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MAYOR BREED ANNOUNCES SAFER SAN FRANCISCO BALLOT MEASURE TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY

San Francisco, CA – Mayor London N. Breed joined City officials and community leaders to announce a Safer San Francisco ballot measure for the March 2024 election. The measure will remove obstacles that have been put in place that prevent San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) officers from being able to more effectively and efficiently do their jobs.



Mayor Breed will sign this measure onto the March 2024 ballot, where it would need a simple majority to pass into law

Safer San Francisco will put public safety first and put SFPD officers in position to better serve our communities.

The measure does three things:

Gives police officers access to 21st century technology and tools to do their jobs.

Changes rules to get more officers out on the street and pursue criminals.

Prevents the City's

Police Commission from prioritizing ideology before community safety.

The Mayor will sign this measure onto the March 2024 ballot, where it would need a simple majority to pass into law.

"We need to give our officers the tools necessary to keep

our communities safe and not leave them stuck behind a desk when they can be out on the street helping people," said Mayor London Breed. "There has been too much focus on adding bureaucracy to the work our officers do and putting up barriers to

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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Bold Measures to Expand Homeownership Opportunities

The Biden-Harris Administration has introduced a comprehensive strategy to enhance homeownership opportunities for millions of Americans.

This multifaceted approach aims to improve affordability and accessibility while providing support to current and prospective homeowners. Key highlights include over \$12 billion in federal investment under President Biden's "Investing in America" initiative, assistance to nearly 400,000 homeowners through the American Rescue Plan's Homeowner Assistance Fund, and a surge in first-time homebuyers benefiting from Federal Housing Administration-backed mortgages.

Furthermore, initiatives by various departments, such as the Department of Agriculture and Department of Veterans Affairs, have



President Joe Biden with Vice President Kamala Harris

positively impacted diverse groups of borrowers.

President Biden's proposals for a \$16 billion Neighborhood Homes Tax Credit and a \$10 billion down payment assistance program are aimed at fostering homeownership. The administration calls on Congress to address housing market challenges promptly.

New measures include policies to incorporate rental income from

Accessory Dwelling Units into FHA-insured mortgage qualification, empower African American and Native American communities through USDA loans, assess eligibility criteria for Community Land Trust Organizations, streamline home repairs financing, strengthen consumer protections, and provide support to severely impacted veterans with mortgage payment challenges.

MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES NEW PROPOSED ACTIVATION OF THE FILLMORE HERITAGE CENTER

San Francisco, CA — Today, Mayor London N. Breed announced that the City is beginning lease negotiations with a new operator for the Fillmore Heritage Center, located at the corner of Fillmore and Eddy Streets in the Western Addition neighborhood of San Francisco.

After a competitive bidding process coordinated by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Human Rights Commission, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the City is beginning lease negotiations with Westside Community Services, in partnership with the San Francisco Housing Development Corporation (SFHDC) and Fleming Development, for the activation and operation of the commercial portions of the Fillmore Heritage Center.



Director Sheryl Davis



Dr. Mary Ann Jones

The proposed uses for the various commercial portions of the Fillmore Heritage Center include a premier destination restaurant of the African diaspora, programming of a diverse range of musical acts, a food hall and commercial kitchen, a visual art gallery focused on the African diaspora, along with space for meetings, corporate events, film festivals, and neighborhood events.

"This is an important step in our work to ensure the Fillmore Heritage Center returns as a place for the community to gather and celebrate our culture," said Mayor London Breed. "Our goal is to deliver a space that is active, exciting, and reflective of the community that has long made the Fillmore the amazing neighborhood we all

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Young Community Developers Celebrate 50 Years



Young Community Developers, a San Francisco-based job training program that has empowered disadvantaged residents to enter the workforce,

recently celebrated 50 years of service.

YCD firmly believes that every individual should have the right to sustainable and generational economic mobility. This training program has a

profound impact on lives, empowering people to break the cycles of poverty for themselves, their families, and their communities

Pictured at the celebration are Percy Burke, YCD executive director Dion Jay Brockter and SF Supervisor Shamann Walton.

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State Superintendent Tony Thurmond Launches Statewide Paid Internships Effort as a Crime Prevention Strategy

The California Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tony Thurmond launched a statewide paid internship effort at a summit he hosted in Sacramento on Oct. 10.

