

EPPS MURDER TRIAL: ACTOR **DANNY GLOVER** ATTENDS RALLY
WITH **NAACP, CLERGY**, COMMUNITY LEADERS

JUDGE TO GIVE CASTLE DOCTRINE JURY INSTRUCTION

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Supporters of celebrated Black filmmaker/journalist Kevin Epps rallied on courthouse steps, then packed court room on Friday December 5th to hear deliberations on California's "Castle Doctrine" jury instruction. Epps is on trial for murder after the 2016 fatal shooting of Marcus Polk, an intruder in his Glen Park home. **Under the Castle Doctrine**, the jury will be instructed to presume that a person reasonably fears imminent death or great bodily injury when that person encounters an intruder inside their home.

Public concern has been growing as the trial reaches its final stages. A growing list of Epps's supporters includes San Francisco and San Mateo County **NAACP Chapter Presidents Jonathan Butler and Maurice Goodman**, Retired **SFPD Captain Yolanda Williams**, **Pastors Amos Brown and Devon Crawford of Third Baptist Church**, Pastor **Aurelius Walker** of True Hope Church, Former State Senator **Mark Leno**, Former Supervisors **John Avalos** and **Dean Preston**, President of the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board William Palmer, **Rudy Corpuz** of United Playaz, and Damien Posey of Us4Us among many others.

Close to 600 people have signed a MoveOn Petition urging District Attorney BrookeJenkins to dismiss the charges.

Epps has been out on bail since charges first surfaced in 2019 after an outpouring of community support in favor of releasing him from custody. Among those who wrote letters, then Supervisor and current **CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER MATT HANEY** expressed:

"As I personally experienced in my interactions with Mr. Epps, he has consistently been a voice and an advocate for just causes. In his work and leadership, has shown himself to be an asset to the community, from his childhood home of San Francisco's Bayview-Hunter's Point and beyond."

Supporters plan to pack the court room again for the trial's closing arguments, which begin on **MONDAY, DEC. 8, 10AM - 4:30PM** at the Courthouse, 2nd Floor / Dept 13