


SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR LONDON BREED EXEMPLIFIES THE WARPED SEX-BASED CRONYISM OF SAN FRANCISCO CITY HALL

Mayor London Breed exhibited a serious lapse of judgment — and [possibly violated city ethics laws](#) — in accepting several thousand dollars worth of car-related expenses from former Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru.

 a person posing for the camera: Mayor London Breed speaks to the Chronicle editorial board on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 in San Francisco, CA.

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The mayor attempted to rationalize the arrangement by revealing in an online post that they were longtime friends, and had even dated briefly two decades ago, and the gift was in the context of that friendship.

However, their personal relationship is irrelevant to the issue at hand. The salient point is that Nuru was in charge of a large and highly visible city operation with 1,200 employees. Breed is the mayor. It is simply improper for a mayor to accept something of value from a department head whose \$273,000-a-year position is contingent, in part, on her approval of his performance.

The numbers involved are not large. Breed said Nuru arranged and then fronted the cost of repairs to her 18-year-old vehicle and a rental car while the work was being done: a total she estimated at \$5,600. She said she intended to pay him back once

she sold the apparent clunker. (Breed is paid more than \$300,000 a year.)

Still, Breed should not be taking gifts of value from any city employee, regardless of friendship.

She declined to go into detail about why she would allow thousands of dollars to go into car repairs for an aging vehicle — especially when, as mayor, the city provides her with a driver. “I’m not trying to make excuses for something I didn’t handle well,” she said.

Asked Friday why she chose to disclose the gift, Breed told us, “I did what I thought was the right thing to do by putting it out there, and it wasn’t easy because this is very personal. ... You know I’m in the world of politics. And so, unfortunately, these things have to be handled differently than if I wasn’t in politics.”

Breed was asked point blank if she had received anything else of value from Nuru: “No,” she replied.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the reaction of the mayor’s critics on the Board of Supervisors has raced ahead of the facts at hand. Supervisor Hillary Ronen immediately called for Breed’s resignation, suggesting that it would be wrong to “call out Trump for his corruption” while accepting it in San Francisco.

It’s rather absurd to compare a \$5,600 car repair with the scale and seriousness of the president’s abuses of power that included the withholding of military aid to pressure an ally under duress to investigate a political rival. But this is San Francisco, where perspective is often lost in the fray.

Breed said she would not resign — and noted that Ronen voted for Mark Farrell over her for interim mayor in January 2018 even though he had been accused of campaign finance violations in his 2016 race for supervisor. He ended up settling for a \$25,000 fine.

“Talk about the hypocrisy that continues with her,” Breed said of Ronen. “It’s just insane.”

In her blog post, Breed acknowledged that she may be “weighed down from guilt by association as a result of this episode.” Nuru recently resigned his post after being arrested on federal fraud charges. That corruption scandal has rocked City Hall and led to calls — including from Breed — for wider investigations of City Hall practices.

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◁ <https://www.snopes.com/ap/2020/01/28/san-francisco-official-charged-with-corruption-in-fbi-probe/>

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◁ <https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/san-francisco-corruption-arrests-five-schemes-explained/>

SAN FRANCISCO (KRON) — **San Francisco's** Director of Public Works and the owner of a popular Fisherman's Wharf restaurant were arrested Monday on allegations of public **corruption** related to ...

[SFO Commissioner Resigns Amid Public Corruption Scandal ...](#)

◁ <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/san-francisco/sfo-commissioner-resigns-amid-public-corruption-scandal/2223146/>

The **San Francisco** Airport commissioner caught up in an ongoing **corruption** scandal involving the city's public works director and a well-known restaurant owner resigned late Wednesday, citing ...

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< <https://apnews.com/ce43d0ec4df8031ad2d40642e2ebae71>

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[San Francisco Public Works Director Arrested On Alleged ...](#)

◁ <https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/01/28/san-francisco-public-works-director-mohammed-nuru-alleged-public-corruption/>

SAN FRANCISCO (CBS SF) — The head of **San Francisco's** Department of Public Works has been arrested on charges of public **corruption**, federal authorities said Tuesday. Public Works Director ...