The event explored ways to design paid training and career coaching programs and reaffirmed the state's commitment to

preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow. Amid reports of a spike in crime, including crimes committed by juveniles, the effort's objectives include helping connect youth to bright futures and helping prevent youth from engaging in crime.

"We have many young people who need an opportunity to earn and

learn, and that is why we are launching a statewide paid internship strategy at a time where the need is very great," said Thurmond. "We can build a statewide effort where we can serve more students, and we want them to not just put money in their pockets but to learn about a career path that will help them moving forward."



State Superintendent Tony Thurmond

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know it to be."

"The next phase in this process represents a commitment from the City to celebrate, recognize, and invest in the rich culture and history of the Harlem of the West," said Sheryl Davis, executive director of the Human Rights Commission. "Moving forward, we will work with community to incorporate the magic of the past as we build out the innovations of the future."

"Our collective team is honored to engage in leasing discussions for the Fillmore Heritage Center. We deeply recognize and respect the

Center's rich history and its immense potential, and we understand its pivotal role as a catalyst for economic, entrepreneurial, and creative growth in the Fillmore community and surrounding areas," said Mary Ann Jones, CEO of Westside Community Services. "Successful lease negotiations will enable us to work hand in hand with Fillmore community stakeholders. Our vision is to transform the Center into a premier destination for performing arts and culinary excellence. We envision it as a shining symbol of Black prosperity that will inspire and uplift many generations to come."

Built in 2007, the Fillmore

Heritage Center was developed as a multi-use facility with the goal to both revitalize the commercial corridor and honor the cultural heritage of the neighborhood. Once considered the "Harlem of the West", the Fillmore neighborhood is known for its vibrant community of African American residents and a center for Black-owned businesses, many of them music and entertainment establishments.

Today, the Fillmore District remains a vibrant community that continues to build on its Black heritage, while embracing its proximity to nearby neighborhoods, such as Japantown. The Fillmore continues to be a

destination for live music and entertainment and has become a central location for annual festivals and events attracting thousands of attendees to partake in the entertainment, food, and history of the neighborhood.

"This is a victory," said the Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown, pastor of San Francisco's historic Third Baptist Church in the Fillmore District. "This is an opportunity to build a world-class watering hole that celebrates the culture and the history of this community. This is a historic moment focused on revitalizing the Harlem of the West."

Westside Community Services, San Francisco Housing Development

Corporation (SFHDC), and Fleming Development were selected as the Fillmore Heritage Center's operators through an open and competitive Request for Proposals process issued in February 2023. The City aims to finalize the lease for the Fillmore Heritage Center by March 2024, after Board of Supervisors approval. The performance space and gallery space are anticipated to be activated in Fall 2024. The proposed food hall and new flagship restaurant are anticipated to open in early 2025. City representatives will facilitate a community meeting in the coming weeks as lease negotiations commence.

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Hate Crimes Surge In 2022 Leading To An Urgent Call For Unity And Action

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA
Newswire Senior National
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has released its comprehensive Hate Crime Statistics for 2022, revealing a troubling surge in hate-fueled incidents across the United States. Recent attacks in New York and Chicago are stark reminders of the urgent need for increased awareness and action.

In 2022, the FBI transitioned to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for data collection, representing a significant step towards more accurate reporting. The new

data reflects submissions from 13,293 law enforcement agencies employing NIBRS data, covering over 256 million U.S. inhabitants. Additionally, data from 2,431 non-transitioned agencies was accepted, representing 55,441,278 inhabitants, expanding the population coverage to 93.5%.

The Hate Crime Statistics 2022 report reveals that law enforcement agencies reported 11,634 criminal incidents involving 13,337 related offenses motivated by bias towards race, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, sexual orientation, disability, gender, and gender identity.

In New York, a Sikh man faced a vicious attack aboard an MTA bus in Queens this

week. The assailant, allegedly expressing xenophobia, targeted the victim and attempted to remove his turban—a sacred religious symbol—forcibly. This incident is a stark reminder of the persistent hate plaguing American society.

Meanwhile, in Chicago, a horrific incident over the weekend resulted in the tragic murder of a six-year-old boy. Wadea Al-Fayoume and his mother fell victim to a brutal attack, with the assailant singling them out due to their Muslim faith. The suspect, Joseph Czuba, now faces charges of murder and hate crimes. This shocking incident highlights the devastating consequences of hate-fueled violence.

