



Stop Criminalizing Our Communities!
DIVEST from Policing, Imprisonment & Surveillance
INVEST in COMMUNITY & Free Them ALL!
ABOLITION NOW!

In the wake of the most recent killings of Black people by police in the US—George Floyd, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor, Sean Reed and many others—No New SF Jail Coalition sees these deaths not as isolated events or exceptional instances of policing but rather the tip of the iceberg of the policing institution. Stops, arrests and interrogations by police are all harmful practices that lead to the systematic death and destruction of Black, Brown, Indigenous and poor communities. The exact technique that killed George Floyd is a standard of policing everywhere, including San Francisco. In January 2020, 19-year-old Kajon Busby, a Black youth in SF, was thrown to the ground by SFPD, as one cop knelt on Kajon's neck and back, pinning him face down on the sidewalk while her partners handcuffed him. Every policy that increases, maintains or legitimizes interactions with policing (such as curfews, gang injunctions, anti-loitering ordinances, or quality of life patrols) exacerbate the chances of people being harmed, killed or stripped away from community.

Policing also aggravates the coronavirus pandemic. While COVID-19 is associated with acute respiratory distress, the continued use of chemical weapons by police to repress protests severely impacts the respiratory system and is even more dangerous for those dealing with respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19 or asthma, both of which plague our remaining Black communities due to SF's long history of environmental and systemic racism. Physical responses to tear gas and pepper spray only intensify COVID-19 transmission. Mass arrests and kettling of protestors intentionally prevent social distancing, in turn worsening the pandemic. The state and media scrutinize protests as incubators for the virus, yet organizers continue to work to keep people safe while police continue to put people in vulnerable spaces before, during and after protests.

As San Francisco's diverse communities join together using different strategies and tactics of resistance and representing different parts of Frisco's diverse communities, it is essential to uplift the various experiences and traumas of policing in our city:

We must uplift the experience of Kajon Busby and police executions of Mario Woods, Alex Nieto, Luis Góngora Pat, Jessica Williams, Amilcar Perez-Lopez and now Sean Monterrosa—a Mission youth killed by Vallejo PD while his hands were in the air while protesting the violence of policing. Since 1985, Over 100 people have been killed by SFPD alone, 60% of whom were people of color, 40% of whom were Black people.

We must focus on the many ways SFPD is a driving force in the gentrification of our City, protecting the real estate and tech developers that have displaced our Black, Brown, Indigenous and poor/working-class families.

Just as we must protest police executions, we must also protest, resist, and organize against police raids of people living in street-based communities and encampments, and end quality of life policing that has targeted Black, Brown, Indigenous and poor San Franciscans for decades.

We must protest and organize against the ongoing harassment of youth of color in the Mission, Bay View, Filmore, Tenderloin, Haight, and Panhandle, as well as when Black, Brown, and mixed youth of color and houseless folks access more white, Asian, middle-class, and affluent neighborhoods.



Fighting for a Jail-Free, Police-Free San Francisco
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In order to #ShutDown850, we must also ABOLISH the police!

With dismantling the jail system, No New SF Jail Coalition also calls to defund SFPD, and the immediate dismantling of policing programs *in order to free up funds for health care, mutual aid projects and PPE that will immediately help communities most vulnerable to the pandemic.*

In order to stop the violence of policing, San Francisco must:

- 1. Defund SFPD immediately, cutting SFPD's budget by at least 50% this summer.**
 - We call on every community program and institution in the City to cut ties and end all contracts with SFPD, to work towards dismantling all transit policing, policing in schools and gang task force initiatives, as well as militarization programs and Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- 2. Decarcerate all jails and cages in SF,** by continuing the fight to permanently shut down 850 Bryant, and to pressure the city to release prisoners throughout SF County jails.
 - We must especially push for release of prisoners with health conditions that make them more vulnerable to COVID, such as elders, LGBTQQIA+ folks, protestors, and folks caged pretrial and detained by ICE. As both health experts and jail administration have already noted, prisons, jails and detention centers are incubators of infectious diseases.
 - *We call on all San Franciscans to support and generate grassroots efforts for prisoner release, like the participatory defense initiatives led by Young Women's Freedom Center, Asian Prisoner Support Committee and CA Coalition for Women Prisoners' Care Not Cages Clemency campaign and organizing to "Free Them All"!*
- 3. Reallocate funding within the Probation Department to grassroots community programs and systems that provide life-affirming resources for all San Franciscans without criminalization and punishment,** like Hospitality House, CUAV, TGI Justice Project, Young Women's Freedom Center, HOMEY, Dolores Street Community Services, PODER, LYRIC, Larkin St Youth Services and GLIDE.
 - SF was once home to robust community organizations and programs rooted in self-determination and collective liberation for decades, but gentrification has since pushed this life-saving work out of the City. It is time to rebuild, strengthen and expand the vibrant community programs and expertise we once had, and to fully support, follow, and protect our grassroots experts.

Together, our communities have the keys to true safety. Our communities and grassroots organizations have developed healing strategies to hold each other accountable in instances of minor to severe harm. **We do not need policing. We do not need cages. We keep each other safe; we keep each other alive. We demand abolition and healing for the generations of neglect and persecution that San Francisco has unleashed on communities of color,** from the poisoning of the Shipyard, to the rapid gentrification in the Mission, to the leveling of the Harlem of the West, to the destruction of Manila Town and the working-class communities of the SOMA. No more blue-ribbon panels; no more reformist investments into jailing, policing and criminalization. **We demand strategic, all-encompassing, abolitionist action now!**

