

New Years' Eve, December 31st 2020.

Tragedy struck at 4:00pm in the SoMa area of San Francisco, when a paroled felon by the name of Troy McAlister, drunk and driving a stolen car, ran a red light, lost control and struck Hanako Abe and Elizabeth Platt. Two pedestrians, two innocent lives killed. Both women were simply standing on the sidewalk in the path of the McAlister's careening vehicle. Police found drugs and a handgun in the car.

Mr. Chesa Boudin, the embattled district attorney in office less than a year at that time, has been continually blamed - yet subsequently refused any responsibility for this event. In typical fashion, he pointed the finger at others, namely the state corrections department. Boudin asserts the department had not incarcerated McAlister for any offenses despite the fact it's *actually Boudin's own job as district attorney to prosecute and secure prison time*. The corrections department fired back at Boudin; it's your responsibility to file criminal charges against McAlister, and yet *you hadn't filed charges at all*.

McAlister had been released from prison and on parole beginning April 2020 (for a previous armed robbery), and was arrested numerous times throughout the remainder of that year, for felony carjacking, possession of burglary tools, auto burglary, parole violations, meth possession, and car theft. With each arrest, *Chesa Boudin refused to file charges in every instance*. "We evaluated the facts... and decided it was more likely that he [McAlister] would be held accountable through parole," Boudin claimed in one New Years Eve tragedy interview. Clearly Chesa was very wrong.

To many in San Francisco, experiencing the string of numerous other unpunished crimes under this DA for nearly all of 2020, the McAlister event was the last straw. *Chesa must be removed from office*.

After news of this tragedy broke and sordid details came together, the City was in shock and continued disbelief that here we have Boudin, a career *criminal defense attorney* who somehow was elected to the helm of the *prosecutor's* office of San Francisco. He had no experience whatsoever in trying a criminal case in court. He never worked to hold a perpetrator of a crime accountable; in his previous job, his specialty has been to find every excuse to see a criminal *set free*. That was his past job as Public Defender, to defend the accused. But one year into his reign as the city's top prosecutor, he refused to hold criminals accountable. He simply lets them go.

January 1st, 2021, the day after the tragedy, an urgency fell over San Francisco. Residents, business owners, tourists- even the media, were jittery and outraged that a pattern of non-prosecutions, beatings, deaths, and home and store robberies were going unpunished for nearly all of 2020. Action was needed.

The next day, an online petition was created on the popular Change.org citizen's activism platform, demanding Chesa Boudin's resignation. Within 4 days, over *ten thousand* concerned and angry citizens signed the petition. San Francisco mayor London Breed was informed of the petition signatories; Breed was provided a printout of the list of signers demanding Boudin resign. The tally ultimately reached *fifteen thousand* days after that. Yet such a petition platform

is merely a gauge of public sentiment, as the Change.org platform has no legal force of law. However, this petition was proof that sufficient enthusiasm existed to consider a full, legal recall of Boudin by the official recall process. Legal committee filings began and a strategic group formed, to get the recall moving. By February 6th, 2021, the Committee Supporting the Recall of DA Chesa Boudin was formalized as the group behind the RecallChesaBoudin.org website and enlisted 29 registered San Francisco voters to complete and sign the official *Notice of Intent* to launch a recall.

We must never forget the origins of the recall movement. Hanako Abe and Elizabeth Platt, the two innocent women killed on New Year's Eve at the hands of the paroled felon whom Chesa Boudin refused to hold accountable.

This is the impetus for our recall effort.



Hanako Abe (left) and Elizabeth Platt

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