

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO STOP THE HOSTILE WORK ENVIRONMENT OF PARAMEDICS AND EMTS OF THE SFFD AND DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO PRIVATIZE PUBLIC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Sponsor(s): Baraka, Mahogany, Ibanez, Thomas, LaCroix, Chen, Loftus

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) became the first professional, paid fire department west of the Mississippi River in 1866, the City and County of San Francisco has been continuously providing ambulance service since 1895, and in 1997 the Paramedic Division of the San Francisco Department of Public Health merged with the SFFD giving the public employees of the fire department control over ambulances, paramedics, and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system throughout San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the SFFD responds to more than 70,000 EMS calls each year with the highly trained, experienced, and dedicated IAFF Local 798 Union Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) who respond to medical emergencies in SFFD fire trucks, engines, and ambulances strategically located throughout the city. The residents, commuters, and visitors in the City and County of San Francisco rely on the professional first responders of the SFFD and especially the dozens of SFFD ambulances that are on duty 24-hours a day. The people of San Francisco have repeatedly expressed their support for the public employees of the SFFD EMS system as demonstrated with 79% voter approval in 2016 of the Public Health and Safety Bond which dedicated \$350 million toward capital improvements for City facilities to meet the critical health and safety needs of San Franciscans, including the construction of a new Ambulance Deployment Facility (SFFD Fire Station 49).

WHEREAS, As a result of ongoing efforts within the San Francisco Department of Public Health to privatize essential public services, San Francisco EMS Agency Administrator James Duren has created a hostile work environment for the Paramedics and EMTs of the SFFD and dramatically increased the number of investigations of their work (almost none of which result in findings of discipline or restriction of any medical license), mandated an inexplicable change in policy regarding the intubation of patients against all medically accepted best practices, and refused to issue new annual operating permits for SFFD ambulances since September of 2020, potentially putting the health and safety of nearly one million San Francisco residents at risk.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party supports the work of our public sector employees, including the first-class Emergency Medical Services provided by the Firefighters, EMTs, and Paramedics of the San Francisco Fire Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party urges Mayor London Breed to instruct Administrators and Directors within the San Francisco Department of Public Health – especially EMS Agency Administrator James Duren, to stop the attacks on our public employees and discontinue any and all efforts to privatize public sector services in the City and County of San Francisco.

PROPOUNDED BY: Keith Baraka

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Baraka; seconded by Member Thomas.

Approved - vote by acclamation

Abstentions: Kounalakis, Ma, Feinstein, Ting

Support of Assembly Bill 1509, the Anti-Racism Sentencing Reform Act to reduce sentence “add-ons” or enhancements for firearms which punish people duplicatively for the same crime

Co-Sponsors: Berry, Raju, Li, Ibanez, Baraka, Mahogany, LaCroix, Haney, Raju, Williams, Moliga

WHEREAS, existing law imposes various sentence enhancements, consisting of additional and consecutive terms of imprisonment, including, among others, enhancements for being armed with a firearm during the commission of a felony, being armed with a firearm during the commission of a street gang crime, as defined, being armed with ammunition designed to penetrate armor during the commission of a felony, furnishing a firearm to another for the purpose of aiding, abetting, or enabling that person to commit a felony, using a firearm during the commission of a felony, and the infliction of great bodily injury on any other person during the commission of a felony. AB 1509 would repeal those enhancements.

WHEREAS, existing law imposes a sentence enhancement in the state prison of 10 years for personally using a firearm in the commission of specified felonies, 20 years for personally and intentionally discharging a firearm in the commission of those felonies, and 25 years to life for personally and intentionally discharging a firearm and causing great bodily injury or death to any other person during the commission of those felonies. AB 1509 would reduce those enhancements to 1, 2, and 3 years, respectively.

WHEREAS, existing law imposes a sentence enhancement of 5, 6, or 10 years in the state prison for, with intent to inflict great bodily injury or death, discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony and inflicting great bodily injury or death in the commission of a felony. This bill would reduce that enhancement to 1, 2, or 3 years in the state prison. This bill would additionally authorize a person serving a term for those provisions as they read on or before December 31, 2021, to petition the court for a recall of sentence and to request resentencing in accordance with these changes.

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee urges the State Assembly to pass AB1509.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of the San Francisco Democratic Party, no longer than 30 days after the passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the California State Assembly Public Safety Committee at 916-319-3745 fax and a hard copy to Assembly Public Safety Committee 1020 N Street (LOB), Room 111, Sacramento, CA 95814.

