

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SFFD NERT Budget
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:00:17 PM
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From: George W. Dowdall <george.dowdall@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: SFFD NERT Budget

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August 26, 2020

Honorable Mayor London Breed
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Cc: Mayor's Acting Budget Director Ashley Groffenberger
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Subject: FW: Please support NERT
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From: Kimberly Thai <kimberlyreneethai@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:13 PM
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Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for NERT funding and AWSS expansion to vulnerable neighborhoods
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 3:59:56 PM

From: Morten <msarawak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Cc: Arteseros, Erica (FIR) <erica.arteseros@sfgov.org>; Dick Morten <msarawak@yahoo.com>
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Mayor London Breed

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San Francisco, CA 94102

Cc: Mayor's Acting Budget Director Ashley Groffenberger
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Dear Mayor Breed,

I and my family, Madeline and Ai Lin Morten, have been NERTs from the earliest courses following Loma Prieta. We support preparing ourselves and our community for the inevitable disaster following a major earthquake and fire.

Over the decades, we have maintained our NERT training through re-certification courses and twice a year drills. We have organized two NERT sessions for Sunset at Holy Name Church, where over 150 NERTs were certified (the pandemic disrupted planning for a third session and Stop the Bleed training). Ai Lin and I were fortunate to attend the Treasure Island fire school Advanced NERT Training (which unfortunately has been discontinued). I chaired the SPUR Disaster Preparedness Task Force which was highly supportive of expanding NERT training.

I have been a Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteer responding to numerous San Francisco incidents and national assignments such as Katrina/Rita (hard to believe it was 15 years ago) and wildfires in Northern California and San Diego.

I am strong advocate of an independent, standalone Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS) powered by an unlimited supply of saltwater rather than potable (drinking) water as proposed by the SFPUC. The Civil Grand Jury report notes the west, south and southeast neighborhoods are vulnerable to fire following an earthquake because they do not have AWSS. A conflagration is awaiting these neighborhoods unless we expeditiously expand AWSS citywide availing ourselves of unlimited seawater pumped from the Bay and Pacific. The northeast quadrant of San Francisco has AWSS why can't the other neighborhoods have a equal system?

We remained very concerned that our firefighters and other first responders will be overwhelmed when the major disaster strikes. One only needs to look how resources are stretched for major fires such as Fisherman's Wharf and South of Market (which incidentally used AWSS). In event of a major earthquake we cannot depend up mutual aid to bail us out. We will be on our own.

NERT, a pool of trained volunteers, at the neighborhood level will be a critical resource to reduce injuries, deaths and damages, and support the City as it tries to restore itself. We are concerned that NERT teams lack

essential equipment and supplies to carry out the mission they have been trained for. Berkeley has a team based equipment and supply program for their CERTs. Even in difficult fiscal times San Francisco should have a similar program.

I urge you to fully support the SFFD and NERT with the increased funding necessary to ensure that they cannot fulfill their critical lifesaving missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Morten

Sunset District

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Request for Budget Support: SFFD and NERT
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:41:14 PM
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Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:40 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SFFD NERT funding
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:58 PM

From: Stephen P. Lambe <stephenlambe@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
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Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:15 PM
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Katelyn Ellis-Hill
1253 16th Ave, San Francisco, CA 94122
303.956.8095

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Funding Support for SFFD and NERT
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:38 PM

From: Denise Spaulding <denisemspaulding@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:27 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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August 26, 2020

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City Hall, Room 200

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94104

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Denise Spaulding

NERT Member

55 Santa Clara Ave.

San Francisco, CA 94127

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support SF Fire Department and the SF NERT program
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:29 PM

From: cptbyte@aim.com <cptbyte@aim.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support SF Fire Department and the SF NERT program

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San Francisco, CA 94131

August 26, 2020

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Protect funding for SFFD and NERT to protect our community
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:22 PM

From: Dane Roth <dane.a.roth@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:00 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; RonenStaff (BOS) <ronenstaff@sfgov.org>
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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for the San Francisco Fire Department and the San Francisco NERT program
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:14 PM
Attachments: [Mayor Breed - Budget Letter_rev1_08_26_2020.pdf](#)
Importance: High

From: Carol Weinstein <crae20@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:26 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>
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Email: MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

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But we have a mission and a mandate to be on the right side of history.”

