

COUNCIL REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

To: Hayward Mayor and City Council

From: Council Members Angela Andrews, Sara Lamnin, and Elisa Márquez

Subject: Action for Sophia Mason and other children at risk

Date: 7/8/22

Background:

As we continue our efforts to search for answers for what happened to Sophia Mason we also demand immediate action to increase safety of our children in Hayward. The City of Hayward needs to send a strong message that the safety of children is our highest priority.

Requested Actions::

- 1. Request the Alameda County Board of Supervisors conduct an independent investigation regarding the child welfare case and death of Sophia Mason.
- 2. Send a letter to our State Representatives requesting that they:
 - a. Follow procedures to direct the Department of Justice and US Marshals to coordinate an international search for all suspects involved in the case.
 - b. Follow procedures to increase the reward for finding suspects related to this case.support of <u>SB 616 (Rubio)</u> Piqui's Law

Timeline: Remainder of July 2022

Further Action:

Continue discussions through HLAC, including other County and non-profit stakeholders as needed to address systemic gaps raised during public meetings earlier this year.

Timeline: At least through December 2022

Angela Andrews Sara Lamnin Elisa Márquez

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References: https://www.onemomsbattle.com/blog/california-piquis-law-sb-616