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San Francisco Police Chief William Scott Attends White House “United We Stand Summit” 22-129

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Chief Scott speaks about the conference to counter the corrosive effects of hate-fueled violence in our democracy, and public safety to heal the soul of our nation.

I am humbled and honored to have been invited by President Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris to take part in the United We Stand Summit at the White House. This was an important opportunity to participate in a critically important discussion led by President Biden, Vice President Harris, and to hear directly from civic leaders, local and federal officials, as well as a very diverse group of victims and survivors of hate fueled violence.

In today’s United We Stand Summit it was emphasized that in order to eradicate hate fueled violence in our communities we must stand together, and work together with a shared vision, and agreed upon solutions and strategies.

Significant new federal resources aimed at supporting communities across the nation to combat hate fueled violence were announced at today’s Summit by Attorney General Merrick Garland and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

I am inspired by the energy, resolve, strategies, and commitment demonstrated by the diverse group of victims and survivors of hate fueled violence that I met at today's Summit. I'm also inspired and encouraged by the commitment and leadership of President Biden, Vice President Harris, and other national leaders to unite us. Today's ongoing discussions around education, solutions, and strategies strengthen my resolve to eradicate hate fueled violence.

As the Chief of the San Francisco Police Department, I am honored by the nomination of the Major City Chiefs Association and proud to have been selected by the White House to represent the City of San Francisco and the Major City Chiefs Association. My nomination to attend the United We Stand Summit would not have happened without the work that has been done -and continues to be done- to eradicate hate fueled violence in our city by the members of the San Francisco Police Department, our many community partners, our elected and appointed officials, and the leadership of our Mayor, London Breed.

While much progress has been made to reduce the spike of hate fueled incidents that we experienced in San Francisco in the year 2020, there is still much work to be done. Since 2020, we have implemented a Community Liaison Unit to support victims and survivors of hate fueled violence to better facilitate referral of victims and their families to services and support. We have implemented a multi-lingual tip line (415-558-5588) to encourage reporting of hate fueled violence and to provide additional avenues to report those crimes; we have implemented a "Stop Asian Hate" campaign including posting "Stop Asian Hate" posters in the public lobbies of all ten of our district stations; all while our members continue to work diligently to investigate and resolve hate fueled violence and arrest those who commit them.

Let's all stand together as a community to prevent and eradicate hate fueled violence in our city.

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