Senator John Lewis (1940-2020) z"1

Carol R. Weinstein / crae20@hotmail.com; 415-386-0153

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NERT and NERT Disaster Corps Volunteer
Outer Richmond District/ Battalion 7
San Francisco, CA

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: San Francisco Budget Information and Request
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:34:05 PM

From: Diane Rivera <dianariver@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:35 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Marstaff (BOS) <marstaff@sfgov.org>
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Diane Rivera - Carlsbad, CA

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Dear Mayor Breed,

As a former San Francisco resident and taxpayer, I am writing to express my support for the San Francisco Fire Department and the San Francisco NERT program. As a native San Franciscan and a NERT/CERT member since 2003, I know the value of having this group of citizen volunteers.

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Born, lived, worked and raised a family of 6 children in San Francisco

Relocation was due to increase in rents.

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252 Acacia Ave. # 113

Carlsbad, CA 92008

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Budget
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:33:58 PM

From: Susanna Russo <sgrdvm1@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:55 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
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Susanna Russo 852 Chenery St SF 94131

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Cc: Mayor's Budget Director Kelly Kirkpatrick
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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: San Francisco NERT Program and Funding
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:33:50 PM

From: Efren Santos-Cucalon <escucalon@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:11 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board.of.Supervisor@sfgov.org
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Efren Santos-Cucalon

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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for the SFFD and the SF NERT Program
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:33:42 PM

From: mary russell <maryerussell24@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:49 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>
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San Francisco 94123

August 26, 2020

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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please Protect SFFD & NERT Budget
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:33:28 PM

From: Nora Matulich <n_matulich@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 5:20 AM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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City Hall, Room 200
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Dear Mayor Breed,

As a Native San Franciscan and taxpayer, and as a 20-year member of the San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), I am writing to express my support for the San Francisco Fire Department and the San Francisco NERT program.

I understand that our city is in the midst of an unprecedented and difficult time. I also understand that you and our Board of Supervisors must make difficult decisions regarding how to spend precious city funds. However, I am extremely concerned about the ability of our firefighters and other first responders to meet our current challenges, and also to respond to an earthquake or other major disaster.

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Respectfully,
Nora Matulich, Crocker Amazon NERT
San Francisco, CA

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Budget for fire department
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:33:21 PM

From: yvonne keen <parkmercednert@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 6:31 AM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>
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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SF Fire and SF Nert Program
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:31:16 PM

From: Michael Snider <msnider@ccsf.edu>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Mar, Gordon (BOS) <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>
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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Keeping up with cost of living in SF
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:31:05 PM

From: Kitty K Ha <kittyhamph@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Cc: bduran@ifpte21.org
Subject: Keeping up with cost of living in SF

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Dear Leaders of San Francisco,

I urge you to reconsider deferring wage increases to City and County employees for the next two years. Freezing any wage increases is the same as taking a pay cut. As you know living standards in San Francisco are high and increasing every year. In addition, the COVID pandemic has made essential items and services such as food, and childcare more difficult to access and cost more.

I have been a civil servant for the past 7 years in addition to interning with the City while I pursued my academic degree. This is the work place I chose to enter and stay as we are the heart of the safety net that serves the most vulnerable. The work is never ending. Policies, institutions, and resources change. Our communities change. The needs of the communities change. However, our city government and the way we serve the community are slow to change. Yet, the community depends on our existence to survive. The limited resources we have to offer are lifelines to many. Our humanity, passion, and commitment to make a difference, challenge the status quo, and care for others are unchanged and show up to work with us everyday.

The COVID pandemic requires limiting contact with others, yet we show up to work and serve the people who need us. The smoky air makes working outdoors unhealthy, yet we actively go out to those who need us but are too vulnerable to commute to us. We show up to work when personal protective equipment are limited and bare the risk of safety to ourselves and spreading it to our family when we go home.

I and many of my colleagues have been called to duty as disaster service workers. We all knew it was a possibility when we agreed to work as a civil servant. Working for San Francisco, we prepare ourselves to step up when the next big earthquake hits or if the Pacific Ocean decides to throw us a tsunami. None of us imagined a global pandemic lasting for months and possibly years. Yet we are still here SHOWING UP to work day after day.

So I ask, please **SHOW UP** for us. Show us you care about us. Show us you value us. Show us you are committed to compensate us, so we can continue to afford living in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

In Solidarity,

Kitty Ha

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Budget for SFFD and NERT
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:29:52 PM

From: The Lone Liberal <Michael_Faklis@TheLoneLiberal.US>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <aaron.peskin@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>
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August 27, 2020

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Cc: Mayor's Budget Director Kelly Kirkpatrick
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Aaron Peskin

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As a Computer Scientist with years of education and experience, I've always dealt with computer security.

