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Accusing members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of scapegoating prostitute women to further their own political careers, a delegation of women met with board representatives this morning.

The group, led by members of Wages for Housework--San Francisco and the Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee, commemorated National Hookers' Rights Day by calling for amnesty for prostitute women now in jail and the wiping out of all police records for prostitution.

The action is the latest move by Wages for Housework in support of the San Francisco street prostitutes who have been fighting a mounting police drive against them for the last few months.

"An attack against prostitute women is an attack against all women," said Beth Ingber, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Wages for Housework Committee and for the International Wages for Housework Campaign.

"We are here representing 50 organizations from all over the world who have endorsed our statement demanding that harassment of prostitute women stop, and that all laws against prostitution be repealed," Ms. Ingber told officials.

Among the delegates were representatives of COYOTE (Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics), a Bay Area-based national organization of "prostitutes and loose women."