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WOMEN'S POLITICAL COMMITTEE

SFWPC Support for Supervisor Peskin's Resolution

Urging the CA AG and the DOJ to examine evidence in the killing of Banko Brown, and make a determination as to whether the evidence warrants the pursuit of criminal charges or other legal action.

May 23rd, 2023

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Francisco Women's Political Committee (SFWPC), we are writing in strong support of Resolution #230585, urging the California Attorney General (AG) and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) to examine evidence in the killing of Banko Brown, and make a determination as to whether the evidence warrants the pursuit of criminal charges or other legal action.

SFWPC believes in a San Francisco that is safe for all its residents—including transgender and Black individuals. A San Francisco where it is not a crime to be poor and/or homeless, where shoplifting is not punishable by death, and where calls for transparency and accountability for our elected officials is routine.

Despite repeated requests following the release of the video evidence of the shooting of Banko Brown, the DA's office has not provided reasons consistent with the video

evidence for her decision *not* to file any charges against Michael Earl-Wayne Anthony. This action does not make sense to us, and warrants review.

Some have characterized the critique of the DA's actions as political theater and lack of respect for the independence of the DA's office to political pressure.

SFWPC proudly supported DA Jenkins in her race. However, [as other supporters have noted](#), the lack of any charges filed in the shooting of Banko Brown, a 24-year-old Black trans man who was, per the video evidence released, outside of the store where he was shot, is extremely concerning.

We agree that San Francisco is at an inflection point with regards to public safety, and that the rhetoric about being “tough on crime” has failed to protect the most vulnerable among us when they are victimized. We reiterate the importance of holding processes of justice to the highest degree of democratic oversight when they fail to serve justice for the innocent and marginalized.

This inflection point also includes the importance of accountability and justice for the loss of innocent trans lives amidst widespread national anti-trans hate. Black trans lives face the brunt of transphobic and fatal violence, which claims countless lives each year. SFWPC recognizes the intersectional structural issues Black trans individuals face, such as poverty, homelessness, and violence. If trans people cannot get justice in San Francisco, where can they?

It is time that we step back from rhetoric and allow blind justice to rule the day. We therefore strongly support Resolution #230585 urging the California AG and the DOJ to examine evidence in the killing of Banko Brown, and make a determination as to whether the evidence warrants the pursuit of criminal charges or other legal action.

Sincerely,

SFWPC Board of Directors

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About SFWPC: SFWPC's mission is to endorse, empower, and elect people as candidates for local office who self-identify as women and those who share our values. We also champion policies and candidates committed to advancing intersectional feminism, racial justice, gender equality, and equitable systems through participation in the San Francisco political process. We do so by providing an advocacy and political network to build a bench of diverse women+ candidates, activists, organizers, and leaders who will advance these goals at every level of governance and beyond.