visitors and tourists, too.

Priorities for item #4 -- Re: Violence Targeting Asian American Seniors

As an Asian American who lives right next to Chinatown, I share the concerns and fears of my API brothers, sisters, and elders. Like others, I want all of us to be able to live our lives, go to work and school, run errands, and enjoy being in the city free from racism. In addressing the increasing attacks on Asian Americans, particularly Asian American seniors, I strongly support the city providing financial assistance and mental health services for survivors and families.

Just as importantly, we must prioritize long-term and community-centered solutions that address inequities and prevention, because policing does not prevent violence and incarceration is not an effective tool for change -- both often exacerbate tensions and disparities. What we need instead are resources for anti-racism education and other efforts that fight stereotypes, scapegoating, and othering *before* things escalate to physical violence. This and transformative justice models are what will actually change perspectives and actions for a truly safe community.

Thank you,
Christine Wei

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Christine Wei

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From: [Tamari Hedani](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Shawna Reeves](#); [Rowena Fontanos](#)
Subject: BOS Written Comment re: Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:58:30 PM
Attachments: [Outlook-1489448720.png](#)

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Hello Clerk John Carroll,

I am submitting my public comment as this meeting is running a bit long and I have other appointments.

Official written comment:

I am Tamari Hedani and I am speaking as a 4th generation San Franciscan, the Associate Director of the Elder Abuse Prevention Program at the Institute on Aging and member of the SF Family Violence Council.

My team and I, too, have been alarmed and disturbed by the increase of attacks on the AAPI community, especially of older adults. We are doing our best to work with our community and city partners, including Adult Protective Services, SFPD, and the DA's office, to ensure services are being coordinated across agencies and promoting existing resources and materials, especially in-language.

We urge you to invest in existing grassroots and community organizations that are already supporting and serving the AAPI and older adult community with strained and limited resources. They have been so impressive at ramping up to respond and adjust to their client's needs throughout shelter-in-place and now with the increase of hate incidences and attacks against AAPI and AAPI older adults.

We must remain mindful to take action to advocate for vulnerable communities without continuing to marginalize others. For example, increasing surveillance and law enforcement presence can exacerbate situations and may cause more inadvertent harm for certain communities. And with all of the progress we have made from last summer, we aim to continue our anti-racism work, intentionally standing in cross-racial solidarity, and commit to check that our work in advocating for the AAPI community does not increase anti-blackness sentiments or discrimination against other communities.

We are currently working on a community-based project aimed to promote inclusion and fight all harassment in San Francisco for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in June and will be reaching out to you all soon. Thank you.

Tamari Hedani, MPH

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From: [Estrada, Itzel \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment for PSNS on [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:09:18 PM

Hi John,

Unfortunately, I must log off the hearing now for another meeting, so I will not be able to give my verbal comment. Below is my written submission for my public comment on this hearing:

- Hello supervisors, my name is Itzel Estrada, staff at the YC, and D5 resident. I am calling on behalf of Commissioners who couldn't make it to today's because they are in class. Thank you again for calling this hearing and providing a platform for our AAPI community to vocalize their needs. On February 22, the YC passed a resolution urging the BOS + Mayor to address Anti-Asian Hate Crimes.
The YC would like to urge you all to create an Asian Hate Crime Task Force. Not through SFPD, but through its Street Violence Intervention Program. We urge City Depts to follow the lead of CBOs who work directly with the AAPI communities and fund them to continue providing aide and support to their communities. Funding for mental health, social, and legal services that are culturally and linguistically competent is extremely important in meeting the needs of the AAPI community.

Thak you!

Best,
Itzel

From: [Valerie Luu](#)
To: [Beinart, Amy \(BOS\)](#); [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public comment for PSNS Committee 4/8
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:45:02 AM

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Hello,

We are not able to attend the meeting today and would appreciate your help adding the following merchant testimonial to public comment.

Thank you for holding this hearing on a matter that affects business and property owners.

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From Jack Tse, owner of Ramen House at 2623 San Bruno Ave in the Portola:

I received citations multiple times, but cleaned it up before it was fined. The City should find solutions on how to prevent the graffiti instead. Most of the owners want to keep their buildings clean. Is there any punishment for the people who do graffiti? The person who did the graffiti should be fined, not the owner.

I think the proposal to suspend graffiti citations is good. I find that graffiti is more present in Asian communities like Chinatown and San Bruno Avenue. Why is there more graffiti there? I think Asian communities are more targeted for graffiti. San Bruno Avenue has more graffiti than Third Street. What's the reason for this? Who is doing the graffiti?

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Best,

Valerie

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Valerie Luu, Corridor Manager

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From: [Ashley Renick](#)
To: [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment re: Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:35:46 PM
Attachments: [FRC Alliance Statement Anti-AAPI Violence & Racism.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr. John Carroll,

I hope this email finds you well. Please see below (and attached) for a statement from the San Francisco Family Resource Center Alliance regarding the crime and violence targeting Asian-American seniors. We'd like to submit this statement for public comment for the upcoming hearing scheduled for the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting on Thursday, April 8.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Best,
Ashley Renick



Standing Together Against Anti-AAPI Violence and Racism

The San Francisco Family Resource Center (FRC) Alliance condemns the rise in racist rhetoric and violence against Asian, Asian-American, and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities and the horrific acts of violence and oppression inflicted upon elderly people who identify as AAPI. We stand in solidarity with these communities and acknowledge that these recent attacks are not isolated incidents, but rather the result of the legacy of anti-AAPI violence and discrimination and xenophobia in our nation, state, and city.

As an Alliance of 26 neighborhood and population-based family resource centers that is committed to using our collective power and resources to further equity and justice for San Francisco families, we ask all San Franciscans to join together to combat anti-AAPI racism and address its devastating impacts. We recognize that we must remain vigilant to the many ways that anti-AAPI prejudice and bias affect us and continue working as an Alliance to identify effective and actionable ways to address this and all forms of prejudice, stigmatization, and racism. We seek courage and humility as we continue our Alliance's

efforts to address racism and oppression within our own organizations and the communities and systems with which we engage.

Recent events have served as a brutal reminder of how structural racism, cultural oppression, white supremacy, and xenophobia continue to pervade our systems, institutions, communities, and individual behaviors. The FRC Alliance calls for increased commitment to find meaningful and lasting ways to end oppression and violence against those identifying as AAPI and create safe, just, and equitable communities and institutions that protect, nurture, and support every child, young person, adult, and elderly person.

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Carroll, John \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: URGENT! ANTI ASIAN VIOLENCE MUST BE STOPPED
Date: Thursday, March 4, 2021 10:00:05 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Mabel Green <mnmplusone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 10:49 PM
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Subject: URGENT! ANTI ASIAN VIOLENCE MUST BE STOPPED

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Mayor Breed,

I am a full supporter of yours and have been since before Mayor Lee passed. I'm begging you to do more to stop the violence against Asian Americans in the Bay Area. If you don't take more aggressive action NOW, this is going to become a full blown race war. Asians are going to feel that their biases against African Americans will be validated and the racial divide will grow.

I have lived in the Bay Area all my life and it's always been a melting pot of great diversity. Now it's blacks against Asians. This is not going to end well if you don't do more. More cops on foot. Offer more support to volunteer organizations in Chinatown. Hotlines to call. Create a task force. Anything!

I implore all of you to step up your game and do more for the citizens that got you where you are. If you don't take action, the Asian community may be forced to respond by retaliation rather than reason. I don't want to see this great city go down the toilet.

Signed,
Frustrated Bay Area Resident