PROPOUNDED BY: Gloria Berry

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Li; seconded by Member LaCroix

Approved - vote by acclamation

Oppose: Speier

Abstentions: Feinstein, Cohen, Ma, Chiu, Kounalakis, Tung, Ting

SUPPORTING THE GOAL OF REACHING 100% ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE SALES IN CALIFORNIA BY 2030

Sponsor: Kim, Gallotta, Ibáñez, Li, Baraka, LaCroix

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) tells us that we have until 2030 to transform our economy and the way we live to avoid the most catastrophic and irreversible effects of the climate crisis, and in California, the transportation sector is responsible for more than half of all of California's carbon pollution, 80 percent of smog-forming pollution and 95 percent of toxic diesel emissions; and

WHEREAS, zero emission vehicles and services are a growing sector of California's economy, an opportunity for quality jobs and tax revenue in our state; and

WHEREAS, Democratic Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, along with pro-labor and pro-environment leaders in the Senate Democratic Caucus, have introduced the Clean Cars for America initiative that calls for no new internal combustion engines to be produced after 2030 and for 100% zero emission vehicles (ZEV) to be manufactured by union-represented labor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee supports the goal of 100% ZEV new vehicle sales in California by 2030 and urges the California Democratic Party to adopt this policy in its platform; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee urges Governor Gavin Newsom, the California legislature, and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to fully commit to the goal of 100% ZEV new vehicle sales in California by 2030.

PROPOUNDED BY: Jane Kim

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Motion by Member Li; seconded by Member Ibanez
Approved - vote by acclamation
Abstentions: Berry, Speier, Chen*

Statement of Solidarity Between Black and API Members of the SFDCCC

*Sponsors: Mahogany, Berry, Lovett, Mar, Ibañez
Avalos, Gallotta, LaCroix, Li, Williams, Thomas, Baraka, Campos, Haney*

WHEREAS, Over the last year, our country has experienced a dangerous increase in violence against Asian Americans fueled in part by anti-Asian rhetoric used by the former President of the United States; over 2,800 incidents of COVID related discrimination in this country last year have been reported by the Chinese Affirmative Action and Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council project Stop AAPI Hate, and 700 of these incidents took place in the Bay Area, where already in 2021, at least 32 Asians have been assaulted or robbed according to the Chronicle, including most recently Danny Yu Chang, Ngoc Pham, and Xiao Zhen Xie in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Our country is also experiencing a reckoning as the Black Lives Matter movement continues to build momentum due in part to the many well-publicized incidents of police recklessly killing African Americans including: George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Daniel Prude, and Rayshard Brooks; the Washington Post reported that police killed 164 Black people in the first 8 months of 2020; these incidents lead to months of protests across the world and fueled the Defund the Police movement; as a result many municipalities, including San Francisco, are taking steps to reduce police budgets in order to invest more money into community-based safety and anti-poverty measures; and

WHEREAS, The United State's, including San Francisco, has a history that is steeped in racism and White Supremacy; this is an issue that we continue to tackle as a country, and Asian Americans, African Americans, and other minority groups continue to suffer the consequences of this legacy, making it crucial that communities of color work together, support each other, and endeavor to root out prejudice and White Supremacy in order to build a safer and more equitable future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Black Lives Matter Committee of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee stands in solidarity with the API community and denounces any form of discrimination, degradation, or violence against Asians, and calls for more interracial dialogue between communities of color, and for the creation, funding and implementation of community-based safety solutions for the API community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee reaffirms its support of the Black Lives Matter movement, and supports San Francisco's effort to redirect funds from the police to community-based safety, violence prevention, and anti-poverty measures targeting vulnerable communities.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/2020) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Motion by Member Chen; seconded by Member Baraka.
Approved - vote by acclamation
Abstentions: none*

Resolution Condemning the Wave of Anti-Transgender Bills in State Legislatures

Sponsors: Mahogany, Morales, Ibañez, Campos, Mandleman, Li

Avalos, Thomas, Dufty, Chen, Gallotta, LaCroix, Baraka, Loftus, Moliga, Haney, Williams, Ting, Lovett, Speier, Tung, Raju

WHEREAS, As of March, over 80 anti-transgender bills have been introduced in state legislatures across the United States, surpassing the 79 anti-transgender bills introduced in the prior year in the first quarter of 2021; these pieces of legislation seek to discriminate against transgender Americans in a variety of ways including barring them from participating in sports, as in Montana's HB112 and Michigan's SB218, and from accessing medical care, as in South Carolina's HB4047 and Texas' SB1311; and

WHEREAS, The surge in anti-transgender legislation is led by extremist, right-wing organizations and hate groups such as the Heritage Foundation, Alliance Defending Freedom, and the Eagle Forum in an attempt to counter the progress that the LGBTQIA Americans have made towards equality, and that the LGBTQIA community will continue to make on the Federal level through the work of the Biden Administration and with the support of a Democratic majority; and

WHEREAS, The Democratic National Committee adopted a platform that supports and affirms LGBT equality, and specifically equality and fairness for transgender people, stating that it is unacceptable to "target, defame, or exclude" people based on their gender-identity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee condemns all legislative action seeking to discriminate against transgender Americans and urges the Mayor of San Francisco and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to take action against those state's passing anti-transgender laws; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the Mayor of San Francisco and the Clerk of the Board.