There is no "silver bullet" to protect your information and privacy. If there were, someone would have cracked through the protection before it even reached the market. The German's Enigma machine was cracked by Allen Turing's team by using a computer attempting brute force trial and error. Our mobile phones are figuratively a trillion times more powerful than Turing's machine. It is relatively easy to break computer security. Either study the issues for decades and act, or ask a trusted advisor for help shoring up your computer security to a level for you to feel safe, while not so secure as to prevent your use of your computer.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support the SFFD in the city budget!
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:23:54 PM

From: Casey Selden <casey_selden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
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From: Grace Chidmat <gcpatsf@yahoo.com>
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Grace Chidmat
129 Granada Avenue
San Francisco. Ca. 94112

415-584-1698

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please support SFFD and NERT
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:20:46 PM

From: Grace Chidmat <gcpatsf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Groffenberger, Ashley (MYR) <ashley.groffenberger@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; SafaiStaff (BOS) <safaistaff@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please support SFFD and NERT

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August 27, 2020

Honorable Mayor London Breed
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Cc: Mayor's Acting Budget Director Ashley Groffenberger
Budget & Appropriations Committee Member Linda Wong
San Francisco Board of Supervisors (group)
District Supervisor: Asha Safaii

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: San Francisco Fire Department | San Francisco NERT Program Support
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:29:53 PM

From: mossita65@gmail.com <mossita65@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>
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Nancy M. Mossa | mossita65@gmail.com | 415.793.5181

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City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Email: MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

CC: Mayor's Budget Director Kelly Kirkpatrick
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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Support for SFFD + NERT
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:22:43 PM
Attachments: [Mayor Breed - Budget Letter.gp.pdf](#)

From: Gary Pegueros <garypegueros@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:19 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Haney, Matt (BOS) <matt.haney@sfgov.org>
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Please see attached letter in support of the San Francisco Fire Department and the NERT Program.

Best regards,

Gary Pegueros

Gary Pegueros
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San Francisco CA 94107
Email: GaryPegueros@sbcglobal.net

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Subject: FW: SFFD & SF NERT budget
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:15:11 PM
Attachments: [Mayor Breed - Budget Letter.pdf](#)

From: Kristin Wiederholt <kristin@bkwpartners.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:27 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
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Please see attached letter.

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Kristin Wiederholt
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Kristin Wiederholt
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San Francisco, CA 94131

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristin Wiederholt', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kristin Wiederholt

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Financial support the SFFD and NERT
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:15:04 PM

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From: Tina Cen <tinacentc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>
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Email: MayorLondonBreed@sfgov.org

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Please protect SFFD & NERT budgets
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 5:14:53 PM

From: Edie Schaffer <edie_schaffer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:58 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Nert, SFFD (FIR) <sffdnert@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please protect SFFD & NERT budgets

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Dear Mayor Breed,

As a San Francisco resident and taxpayer, and as a San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) member since 2005, I am writing to express my support for the San Francisco Fire Department and the San Francisco NERT program.

I understand that our city is in the midst of an unprecedented and difficult time. I also understand that you and our Board of Supervisors must make difficult decisions regarding how to spend precious city funds. However, I am extremely concerned about the ability of our firefighters and other first responders to meet our current challenges, and also to respond to an earthquake or other major disaster.

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Since its inception after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake, NERT has trained over 30,000 residents to provide medical triage, search and rescue, and neighborhood damage assessment to assist the SFFD and the city after a disaster or emergency. NERT volunteers have been called on to provide water and information to residents of Treasure Island during prolonged water outages. We have assisted in removing bunker oil from Ocean Beach during the Cosco Busan oil spill. We have assisted at cooling centers during heat waves and have provided help with numerous tasks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Cutting the SFFD and NERT budget at this time— in the midst of a pandemic — is foolhardy and shortsighted. I urge you to fully support the SFFD and NERT with the funding necessary to ensure our city has the resources it needs to protect our residents and our future as a city.

Respectfully,
Edie Schaffer
San Francisco, CA

From: [Google Form - Comment on Proposed Budget](#)
To: [Boilard, Chelsea \(BOS\)](#); [BOS - Budget](#)
Subject: New Submission on Comment on the Proposed Budget
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:06:20 PM
Attachments: [40 Aug 26, 2020.pdf](#)

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Here are the results.