In response to the surge in hate crimes, President Biden released a statement condemning the 25 percent increase in antisemitic incidents from 2021 to 2022. He stressed the imperative of unity in speaking out against hate and bigotry, pledging his administration's dedication to combating antisemitism and Islamophobia.

While there was a positive 38 percent decrease in hate crimes targeting Asian Americans, the overall levels remained stable, underscoring the need for sustained efforts to eradicate hate-fueled violence. Anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes rose 16 percent, and Muslim and African Americans continue to be overrepresented among victims, Biden said.



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“There’s more to do when it comes to ending hate-fueled violence,” the president insisted. “That means coming together and speaking out against hate and bigotry in all its forms. All Americans deserve to live their lives with dignity, respect, and safety.”

Justice Department Issues Report to Improve Police Hiring Nationwide

By Stacy M. Brown

Law enforcement faces a challenge as more officers resign or retire, and fewer qualified applicants are interested in becoming police officers. A new report from the Justice Department suggests that police agencies should reevaluate their mission, values, culture, and employees to improve their service to communities.

In the report titled “Recruitment and Retention for Modern Law Enforcement Agency,” DOJ officials concluded that the law enforcement profession needs to update its hiring and retention practices.

Officials say that law enforcement agencies can enhance the appeal of policing as a career by implementing the solutions and strategies presented in this publication. They can also attract candidates, train recruits, show appreciation to employees, prioritize

workforce well-being, and build community trust.

“The U.S. Department of Justice, through BJA and the COPS Office, is dedicated to assisting law enforcement agencies in navigating the recruitment and retention crisis and providing support for incorporating these solutions,” DOJ officials stated.

A dwindling number of sworn officers is a persistent issue that police departments all over the country are facing, according to a study by the Police Executive Research Forum in April 2023. A study found that the number of staff in law enforcement agencies in January 2023 was 4.8% lower than three years ago.

The study highlighted that the issue extends beyond recruitment hurdles; it encompasses the retention of existing officers. In 2022, the number of sworn officers hired surged by 35% compared to 2020 and by 5.6% over 2019. Officer resignations in 2022 increased by 47% compared to 2019, according

to the police research study.

The report highlights the alarming decline in law enforcement staffing levels. “The recruitment and retention crisis is the number one issue I hear about from our state, tribal, and local law enforcement partners across the country,” Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta stated.

The report says that there are many reasons for staffing problems. These include the lasting effects of COVID-19, changes in the job market, increased safety concerns, and growing frustration towards the police.

The report, which Attorney General Merrick Garland commissioned, calls for a multifaceted strategy in response to these difficulties. It emphasizes the need for police leaders to gain a deeper understanding of their communities while advocating for the modernization and streamlining of hiring practices.

The report emphasized a

significant discovery from a meeting of police leaders in April 2023: that negative public opinion significantly affects officers’ morale and job satisfaction. Enhancing law enforcement’s image and highlighting the profession’s virtues are critical to boosting recruitment.

The DOJ report emphasizes the importance of emotional intelligence and non-traditional skills, like conflict resolution and empathy, for effective policing. It states, “Strong emotional intelligence is linked to fewer cases of excessive force and improved relationships within the community.” Officials emphasized the importance of recruiting candidates with traditional policing knowledge and critical interpersonal skills.

Further, agencies have been advised to implement diversity initiatives and remove barriers hindering inclusivity to build a more inclusive workforce. The DOJ recommended working with community leaders to encourage diverse



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candidates to consider law enforcement as a career. payouts could significantly improve retention rates.

The report offers recommendations for improving training and retention once officers are recruited. These include signing bonuses, comprehensive pension plans, and various retirement options. Additionally, addressing limitations on overtime and pension

Concerns over work-life balance and wellness, particularly concerning child care and mental health, were also highlighted in the report. The stigma of seeking mental health support within the law enforcement community is a big problem that needs fixing, officials said.

Thirty-Five Firefighters Who Died on Duty Honored During State Memorial

Antonio Ray Harvey |
California Black Media

The California Fire Foundation hosted its 2023 Annual California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony and Procession Ceremony on Oct. 14 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Sacramento.

