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Supervisor Connie Chan
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Release of Reserve Holds for Fiscal Year 2025-26

Dear Chair Chan,

The Sheriff's Office respectfully requests the Budget and Finance Committee release \$1,118,828 in reserves placed on hold in the department's budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. The Budget and Finance Committee placed \$1,168,828 for the following:

1. \$50,000 reserve hold for technology project workorder.

The technology project workorder is related to the continued transition of phone lines to VoIP. The work did not occur in FY 2025-26.

2. \$25,000 reserve hold for property rent.

The Sheriff's Office is paying rent at a holdover rate at 70 Oak Grove. 70 Oak Grove is the location of the Sheriff's Office's Alternative Programs and Electronic Monitoring Program. The Sheriff's Office was paying \$39,920.90 per month but is required to pay a monthly holdover rate of \$42,000.00 per month while the Department of Real Estate negotiates a long-term lease with the landlord or identifies a suitable alternative new location.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the release of \$25,000 for property rent to cover the additional rent paid for 70 Oak Grove due to the holdover rate.

3. \$93,828 reserve hold for software licensing fees.

The budget line item associated with this reserve hold was for the \$1.5 million expansion of the Axon contract to outfit all deputies with body worn cameras. The Sheriff's Office completed the contract amendment with Axon in early April 2026. At present, the Sheriff's Office has paid \$1.45 million to Axon for the body worn camera contract. The remaining \$50K is associated with training on the use of the equipment and the Sheriff's Office is waiting for the completion of the training before paying the remainder.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the release of \$93,828 for software licensing fees to cover the expansion of body-worn cameras to all deputies.

4. \$1,000,000 in salary and fringe spending.

The \$1,000,000 reserve hold is split between the General Fund Operating (Fund 10000, \$500,000) and the Workorder Fund (Fund 10060, \$500,000)

The Sheriff's Office hired 118 deputies in FY 2025-26, well past its original goal of 75 deputies. Newly hired deputies will not be able to provide staffing relief until they have fully completed the required academy, CORE, and jail training officer curriculum. This process takes approximately 8-9 months. At the same time, the operational staffing needs have increased, with the continued expanded use of County Jail Annex (five dorms have been opened in FY 2025-26 compared to two dorms when the Annex reopened), the increase in the number of civil and juvenile court proceedings, and the increase in security services at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital.

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the release of \$1,000,000 in salary and fringe spending to cover the operational needs for personnel staffing during FY 2025-26.

The Sheriff's Office has spoken with the Budget Legislative Analyst on the matter and has provided the background and supporting documentation outlining the four release holds mentioned above. The Sheriff's Office is available to provide further details on the reserve hold requests at the surplus transfer/supplemental hearing scheduled on July 15, 2026.

Sincerely,


Patrick Leung, Chief Financial Officer
San Francisco Sheriff's Office