

1 [Endorsing Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial, and Religious Profiling]

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4 **Resolution endorsing “Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial, and Religious**  
5 **Profiling of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian Communities (AMEMSA)**  
6 **and Potential Reactivation of Police Department’s Intelligence Gathering,” a report**  
7 **published by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.**

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to various immigrant communities that contribute  
10 to the social, political, economic and cultural richness of the City; and

11 WHEREAS, The AMEMSA communities in the Bay Area are comprised of diverse  
12 religious, economic, ethnic and national communities that represent a substantial portion of  
13 the world; and

14 WHEREAS, There are an estimated one-quarter of a million individuals in the Bay  
15 Area identifying as Muslim, which does not include individuals who may be perceived as  
16 Muslim, but who do not identify as Muslim, or others from the Middle East or South Asia; and

17 WHEREAS, Since September 11, 2001 there has been a steady rise in Islamophobia;  
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19 WHEREAS, AMEMSA community members are concerned about the criminalization of  
20 their identity and guilt-by-association becoming the standard for policing and national security  
21 strategies; and

22 WHEREAS, In the Spring of 2010, the Chief of Police, in a public gathering stated the  
23 Hall of Justice may be susceptible not only to an earthquake, but also to members of the  
24 City’s Middle Eastern community parking a van in front of it and blowing it up; and

1           WHEREAS, Members of the AMEMSA community immediately responded by  
2 demanding an apology and forming the Coalition for a Safe San Francisco ("Coalition"); and

3           WHEREAS, The Coalition was formed to respond to the community's concerns  
4 surrounding racial and religious profiling and surveillance of AMEMSA communities by the  
5 San Francisco Police Department and to safeguard the civil liberties and civil rights of San  
6 Franciscans from overboard national security policies; and

7           WHEREAS, On September 23, 2010 the Human Rights Commission held a hearing in  
8 order to provide a forum to document the community's concerns and to make  
9 recommendations to address them; and

10           WHEREAS, On February 24, 2011 the San Francisco Human Rights Commission  
11 voted unanimously to adopt and publish "Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial and  
12 Religious Profiling of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian Communities and  
13 Potential Reactivation of SFPD Intelligence Gathering," a report detailing key testimony from  
14 various community members, community organizers, members of the clergy, attorneys, and  
15 scholars who testified at the hearing; and

16           WHEREAS, "Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial and Religious Profiling of  
17 Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian Communities and Potential Reactivation of  
18 SFPD Intelligence Gathering," concludes with 31 findings and recommendations to address  
19 the concerns of AMEMSA community members; now, therefore be it

20           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and endorses  
21 "Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial and Religious Profiling of Arab, Middle Eastern,  
22 Muslim, and South Asian Communities and Potential Reactivation of SFPD Intelligence  
23 Gathering;" and be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages the  
25 relevant agencies to consider implementing the recommendations and findings detailed in

1 "Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial and Religious Profiling of Arab, Middle Eastern,  
2 Muslim, and South Asian Communities and Potential Reactivation of SFPD Intelligence  
3 Gathering;" and be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the  
5 members of the AMEMSA community and the San Francisco Human Rights Commission for  
6 their work in publishing "Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial and Religious Profiling  
7 of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian Communities and Potential Reactivation of  
8 SFPD Intelligence Gathering."

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Resolution

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Date Passed: April 05, 2011

Resolution endorsing "Community Concerns of Surveillance, Racial, and Religious Profiling of Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and South Asian Communities (AMEMSA) and Potential Reactivation of Police Department's Intelligence Gathering," a report published by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

March 08, 2011 Board of Supervisors - REFERRED

March 28, 2011 City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED

April 05, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener  
Absent: 1 - Kim

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/5/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor Edwin Lee

April 15, 2011

Date Approved

Date: April 15, 2011

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo  
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