

# South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday August 12, 2024

## MINUTES

6:00 PM–7:00 PM

(HYBRID MEETING)

ATTENDEES	5 Officers, 1 Presenter, 8 residents, 4 remote residents
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TOPIC	A Review of the CAREN Act
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- **WELCOME** (Alice Rogers)
- **A Review of the CAREN Act**  
Stevon Cook, Interim Director of the Civil Rights Division of the Human Rights Commission, began with an overview of the HRC and its focus.  
For more information on the HRC, click [HERE](#).

The CAREN Act has nothing to do with the HRC.

**Jump to the 11:00 minute marker for presentation.**

CAREN (**C**autious **A**gainst **R**acially and **E**xploitative **N**on-Emergency Act) is the name of the law. It is a result of the numerous 911 calls placed by individuals placing false emergency calls intended to discriminate against a person based on race, color, nationality, sexual orientation, disability, appearance, or other defining personal characteristic to weaponize the police against someone else. In the summer of 2020, after some well-publicized and reported incidents, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed this law. Victims could seek civil damages by proving intent. Stevon explains the difference between a civil case and a criminal case (burden of proof, who's involved, who's responsible for what, etc).

Since 2020, there is no documented record of how many 911 Caren calls there have been, no data on what has happened to victims.

There has also been an increase of "Swatting" – 911 calls where a more aggressive response (i.e., a SWAT team) was requested. Swatting calls are criminal cases.

With the increased reports of Asian-hate crimes, the question was raised – Is being "Caren'ed" a hate crime? Within San Francisco, where do we go from here with respect to the CAREN Act? Do nothing? Reclassify it as a hate crime? Capture data between the Police, HRC, and District Attorney? Have the HRC do a more aggressive 'know your rights' campaign? Have the HRC publicly post on their website a list of convicted CAREN offenders?

Followed by Q&A.

To listen to the Zoom recording, click [HERE](#). Passcode: **vE=@ju0S**

The Neighborhood Association wishes to thank Cloudflare for hosting tonight's meeting, donating their conference room, and providing snacks.

**Next Meeting: September 9<sup>th</sup>. Topic: TBA**