[Political Corruption in San Francisco | America-Wake-Up](#)

◁ <https://america-wake-up.com/2013/09/03/political-corruption-in-san-francisco/>

Well, Bob, seems few remember the 'gold rush.' The history **San Francisco** is passing on from generation to generation would seem to be political graft and **corruption**, theft of public funds by substandard employees and leaders, business fronts in non-English, and homosexual activities.

[Lefty O'Doul's Owner Allegedly Plotted Bribe For SFO ...](#)

◁ <https://sf.eater.com/2020/1/28/21112302/lefty-odouls-gold-dust-nick-bovis-mohammad-nuru>

According to the FBI, the owner of two longstanding **San Francisco** businesses was arrested Monday for his alleged role in a newly-released city **corruption** scandal, including a bribery scheme to ...

[San Francisco Supervisors Call For Independent Probe Into ...](#)

< <https://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2020/01/30/san-francisco-supervisor-independent-probe-corruption/>

SAN FRANCISCO (CBS SF) — Several **San Francisco** supervisors are calling for a independent investigation of city departments involved in a growing **corruption** scandal. At a news conference Thursday ...

[SF corruption scandal: Your good name is worth more than a ...](#)

< <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/williesworld/article/SF-corruption-scandal-Your-good-name-is-worth-15021356.php>

If Mohammed Nuru did what he's accused of, it's hard to figure what the head of **San Francisco's** Public Works department was thinking. Nuru and restaurateur Nick Bovis are in the middle of

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[Ethics Commission Approves "San Francisco Anti-Corruption ...](#)

◁ <https://sfethics.org/ethics/2017/11/ethics-commission-approves-san-francisco-anti-corruption-and-accountability-ordinance.html>

At its regular monthly meeting on November 27, 2017, the **San Francisco** Ethics Commission gave final approval by a vote of 4-1 to recommend and transmit to the Board of Supervisors its Anti-**Corruption** and Accountability Ordinance that proposes new restrictions and public disclosure requirements on certain city officials and the interests that ...

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< <https://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2020-01-28/top-san-francisco-street-clean-up-official-arrested>

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[Corruption in San Francisco... - The Geek Club - FFToday ...](#)

◁ <https://www.fftodayforums.com/forum/topic/492269-corruption-in-san-francisco/>

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[Mohammed Nuru, head of SF Public Works, arrested in FBI ...](#)

◁ <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/mohammed-nuru-head-of-sf-public-works-arrested-by-fbi/>

"The complaint alleges **corruption** pouring into **San Francisco** from around the world," U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of California David Anderson said at a press conference detailing

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[The 'Casual Corruption' of San Francisco's Mohammed Nuru ...](#)

↳ <https://www.kqed.org/news/11799166/the-casual-corruption-of-san-franciscos-mohammed-nuru>

Mohammed Nuru has been in **San Francisco** city government for a long time. He was appointed to the Public Works department in 2000 by then-Mayor Willie Brown and eventually became the director of that department in 2011. Nuru has been accused of shady behavior at various times during his career. But

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◁ <https://www.chron.com/news/crime/article/Top-San-Francisco-street-clean-up-official-15010984.php>

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[Top San Francisco city official charged in corruption case ...](#)

◁ <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-01-28/top-san-francisco-city-official-charged-in-corruption-case>

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[San Francisco Public Works Director Charged in Corruption ...](#)

◁ <https://www.courthousenews.com/san-francisco-public-works-director-charged-in-corruption-scheme/>

SAN FRANCISCO (CN) - One of **San Francisco's** highest-ranking city government officials was arrested and federally charged Tuesday in connection to a bribery scheme. **San Francisco** Public Works director Mohammed Nuru, 57, faces charges of honest services wire fraud and lying to FBI agents. He could ...

[SF corruption probe: How long will Nuru hang on to his job ...](#)

↳ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/SF-corruption-probe-How-long-will-Nuru-hang-onto-15018126.php>

That process will also provide the answer to another central question: Will Nuru get to keep his city pension, despite accusations of **corruption** and fraud? **San Francisco** supervisors have expressed ...