Gov. Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond attended the event organized to honor 35 firefighters who died in the line of duty. Among the honorees was Ronald Yale Wiley, an African American Deputy Fire Marshal Wiley from Richmond who died on duty in 2007.

The state formally presented a U.S. flag to each of the families of those whose names are being added to the Fighter’s Memorial Wall in

Capitol Park on the east side of the State Capitol.

“We’re recognizing and celebrating the life and times of people who tried to make the world a little bit gentler,” Newsom said of the fallen. “They stood tall because they bent down on one knee to help lift other people up. People that came from every conceivable walk of life, political background, and different generations. The 35, we memorialize here today -- all with a singular love, and that is a love for public service.”

Nearly a thousand people attended the ceremony. The procession showcased firefighting apparatus and was marked by the presence of hundreds of active-duty firefighters from all over California, forming a “sea of blue.” Accompanying them were the Pipes and Drums

of California Professional Firefighters, honor guards from dozens of fire departments, the families of fallen firefighters from across the state, and various state officials and guests.

The Memorial Wall, a monument built in Sacramento in 2002 to honor the memory, sacrifice and bravery of firefighters who paid the ultimate price while keeping Californians safe. Called “Holding the Line,” the sculpture was created by artist Lawrence Noble and pays tribute to the profession’s spirit of teamwork, focus, and dedication, according to the State of California Capitol Museum.

In 2007, Dante Wiley, a Black firefighter honored at the ceremony, was returning to his office from a meeting in Vallejo when the city-owned vehicle he was driving crashed

and burned after an accident on the Carquinez Bridge on I-80. Wiley, 47, was 16 years into the profession when the incident happened, his son Dante Wiley told California Black Media (CBM).

Dante Wiley, who is a Fire Inspector for Richmond’s Fire Department, attended the ceremony with his wife, children, uncle, and other family members. Ronald Wiley’s name is etched in stone alongside more than 1,500 California firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty since California became a state in 1850.

Dante Wiley is a second-generation firefighter, and one of 20 Blacks among 97 firefighters in Richmond. He said his uncle also spent 30 years as a firefighter in Oakland.

Nationwide, the number of Black professional and volunteer firefighters is

relatively low. According to Data USA, in 2021, there were 324,149 firefighters in the United States. Of this figure, 4.38% were woman and 95.6% men. Black firefighters represented 7.4% and Hispanics made up 11.2% as compared to 82.2% of White firefighters.

California has around 35,000 firefighters. While the profession is desirable and has many benefits, in many jurisdictions, the workforce does not reflect diversity of the communities they serve. During a 12-year stretch from 1993 to 2005, for example, The San Bernardino City Fire Department (SBCFD) did not hire any Black firefighters.

Now, SBCFD, one of the oldest and largest fire departments in San Bernardino County, has hired a total of 19 Black firefighters, according to Factors Affecting the

Hiring of Black Firefighters, a report by James M. Fratus. The late Jimmy Jews broke the color barrier when he became San Bernardino’s first Black firefighter in 1971. He was the city’s first Black cop before transferring to SBCFD.

In the mid-2010s, the city of Los Angeles launched an investigation into allegations of nepotism, discrimination, and gender bias in its fire department. The city of Sacramento has been hit with lawsuits that allege various incidents of discrimination against Black firefighters between 2018 and 2022.

Dante Wiley says the opportunities are there for the taking. He is actively involved in recruiting efforts.

“I do believe representation matters and so does education,” Wiley said. “When I mean education, I mean outreach.”

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EDITORIAL

We wish to plead our own cause.
Too long have others spoken for us.

Freedom's Journal, March 16, 1827.

The Dirty Truth about Utility Companies' Clean Energy Efforts

By Ben Jealous

I imagine telling your boss that you'll complete less than half of the work that's needed, getting almost nothing done over 12 months, then asking for a raise.

That's essentially the story of the 77 utility companies still most heavily invested in fossil fuel-fired electric plants, according to a report last week by the Sierra Club and

Bloomberg Philanthropies. The utilities plan to replace only 30 percent of that coal and gas with clean energy by 2030, and more than half of them have made no progress since last year.

For example, We Energies announced in 2020 that it would retire the mainly coal-fired Oak Creek power plant in Milwaukee. Two years later, it extended the timeline by 18 months. In August, on a call with investors, corporate

officials wouldn't commit to that schedule.