Name	Matthew Steen
Department commenting on (if applicable)	HSH, DPH, D6 Addback
Subject	Budget and Appropriations Committee 8/26/20 Public Hearing -- Departmental Budget Restorations, Supportive Housing Providers Network Add Back Request
Phone Number	415-368-6173
Email	matthew.steen@outlook.com
Verify Email	matthew.steen@outlook.com
	Dear Supervisor Fewer, Conard House, Inc. (CHI) urges your Office to support a COVID-19 disaster recovery operations fund and proposed add-backs for supportive housing providers beset with unexpected and ongoing costs related to the coronavirus.

As an example, our agency expenses over the last 6 months include repeated PPE purchases, site physical safety protocols, weekly deep cleaning for 27 housing sites, testing logistics, tele-health, hazardous pay, food security, and travel vouchers for essential on-call employees to/from work before and after MUNI/BART service hours. Our 27 cooperative and supportive housing sites and 3 rep payee service centers have all required major unfunded reconfigurations to reach compliance with existing Public Health Officer SIP Orders.

Some of these sudden and exigent costs are reflected in the add-back requests for our 3 HSH master-lease hotels (Allen, Aranda McAllister), part of the larger request of the Supportive Housing Provider Network and Budget Justice Coalition (see attachment at #342-344). Conard House feels that the SHPN, Human Services Network, Budget Justice Coalition and our budget requests easily meets the core city service priorities described in your recent budget statements. Funding these add-back proposals, in tandem with an SHP COVID-19 recovery fund, will help cure the structural deficits existing in pre-COVID-19 non-profit contracts, now growing worse by the month and replete with uncertainty in the coming fiscal years.

Conard House also strongly supports efforts to preserve the MCO ordinance and living wage increases all of us worked so hard to create last year. The Mayor's August 14 memo to the Budget and Appropriations Committee stated her intent to defer an MCO increase in FY 20-21 and partially fund it in the second year of the next budget cycle. We feel it is both unfair and short-sighted to deny a minimal cost of living wage increase to these most essential of frontline non-profit workers.

Comments

These are already the lowest-paid workers, staffing critical 'after-hours' posts throughout our social safety net programs. In order to find replacement desk clerks, CHI is forced to offer 'hazard pay' to recruit and retain critical staff, a cost deemed not reimbursable under our current contracts by a recent Controller's Office memorandum to the Board of Supervisors. We ask that your Office look into this disparity, one that is a barrier to effective staff recruitment. Additionally, there is ongoing need to address wage compression that resulted from implementing MCO.

We further urge a 3% CODB for human service agencies, pointing out that the City determines COLA increases for its staff based upon Moody's annual SMSA cost-of living index, currently set at 3.09%. Provision of an increase to

city staff while ignoring the great risk and increased costs non-profit contractors and staff have taken, in harm's way during a declared public health emergency, is both inequitable and seems unconscionable.

CHI is a 24/7 operation, deemed an essential healthcare service by Department of Public Health in response to the pandemic. Due to the nature of our aging-in-place, medically-compromised formerly homeless residents, we feel it is incumbent upon the city to proactively support essential non-profit service providers, keeping vulnerable populations safer while preventing community spread of COVID-19.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your attention and hard work. Stay safe.

Matthew

Matthew Steen
Senior Advisor
Public Policy/Strategic Planning
Conard House, Inc.

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San Francisco, CA 94105
415-864-7833

Name	Matthew Steen
Department commenting on (if applicable)	HSH, DPH, D6 Addback
Subject	Budget and Appropriations Committee 8/26/20 Public Hearing -- Departmental Budget Restorations, Supportive Housing Providers Network Add Back Request
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Dear Supervisor Fewer,

Conard House, Inc. (CHI) urges your Office to support a COVID-19 disaster recovery operations fund and proposed add-backs for supportive housing providers beset with unexpected and ongoing costs related to the coronavirus. As an example, our agency expenses over the last 6 months include repeated PPE purchases, site physical safety protocols, weekly deep cleaning for 27 housing sites, testing logistics, tele-health, hazardous pay, food security, and travel vouchers for essential on-call employees to/from work before and after MUNI/BART service hours. Our 27 cooperative and supportive housing sites and 3 rep payee service centers have all required major unfunded reconfigurations to reach compliance with existing Public Health Officer SIP Orders.