PROPOUNDED BY: Honey Mahogany

ADOPTED: (Date 24/03/2020) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

***Motion by Member Campos; seconded by Member Dufty.
Approved - vote by acclamation***

Resolution to Endorse The PRO ACT and Abolish the Filibuster

Sponsors: Ibáñez, Thomas, Gallotta, Baraka, Mahogany, Lovett

WHEREAS following decades of anti-worker legislation aimed at undermining labor unions across the country, [H.R.2474 Protect the Right to Organize Act](#), hereafter known as “PRO Act” will provide the strongest workplace protections in a generation by strengthening unions and the power of the working class to organize on the job. Following its passage in the House on Tuesday March 9th, the PRO Act has moved to the Senate; and

WHEREAS the filibuster in the Senate has been the single biggest barrier to enacting legislation as an obstructionist Republican caucus continuously abuses it to prevent even the most basic operations of the government to detriment of millions of people across the nation; and

WHEREAS the filibuster serves as an anti-democratic barrier to enacting legislation needed to transform the American economy for the betterment of the American workforce. For this reason, ending the filibuster is a necessary first step toward enacting a comprehensive economic recovery plan in the Biden administration’s first 100 days and beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco DCCC endorses HR 2474 the PRO Act and demands that the Senate abolish the filibuster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco DCCC urges California’s Senate delegation (Senators Feinstein and Padilla) and President Biden to support the abolition of the filibuster and the passage of the PRO Act.

PROPOUNDED BY: Anabel Ibáñez

ADOPTED: (Date 24/03/2020) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Thomas; seconded by Member Lovett

Approved - vote by roll call

Abstentions: Feinstein, Kounalakis

Resolution calling on Mars, Nestle, and major chocolate producers to cease using child forced labor in their global cocoa supply chains

Sponsors: LaCroix, Campos, Ibanez, Thomas

WHEREAS, child forced labor is endemic in cocoa production, particularly in major cocoa-producing West African nations such as Cote D'Ivoire and Mali. Côte d'Ivoire, in particular, provides 70 percent of the world's cocoa supply. A recent study by National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago concluded that 1.56 million child laborers were illegally involved in cocoa production and harvesting in cocoa growing areas of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana in the 2018/19 growing season; and

WHEREAS, almost 20 years ago, major chocolate producers like Mars, Nestle, and Cargill admitted that child forced labor was prevalent in their cocoa supply chains and made public commitments to stop it. However, the percentage of forced child laborers in the cocoa supply chain continues to *increase*, despite these public commitments. Major chocolate producers have engaged in deceptive practices to avoid taking responsibility for their long-term profiting from various forms of child slavery. Despite their knowledge of child slavery and their control over conditions in the cocoa market, major chocolate manufacturers continue to operate in the Ivory Coast with the unilateral goal of finding the cheapest sources of cocoa. These manufacturers continue to supply money, equipment, and training to Ivorian farmers, knowing that these provisions will facilitate the use of forced child labor; and

WHEREAS, these manufacturers' myopic focus on profit over human welfare has driven down industry standards and facilitated gross human rights violations that break international, domestic, and California law, all in the search of the cheapest cocoa possible. Despite decades of assurances, these companies have continuously failed to eradicate child slave labor from their supply chains. Meanwhile, [chocolate manufacturers](#) who are committed to ethical sourcing have managed to source slave-free cocoa, despite having far fewer resources than multinational chocolate manufacturers; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee supports the efforts of the Slave Free Chocolate Campaign and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union in condemning Mars, Nestle, and other major chocolate manufacturers for their continued use of child slave labor in their cocoa supply chains, despite decades of assurances that they would change, and urges the California Democratic Party to take a formal position in support these efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED, the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee encourages policymakers to introduce legislation to end the use of child slave labor in all chocolate manufacturing.

PROPOUNDED BY: Leah Lacroix

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Motion by Member Campos; seconded by Member LaCroix.
Approved - vote by acclamation
Abstentions: Feinstein*

Resolution in Support of Board of Education Committing to Five Full Days in the Fall

Sponsors: Loftus, Cohen, Dufty, Wiener, Mandelman, Chiu, **Ting, Ronen**

WHEREAS: As we mark this month as Women’s History Month, we must note the disproportionate impact that more than a year of remote learning has had on women. Data show that we confront the real danger that female labor force participation could face its steepest sustained decline since World War II. In September 2020, when schools resumed, many of them with remote learning, 80% of the 1.1 million people who exited the workforce were women. According to the latest national jobs reports, Black and Hispanic women have higher rates of unemployment than white women and saw the largest drops in labor force participation since the beginning of the pandemic. The impact of this loss will be felt in workplaces and in homes for years to come. Ensuring that all women know and can plan ahead for the resumption of full in-person learning is a key factor to reversing this trend and keeping all women advancing in the workplace.