Nonetheless, the company is asking the state public service for a 3 percent rate increase, which would follow an 11 percent rate increase last year.

"We Energies is asking for an additional increase saying they need it to move toward green energy and lower greenhouse gas emissions," said Keviea Guiden of Citizen Action Wisconsin. "They should be doing that more

quickly, but they shouldn't be doing that on the backs of their poorest customers."

The homes that those customers live in typically are 100 or more years old; they aren't well insulated or weatherized, Guiden noted. "We're pulling more gas for heating and more electricity for cooling."

At the same time, those same residents face exposure to gas and particulate pollution from Oak Creek every month that the transition is delayed, she said.

Wisconsin's minimum wage still stands at \$7.25 an hour. "If you're a family making \$18-20,000 a year, 10 percent of that income would go to those electric and gas bills," said Guiden, who organized 24 residents to oppose the rate increase at a state hearing last week.

We Energies isn't struggling. It reported increased revenue of more than \$1 billion last year. Wisconsin allows the public utility to earn a profit of almost 10 percent.

The fact is there's never been a more opportune moment for We Energies and other utility companies to make the switch to clean energy. The cost of solar power, which We Energies said would replace more than half of the coal-fired plant's generated electricity, has fallen nearly 100 percent in the last decade. In its plans,



Ben Jealous

the company acknowledged it would save \$50 million in lower fuel and maintenance costs alone at Oak Creek.

Yet the company only has plans to build enough clean energy capacity to replace 8 percent of the energy it makes with dirty fuels and plans to add 66 megawatts of natural gas-fired power – which like coal is more expensive than solar power – by 2030.

More significantly, the historic clean energy and jobs package President Biden and Congress approved last year offers corporate tax credits that can lower the cost of solar, wind, and battery storage projects by more than 30 percent (50 percent if they are built with domestic materials and in the most impacted communities). The oil, gas, and coal industries

have benefitted for decades from subsidies for everything from exploration to depletion of their reserves in the ground, giving them among the lowest effective corporate tax rates and ballooning their profit margins.

In addition, utilities can apply for \$30 billion in grants and loans to increase their clean energy capacity.

So utilities can spend less than ever to generate electricity without dirty fuels that will lead to lower energy costs for Americans.

It's past time for utilities to stop making excuses and to take seriously our national target of 100 percent clean energy by 2035. It's time for the rest of us to be like Guiden and her neighbors and stop accepting those excuses.

THE EQUIVALENT SANCTITY OF LIFE

BY JULIANNE MALVEAUX

I must join others in condemning the bombing in Tel Aviv that killed more than 1,200 people. Those killed were mothers and fathers, children and grandparents. They were soldiers and civilians, people simply attending a concert. They had no idea they had breathed their last breath when they died. They were going about their business, possibly blissfully clueless about the next moment. Their deaths, horrible deaths, must be mourned.

There are also as many as 200 hostages, some American citizens. Brutally, some of the hostages have been paraded about. Some families have no idea whether their loved ones are dead or alive. Barbarism is associated with taking hostages, mainly innocent civilians, and it must be condemned, with the hostages released soon. But Netanyahu's assertion

that he will not bargain with Hamas, the group that took the hostages, does nothing to facilitate hostage release.

Israel is justifiably enraged and has vowed to retaliate. And the retaliation has begun with bombing attacks on Gaza. These ruthless attacks have hit mothers and fathers, children and grandparents, soldiers and civilians, and people living their lives. They had scant warning of their coming slaughter. They were going about their business, possibly blissfully clueless about the next moment. Thousands in Gaza are dead, and their horrible deaths must be mourned.

Tens of thousands of others are affected by Israel's blockade of Gaza, which has restricted the availability of food, water, and medical supplies.

The Bible says something about an eye for an eye, but an eye for an eye leaves everyone blind. I fear that we in the United States have been

blinded long ago. There is no excuse for the carnage Hamas imposed on Israel. Period. There is also no excuse for starving people to death or removing tens of thousands from their homes, forcing them to leave everything behind. When President Biden says, "We stand behind Israel," already sending military equipment and asserting a strong presence, what is he speaking to the Palestinian people?

