

Executive Council

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Subject: Oakland Police murder of young Black man condemned by S.F. Labor Council - unanimous vote demands officer be fired from the force and charged with murder
Attachments: Blueford Resolution Adopted by SF Labor Council Jan. 14 2013.doc

RESOLUTION ON JUSTICE FOR ALAN BLUEFORD

Adopted unanimously by SAN FRANCISCO LABOR COUNCIL, Jan. 14,
2013

Whereas a Black person is killed by law enforcement once every 36 hours, per the Malcolm X Grass Roots Movement's study;

Whereas the federal report monitoring the Oakland Police Department states that the Oakland Police Department pulls guns on Black and Latino people disproportionately to the number of times guns are pulled on whites;

Whereas two new reports by a federal monitor, criticized the OPD's handling of officer-involved shootings and Occupy Oakland protests;

Whereas Alan Blueford, an 18 year old Black youth, who was about to graduate from Skyline H.S., was killed by OPD Officer Masso on May 6.

Whereas OPD has provided at least four versions of what happened the night Alan Blueford was killed, including the claim that the Officer Masso was shot in a gun battle with Alan Blueford, when he later admitted that he shot himself in the foot;

Whereas the OPD:

- A. Engaged in racial profiling and violated numerous OPD policies;
- B. Engaged in a cover-up (Made numerous false statements and repeatedly changed their story);
- C. Showed complete disregard for the life of Alan Blueford and the dignity of the family;
- D. Had the coroner's report withheld from the family for 3 months, and the police report for 5 months;

Whereas, the Coroner's Report reveals that Alan Blueford had no gun residue on his hands, no alcohol or drugs in his system, and implies that Alan Blueford was shot while lying on his back;

Whereas Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley declared she will not charge Officer Masso for the killing of Alan Blueford. Her report shows strong bias as, for example, relying on Masso's statement that Alan was standing when he first shot him, despite 11 out of 12 witness statements to the contrary;

Therefore, be it resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council pass a resolution seeking Justice For Alan Blueford and demand that the Federal Monitor take strong action against OPD including:

1. Stopping the OPD from racial and ethnic profiling and violence against people of color;
2. Instituting stricter background checks, training, apprehension and gun use policies within the OPD;
3. The firing of Officer Masso;

Further be it resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council demand that the Alameda County District Attorney immediately charge Officer Masso with murder.

Finally be it resolved that the San Francisco Labor Council send this resolution to U.S. District Court Judge Thelton Henderson, Alameda District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, SFLC affiliates, the Alameda Labor Council, the California Federation of Labor, the AFL-CIO, for concurrence and action.

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Essentially identical resolutions have been passed by ILWU 10 Executive Board and General membership meetings, SEIU 1021 Executive Board, the Oakland Education Ass'n Representative Council (on 12/3/12) and Unite Here 2850 Executive Board (1/7/13).