WHEREAS: In-person learning has historically been and remains the most effective form of whole child learning for the majority of students because it allows them to explore ideas and dynamic social situations among their peers, teachers and friends. In an important move, San Francisco has made COVID-19 vaccinations available to teachers and school site staff, and as vaccination availability and options increase, it is likely that most school-based staff as well as the general adult and teenage population of San Francisco will be vaccinated with the recommended dosage by August 16th, the first day of the 21-22 academic school year; and

WHEREAS: All children in San Francisco have a right to be offered “in-person instruction to the greatest extent possible,” according to California Senate Bill 98. And, ensuring predictable and complete in person learning will help us stem the tide of women forced out of the workforce.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The SF Democratic Party urges the Board of Education to ensure that any SFUSD students who are not already in full-time in-person school have the option to return to five full days of in-person school as of the first day of the 2021-2022 academic school year, and will be taught by in-person teachers and paraprofessionals.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: This firm intention to ensure all students are able to attend full-time learning on the first day of school in August 2021 does not absolve SFUSD from acting with all possible speed to open schools now for all students. Copies of this resolution will be sent to all members of the San Francisco Board of Education, Superintendent Vincent Matthews, Mayor London Breed, Members of the Board of Supervisors and City Attorney Dennis Herrera.

PROPOUNDED BY: Suzy Loftus

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

Motion by Member Ting; seconded by Member Dufty

Approved - vote by acclamation.

Abstentions: Berry, Baraka, Ibanez, Mologa, Thomas, Avalos

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESIGNATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT ALISON COLLINS AND S.F. DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADERS TO ENGAGE IN RESTORATIVE HEALING DISCUSSIONS ON RACE, FOSTERING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, AND BUILDING SOLIDARITY AGAINST SYSTEMIC RACISM.

SPONSORS: Members Tung, Chen, and Moliga

WHEREAS, The United States has a stained history of racism and pitting communities of color and different ethnic communities against one another as a part of system to maintain white supremacy and a divided and inequitable nation and the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities have experienced individual and large-scale violence in our nation from the Chinese Massacre of 1871 in California, deemed the largest mass lynching in American history, to the brutal murder of 6 Asian American women in Atlanta last week; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Education Vice President and Commissioner Alison Collins' racially derogatory twitter comments in 2016, which recently came to light, condemned anti-Blackness by utilizing long-standing, divisive stereotypes of Asian American communities that perpetuate and promote anti-Asian and anti-immigrant sentiments; and when given opportunities to show sincere remorse and take responsibility for the harm of her actions, instead stood by her words, insisted her comments were "taken out of context" and partially apologized to those who may have been offended; and

WHEREAS, we find Commissioner Collins' failure to acknowledge her harmful, divisive language, lack of empathy, and poor judgment falls far short of the standards the public expects of any elected official in San Francisco and her implicit and explicit bias against the Asian American community is not only a distraction from important issues like schools reopening and budget shortfalls, but has damaged the Commissioner's ability to lead and represent the students and families in SFUSD, 90% of whom are students of color; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party unequivocally stands in solidarity with the AAPI community against all hateful and divisive rhetoric, regardless of the source, and thanks Commissioner Collins for her service and asks that she step down from her position on the San Francisco Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Democratic Party encourages our City and political leaders to lead and engage in restorative and difficult conversations centered on race and race relations in order to learn, foster mutual understanding, solidarity, and heal from our history and address and repair the continued racism which persists in our community; and to have this Resolution transmitted forthwith to the San Francisco Board of Education, the San Francisco Unified School Board, and all SFDCCC chartered Democratic Clubs.

PROPOUNDED BY: Nancy Tung

ADOPTED: (Date 03/24/21) By the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee

*Member Moliga motions; seconded by Member Ma.
Approved - vote by Roll Call
18 yes, 5 no, 8 abstentions.*

Yes: Campos, Chen, Dufty, Gallotta, Haney, Li, Loftus, Mandelman, Mar, Moliga, Ronen, Tung, Speier, Kounalakis, Ma, Wiener, Chiu, Ting

No: Baraka, Berry, Lovett, Mahogany, Williams

Abstain: Avalos, Ibanez, LaCroix, Morales, Raju, Thomas, Feinstein, Cohen