The United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs (<https://www.ochaopt.org>) has documented the loss of human life in Gaza and the West Bank between the last (2008) and now, not including the current conflict. There have been 6407 Palestinian fatalities and 306 Israeli fatalities. Where have world voices, now united against Hamas brutality, been in the face of Palestinian fatalities exponentially greater than any Israeli fatalities? Without excusing Hamas (because their cruelty is inexcusable), cannot

one understand Palestinian frustration and, perhaps, brutal action? Hamas didn't do the Palestinian people any favors. Israel's retaliation has left as many as a million displaced. But I think of the Harlem Renaissance poet Claude McKay, whose 1919 poem, "If We Must Die," spoke of armed resistance against racism. The poem begins, "If we must die, let it not be like hogs, hunted and penned in an inglorious spot." McKay continues, "If we must die, O let us nobly die," and concludes, "Though far outnumbered, let us show us brave, and for their thousand blows deal one death blow, what though before us lies the open grave like men we'll face the murderous, cowardly pack, pressed to the wall, dying but fighting back." It's a powerful poem, written in response to the carnage of the Red Summer of 1919, where random packs of whites attacked Black people for next to nothing, slights real or imagined, protests to our very presence, even



JULIANNE MALVEAUX

as Black men had returned from World War I.

Many will find the comparisons between Palestinian insurgents and Black freedom fighters to be false or untimely. I understand. I especially realize that McKay was not writing about killing women and children or putting them in danger. I cringe at the notion that human lives, especially children's, are considered "collateral damage." Yet, who bombs

hospitals and educational institutions for "revenge."

Israeli lives must be valued, and so must Palestinian lives. Human life is equivalent, but the media does not reflect it. There were protestors outside the White House saying they stood with Palestine. Can't we all stand with life? Until we embrace the equivalency of life, this conflict will continue, and an eye for an eye leaves all of us blind.

Mayor Breed

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new technologies that can help improve policing in San Francisco. It's time to change that. We can pass this measure, while still keeping important reforms in place, so that we put community safety at the forefront of our work."

"San Franciscans rightly expect that our police officers spend their time fighting crime on our streets—not filling out paperwork behind their desks. The Safer San Francisco initiative will cut needless bureaucracy to allow police to focus on what matters most, without sacrificing critical reforms," said Supervisor Catherine Stefani. "As we work to recruit and retain the best and brightest, this initiative marks a significant step toward making sure

San Franciscans have the efficient and effective Police Department they deserve."

"This is a smart-on-crime approach that will remove needless inefficiencies and enable our police officers to do their jobs more effectively," said Supervisor Matt Dorsey. "Especially in this time of unprecedented police understaffing, San Francisco needs the flexibility to use cameras and surveillance technology to protect public safety in the same way other California counties do. This ballot measure will streamline onerous restrictions on police officers' use of cameras, and help hold criminals and drug dealers accountable. It will make San Francisco safer and it will help save lives."

"We need police officers on patrol catching criminals and protecting residents, not

stuck in the station buried in paperwork. This common-sense measure lets officers do their job and gives them the tools they need like cameras and drones to outsmart organized crime," said Supervisor Joel Engardio, who represents the Sunset neighborhoods. "Our police department is a leader in reform, but that shouldn't get in the way of effective policing. Residents are demanding safe streets and this measure will bring much-needed balance to how we approach public safety in San Francisco."

Authorizing the Use of Technology

Right now, SFPD officers cannot use basic 21st century tools that would help prevent and solve crimes including retail theft, auto theft, and car break-ins.

Safer San Francisco will change city policies to allow police officers to use technology like city-owned and operated cameras and drones to prevent, investigate, and solve crimes. For additional new technology, the measure will allow for a pilot period of up to one year without a Board of Supervisors approval that would otherwise cause unnecessary delay, as long as best practices in protecting civil liberty and data retention are followed.

Changing Rules Around Pursuit and Excessive Administrative Work

Right now, SFPD officers are restricted in actions they can take on our streets and burdened with excessive paperwork and duplicative reporting that prevents them from prioritizing addressing public safety.

Safer San Francisco will change the rules to allow officers to actively pursue suspects of felonies and violent misdemeanors, including retail theft, vehicle theft, and auto burglaries, as long as the pursuit can be done safely. It will also eliminate duplicative and excessive reporting requirements to help free up officers to get them back on the street. It will also clarify the officers can use technological solutions like body worn cameras to record incident information, instead of having to go back to the district station to fill out paperwork.

