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Attention: All Members of the San Francisco Police Commission,

Congratulations on the appointment of the newest member to the San Francisco Police Commission, Commissioner Malia Cohen.

I am **re-sending** as a second request for comment for my concern **below** after the appointment of your newest commissioner's appointment to this commission.

For this commission to vote to place Black lives matter posters in all SFPD stations and at the same time ignore the possibility of innocent Blacks being at higher risk of arrest as a result of this divisive message is more than typical government hypocrisy. I wonder if "Qualified immunity" will protect the city and this commission for this gross oversight in judgment?

If Black lives matter, my opinion on this issue should. If this is a situation that cannot be reversed after the commission spent \$5,000.00 on these signs, I suggest you research further. The many SF Board of Supervisors approved millions of dollars in payouts over the past ten years, due to the SF police framing of innocent Blacks should not be a sign to move forward, but to rethink.

As I stated below, I have a stronger message that I feel is needed, not just for SFPD, but for law enforcement all over this country. But at the very least, can we discuss it instead of accepting one side's opinion of this issue?

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Attention: All Members of the San Francisco Police Commission,

Placing "Black lives matter" posters in every one of the SF police stations places innocent Blacks at greater risk for arrest.

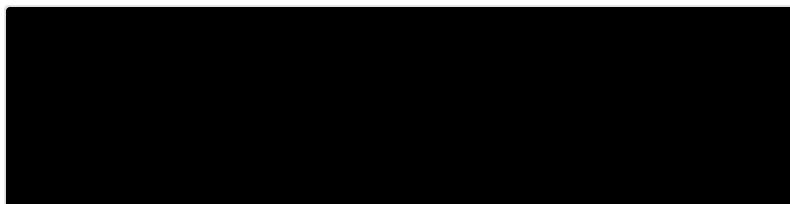
I am a Black man and have been a resident of San Francisco since 1960. From 1983 to 1993 I taught Bible and counseled as a volunteer at the San Francisco juvenile hall in their maximum-security unit.

In my role, I cannot tell you how many times I heard **true stories** of mistaken identity or worse, framing mostly Black teenagers for felony crimes. This includes a now-former SFPD officer who attended the same church I did in 2011 who confided in me, stories of what frustrated officers do to teens they were tired of re-arresting.

I even have a nephew who in, 2008-9 was falsely accused and arrested only to be released because he could read. His public defender asked him to read the police report and clearly pointed out how it was impossible he could fit the description of the "Suspect" the police were looking for.

I know it is hard to believe a "Black lives matter" poster that is intended to help Blacks could actually harm Blacks. But let me give a **hypothetical: An older White woman is the victim of a robbery. She goes into her nearest police station. She then reads a large-size poster that reads, Black lives matter. But the perpetrator who robbed her is also a Black person. Already feeling violated she feels no guilt to confuse justice with revenge and an innocent Black person is placed in the position of fighting to clear his or her name.**

This very plausible situation could cause a victim of any crime to accuse the closest looking Black person as the perpetrator. [Jamal Trulove settles with San Francisco.](#)





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I know that the Black Lives Matter movement is trending. I do not support it because of how it affected me personally. Aside from the fact, Black lives matter has been hijacked already by people intent on doing wrong, I would like to point out a myth that has spun off Black Lives Matter: All Lives Matter is the myth. If all lives mattered there would be no murder, death penalty, or racism.

Finally, if this commission wants to really support a message that will carry across the nation in support of Blacks who have been the victims of police brutality I suggest renaming San Francisco Police Headquarters. (Attached billboard photo is located at Townsend between 3rd and 4th streets a block away from the CalTrain station)

I put my money where my mouth is on this billboard and I hope you all will give me the courtesy to respond to my suggestion, pro or con, in writing if you believe Black lives matter, my opinion should matter.

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