[Supporting California State Assembly Bill 953 (Weber) - Racial and Identity Profiling Act]

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015, authored by Assembly Member Shirley Weber, which promotes equal justice and fairness to address the problem of racial and identity profiling, and enhances public safety.

WHEREAS, 55% of Californians and 85% of African-Americans in California believe that blacks and other minorities do not receive equal treatment in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Figures from the San Francisco Police Department show that black drivers make up 17% of all traffic stops, despite comprising 6% of the City's population; and

WHEREAS, Profiling by law enforcement is ineffective because stopping or searching people based on race or other identity characteristics, rather than evidence of criminal activity, misdirects limited resources away from evidenced-based policing; and

WHEREAS, The State Legislative Analyst's Office has found that California's current law prohibiting profiling by law enforcement is over vague, fails to account for identity characteristics beyond race, and that law enforcement agencies have resisted following it due to its vagueness; and

WHEREAS, The President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and U.S.

Department of Justice recommend that profiling be prohibited not only based on race, but also gender, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015, authored by Assembly Member Shirley Weber, would modernize California's definition of profiling to account for identity characteristics beyond race, create a system for collecting and reporting

basic information on police-community interactions, enhance training on fair and impartial policing, and establish an advisory board that develops solutions to curb profiling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to communicate this resolution to California State legislators, urging them to support California Assembly Bill 953.



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## Resolution

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July 07, 2015 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Christensen, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/7/2015 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

7/17/15

Mayor

**Date Approved** 

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, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board