Reforming Police Commission Practices

Right now, the majority of the Police Commission governs by ideology, rather than putting the interests of public safety or policing

best practices first. They micromanage the Department and are adversarial to policy solutions supported by community safety leaders.

Safer San Francisco will require that any changes the Police Commission wants to make involves engaging with local merchants, neighborhoods leaders, and experts like retired peace officers who understand the day-to-day challenges and impacts of their decisions and what real-life conditions require of police officers. The measure will prevent the Police Commission from micromanaging the Chief of Police, and ensure all new policies put in place do not require more than 20% of an officer's total on-duty time be spent on administrative duties.

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THE BAY AREA'S CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES



Sunday School Lesson

By Shunda Criswell

Israel Rejects God As King

1 Samuel 9:1-2; 10:17-26

Here in the Old Testament, 1 Samuel, chapter 9, God set about the work of controlling the choice of king and the circumstances of his anointing. Kish was a prominent man of Benjamin's tribe (read

1 Samuel 9:1). Thus, he was a man of leadership and valor. So, Saul came from good stock. Saul's rise to power involved a threefold sequence: (1) his secret anointing by Samuel (1 Samuel 9:1-10;10:16), (2) his selection by lot

(1 Samuel 10:17-27), and (3) his victory over the Ammonites (1 Samuel 11:1-15). (NLT Study Bible). He was also impressive and a head taller than anyone else (1 Samuel 9:2). These are the kinds of qualities that would inspire confidence in the people. But, as things would turn out, they were all that Saul had going for him. God was no doubt giving them the kind of king they wanted—someone who looked the part. But later, after the people saw the disaster that was King Saul, God would choose a king for them whose heart was right for the job (1 Samuel 16:7). (Tony Evans Bible Commentary, The: Advancing God's Kingdom Agenda). (1 Samuel 9:1-2) When the time came for Saul's public

presentation and anointing as king, Samuel called all of Israel together at Mizpah (1 Samuel 10:17), the place where God had brought about such a great and supernatural victory over the Philistines (see 1 Samuel 7:2-13). Samuel began the proceedings in a solemn way, reminding the people of the evil nature of their request for a king. Such a demand was actually a rejection of the Lord who had saved them from their enemies (1 Samuel 10:18-19). Israel did not need a human king to rescue them; they needed God, but they had rejected him (1 Samuel 10:19). Nevertheless, God was gracious and did not bring retribution on them for their sin. Instead, as time would reveal, because the people were not wholly

devoted to him, God was giving them a king who would be not wholly devoted to him, either. (1 Samuel 10:17-19). To make sure there could be no doubt about God's choice, Samuel brought all the tribes and clans forward. Samuel worked his way down to smaller and smaller groups—probably by casting lots (also see Joshua 7:16-18)—until Saul son of Kish was selected (1 Samuel 10:20-21). But Saul, as it turned out, was hiding (1 Samuel 10:22)—apparently overcome with either modesty or fear of the glare of the cameras! When he was finally brought before the people, they saw that he stood a head taller than anyone else (10:23). He was just the kind of physically impressive king they

wanted (10:24). (1 Samuel 10:25-27). When Samuel then presented Saul, all the people shouted, and said, God save the king (24)—or “May the king live!”—an expression of homage and loyalty. (Beacon Bible Commentary - Beacon Bible Commentary – Joshua through Esther). Samuel proclaimed to the people the rights of kingship and then wrote them on a scroll before sending everyone home (10:25). Saul had made a great first impression, but he would not ultimately measure up to God's standards for a king. And, even before things began to unravel, Samuel suspected that the man he'd presented to Israel was not God's best for his people. Be Blessed Saints!

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amount of state grants or contracts to nonprofits. The legislation, unanimously supported by members of both houses of the State Legislature, prioritizes nonprofits serving disadvantaged communities, according

to Newsom's office. In a statement, CalNonprofits thanked Newsom for signing the bill and Assemblymember Gregg Hart (D-Santa Barbara) for authoring it. "It strongly impacts

the access and ability of nonprofits to partner with the state or successfully pursue grant funding. What on its face may look like a minor technical change, authorizing advance payments to nonprofits signing government contracts is a major equity

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