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◁ <https://www.wavy.com/news/san-francisco-official-charged-with-corruption-in-fbi-probe/>

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[How San Francisco's lengthy permitting process enables ...](#)

◁ <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news-columnists/how-san-franciscos-lengthy-permitting-process-enables-corruption/>

Director of Public Works Mohammed Nuru and his accomplice Nick Bovis shouldn't be the only ones indicted in this week's FBI complaint. Nuru's arrest is an indictment of **San Francisco's** ...

[2 San Francisco police officers convicted of corruption ...](#)

◁ <https://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Two-San-Francisco-police-officers-convicted-in-5937963.php>

A **San Francisco** police **corruption** scandal, triggered by surveillance videos that appeared to show officers as thieves, registered its first verdicts Friday when a federal court jury found two ...

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< <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/10643389-181/top-san-francisco-street-clean-up>

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◁ www.wboc.com/story/41622267/san-francisco-official-charged-with-corruption-in-fbi-probe

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[San Francisco official in charge of cleaning up city's ...](#)

◁ <https://www.foxnews.com/us/san-francisco-public-works-official-arrested>

San Francisco's head of Public Works, in charge of cleaning up the city's feces-filled streets, has been arrested by the FBI on suspicion of public **corruption**.

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< <https://www.wsbtv.com/news/national/san-francisco/WRUOK3KZWFY7IFPCMZZHY5N5VU/>

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[San Francisco mayor admits past romance, \\$5G car-repair ...](#)

< <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/san-francisco-mayor-admits-past-romance-5g-car-repair-loan-from-subject-of-fbi-corruption-probe>

San Francisco Mayor London Breed on Friday admitted having a 20-year friendship and brief romantic relationship with a former city worker now under FBI investigation, prompting some to call for ...

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◁ <https://www.ksn.com/news/national-world/top-san-francisco-city-official-charged-in-corruption-case/>

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Who might be next? San Francisco's long-running political ...

◁ <https://www.latimes.com/local/california/la-me-sf-probe-20160225-story.html>

Feb 25, 2016The FBI began an undercover investigation into **corruption** and racketeering several years ago. It netted more than two dozen people — including former state Sen. Leland Yee, a **San Francisco** Democrat.

[San Francisco Director Of Public Works And Restaurateur ...](#)

◁ <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndca/pr/san-francisco-director-public-works-and-restaurateur-charged-public-corruption>

"The complaint describes a web of **corruption** involving bribery, kickbacks, and side deals by one of **San Francisco's** highest-ranking city employees," said U.S. Attorney Anderson. "The public is entitled to honest work from public officials, free from manipulation for the official's own personal benefit and profit."

FBI Arrests Top San Francisco Official Mohammed Nuru In ...

◁ <https://newsthud.com/fbi-arrests-top-san-francisco-official-mohammed-nuru-in-corruption-probe-bribery-kickbacks-side-deals/>

The FBI just arrested a very well-connected and high ranking **San Francisco** employee for "**corruption**, bribery, side deals from one of **San Francisco's** highest-ranking public employees." Mohammed Nuru was arrested last week and attempted bribery and wire fraud for a corrupt scheme to rig some airport concessions.

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[SFO Public Works Director, a/k/a "Mr. Clean," Arrested by ...](#)

◁ <https://www.redstate.com/jenvanlaar/2020/01/28/sfo-public-works-director-aka-mr.-clean-arrested-by-fbi-on-corruption-charges>

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[SF official facing corruption charge | Local News ...](#)

< https://www.smdailyjournal.com/news/local/sf-official-facing-corruption-charge/article_53e1796e-4255-11ea-8cee-bf0cc1569a08.html

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[Update] SF's Public Works Director and Local Bar Owner ...

◁ <https://sfist.com/2020/01/28/sfs-public-works-director-arrested-by-fbi-along-with-local-bar-owner/>

But he's no stranger to **corruption** charges, as the Chronicle notes, with allegations dating back to the earliest days of his employment at DPW in the early 2000s. ... the **San Francisco** League of ...

[Politics of San Francisco - Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politics_of_San_Francisco)

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In spite of its heavy liberal leanings, **San Francisco** has the highest percentage of "no party preference" voters of any California county, as of November, 2012. Campaign **corruption** is monitored by the **San Francisco** Ethics Commission and violations result in fines up to \$5,000 per violation.