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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this email to express my full and enthusiastic support for the Resolution titled "Denouncing the Article, 'Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War,' by J. Mark Ramseyer" and to request the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to urge the *International Review of Law and Economics Journal* to withdraw the article from circulation.

I teach Women and Gender Studies and Ethnic Studies at SFSU and Sonoma State University. I am also a founding member of the Comfort Women Justice Coalition. It is fresh in my memory how the city of San Francisco stood firm on the side of justice and passed Resolution 342-15, urging the establishment of a memorial for "Comfort Women" in 2015. Despite denialist Osaka Mayor Hirofumi Yoshimura's threat to terminate the sister city relationship between SF and Osaka, SF supervisors and mayors spoke for historical truth and justice, truly representing voices of our multi-ethnic communities in SF Bay Area as well as our friends and allies in Osaka and the rest of Japan. The unveiling of the memorial "Column of Strength" in September 2017 was a truly historical moment, when a wide coalition of community members united and won our fight against denialists' massive epistemic violence to distort our historical memories and made an important progress in our struggle against gender violence.

As member of global academic community, I join my colleagues in the US, Asia, and elsewhere to denounce J. Mark Ramseyer's recent article is "Contracting for Sex in the Pacific War." The article not only fails to meet the most basic requirement for academic scholarship, but also manipulates and mishandles historical evidence for the sole purpose of advancing the author's distorted political agenda. The *International Review of Law and Economics* must

apply their rigorous academic standard to the article in the same way that they do to all other submission, and remove the article from their publication immediately.

With its powerful track record of supporting historical integrity and standing firm in solidarity with survivors of the Japanese Military Sexual Slavery System, the City of San Francisco has an important role to play to lead and guide the ongoing national and global discussion on Ramseyer's article.

Sincerely,

Tomomi Kinukawa, Ph.D.  
Faculty Lecturer  
Department of Women and Gender Studies  
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Dear Supervisors:

I am a San Francisco Bay Area resident and a 26 year faculty member in Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University.

When I lecture on the history and experiences of “comfort women,” my students are often horrified. Often this is the first time they have ever heard of this historical event. They often ask me, “How come I didn't know?” And at times, I have encountered students who have said, “Could you talk some more about this? My grandmother or grandfather witnessed or experienced this. Over the 26 years, I have taught in Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, I have had students whose descendants are from Taiwan, Philippines, China, and Korea tell me similar stories of women relatives fleeing for their lives when Japanese soldiers would come into their town because they feared “bad” things would happen to them.

My colleagues and I are appalled to see that historical denialist narratives are gaining academic credibility via publication in peer-reviewed journals and the Contracting Sex in the Pacific War by Prof Ramseyer is a key example of how people are increasingly deceived and misled.

It is my hope today that you ADOPT the resolution and stand in solidarity with our Asian American community.

Sincerely,  
Grace

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Grace J. Yoo, Ph.D., MPH  
San Francisco State University  
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Dear Supervisors,

My name is Miho Kim, a 20+ year Bay Area resident and a faculty at Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University.

My colleagues and I are appalled to see that historical denialist narratives are gaining academic credibility via publication in peer-reviewed journals and the Contracting Sex in the Pacific War by Prof Ramseyer is a key example of how people are increasingly deceived and misled.

So many of our students regularly learn about Comfort Women in class, then talk to their own families, and return with stories from their elders how Imperial Japanese Army caused permanent damage and trauma in their ancestral communities. They are all the more upset to hear elected officials such as Mayors and Governors of Osaka (including the former Mayor of Osaka, Tohru Hashimoto, whom the BOS bravely chose to defy in erecting the Memorial to honor all girl and women survivors of gender violence), explicitly and outright undermine the truths revealed by survivor women, and launch offensive, racist accusations against them. Such perspective is spreading like cancer throughout Japan and our Asian American community right here in San Francisco is not immune to such cancerous influence and politically xenophobic climate. As educators grounded in principles of tolerance and racial justice, and survivors of racist attacks especially today in the era of anti-Asian violence, it is even more critical that we as a city take a clear stand.

Asian American communities and young people in our communities here deserve this pronouncement, that women cannot ever again be referred to with such disgraceful, disrespectful repudiation, nor violated due to gender violence for any reason, anywhere.

Today it is my hope that you stand in solidarity with our Asian American community that itself is having to fight back the harmful effects of prevailing racism and misogyny. Japanese elected officials and historical denialists spreading their false narrative to glorify wartime Japan through Prof Ramseyer and others as vessels to legitimate their claims cannot be allowed to go unchecked and in-denounced.

Thank you and we hope you adopt the Resolution.

Sincerely



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