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Statement Regarding Marines United

The San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission (SFVAC) is committed to promoting gender equality, non-discrimination, and respect for all who serve or have served in the military.

The recent *Reveal* article from *The Center for Investigative Reporting*, on the investigation of the Facebook group *Marines United*, was disheartening to the SFVAC as an organization that aims to make the Veterans community a safe place for all. No person should ever experience this type of harassment.

The SFVAC was also shocked to learn about the Twitter postings former Commissioner Jordan Towers used to engage with the news of the *Reveal* article and the actions of the members of *Marines United*. They do not, in any way, shape, or form, reflect the views of current Commissioners or the SFVAC.

We strongly condemn the actions of *Marines United* and former Commissioner Jordan Towers, denouncing their associations with any and all military or veteran organizations.

If you have any questions, please contact Commission Secretary Dottie L. Guy at dottie.guy@gmail.com.