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**Attachments:** [Sideshow Inquiry.pdf](#)

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Dear Madam Clerk –

Please see the attached communication regarding [File No. 240844](#) – Police Code – Vehicle Sideshows (item #6 at the 10/1/24 BOS meeting), for distribution to members of the Board.

Thank you,  
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## **Background**

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 24, 2024, Supervisor Dean Preston said the findings in Mayor Breed's sideshow ordinance in [File No. 240844](#) inaccurately reference 67 vehicles impounded in connection with sideshow incidents. Supervisor Preston suggested the Board should amend the findings before the second reading of the ordinance this week.

## **Response**

Sideshows, stunt driving, dirt bike insurrections and reckless evasion are illegal and unacceptable in our city and anywhere else. The San Francisco Police Department takes each of these activities seriously.

The Department prioritizes stopping illegal activity to protect the public. When possible, officers will arrest participants and tow vehicles, but the Department also has a unit that follows up on investigations and uses evidence collected during sideshows to hold participants accountable.

To that end, the Department has seized 67 vehicles this year as of September 2024, including 8 from sideshows and 59 others for reckless evasion (when a person flees or attempts to elude a pursuing officer while driving with willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property, including street takeover maneuvers such as doughnuts and burnouts).

Both sideshows and reckless evasion undermine public safety, put bystanders at risk of injury and strain law enforcement resources. Impounding vehicles for these related activities helps combat sideshow culture and reduce dangerous driving by ensuring participants face tangible consequences.