Some of these sudden and exigent costs are reflected in the add-back requests for our 3 HSH master-lease hotels (Allen, Aranda McAllister), part of the larger request of the Supportive Housing Provider Network and Budget Justice Coalition (see attachment at #342-344). Conard House feels that the SHPN, Human Services Network, Budget Justice Coalition and our budget requests easily meets the core city service priorities described in your recent budget statements. Funding these add-back proposals, in tandem with an SHP COVID-19 recovery fund, will help cure the structural deficits existing in pre-COVID-19 non-profit contracts, now growing worse by the month and replete with uncertainty in the coming fiscal years.

Conard House also strongly supports efforts to preserve the MCO ordinance and living wage increases all of us worked so hard to create last year. The Mayor's August 14 memo to the Budget and Appropriations Committee stated her intent to defer an MCO increase in FY 20-21 and partially fund it in the second year of the next budget cycle. We feel it is both unfair and short-sighted to deny a minimal cost of living wage increase to these most essential of frontline non-profit workers.

Comments

These are already the lowest-paid workers, staffing critical 'after-hours' posts throughout our social safety net programs. In order to find replacement desk clerks, CHI is forced to offer 'hazard pay' to recruit and retain critical staff, a cost deemed not reimbursable under our current contracts by a recent Controller's Office memorandum to the Board of Supervisors. We ask that your Office look into this disparity, one that is a barrier to effective staff recruitment. Additionally, there is ongoing need to address wage compression that resulted from implementing MCO.

We further urge a 3% CODB for human service agencies, pointing out that the City determines COLA increases for its staff based upon Moody's annual SMSA cost-of living index, currently set at 3.09%. Provision of an increase to city staff while ignoring the great risk and increased costs non-profit contractors and staff have taken, in harm's way during a declared public health emergency, is both inequitable and seems unconscionable.

CHI is a 24/7 operation, deemed an essential healthcare service by Department of Public Health in response to the pandemic. Due to the nature of our aging-in-place, medically-compromised formerly homeless residents, we feel it is incumbent upon the city to proactively support essential non-profit service providers, keeping vulnerable populations safer while preventing community spread of COVID-19.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your attention and hard work. Stay safe.

Matthew

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Hello Supervisors and Legislative Aides,

On behalf of the fifteen nonprofits represented in the Supportive Housing Providers Network, we are writing to summarize our urgent budget ask:

1. Fully fund the Budget Justice Coalition ask.
2. Fund a 3% CODB.
3. Fund the Supportive Housing COVID Operations fund to support much needed additional janitorial, safety supplies, and incentive pay for our most essential workers.
4. Support a fair wage that mirrors that afforded City and SIP hotel providers as a step towards equity for all essential workers – the SIP hotels have a minimum of \$24/hour.
5. Allocate funds to ensure employment options and training for people experiencing homelessness

Thank you for all of your work on the budget and so much more. Take good care.

Best,

Doug Gary & Tramecia Garner

Co-Chairs, Supportive Housing Providers Network

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Attached is LTF public comment.

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Meeting ID:146 351 5423 Budget & Appropriations Committee
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:23:53 PM

From: Ron Perez <rperetz@stp-sf.org>
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Honorable Board Members,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

My name is Ron Perez and I grew up along with my cousin Manual "Chick" Najara in the 12th & Folsom St. neighborhood of San Francisco.

I graduated from Jefferson High Daly City, and he from San Francisco's Mission High.

We both served in Viet Nam. Sadly he was killed on his second tour in Viet Nam and is buried at the San Francisco Presidio.

I am an original founding member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Council, which is now a Commission.

Ten years ago I was asked by the San Francisco Sheriff's Dept. to assist with the development of a special housing unit for criminal justice involved veterans.

I had recently retired from the Sheriff's Community Services Division.

The Sheriff's Dept. partnered with the Veterans Administration, numerous community providers and "COVER" the Community of Veterans Engaged in Restoration was developed and implemented with in custody services provided by Swords-to-Plowshares. This program showed the need for a Veterans Justice Court, which

is currently one of the most successful community courts. For the past 8 years I have been the on site manager of the COVER program and am honored to report COVER has been replicated by more than 100 institutions across America.

But this is not why I write to you today.

I started in the San Francisco Sheriff's Dept in a unique college intern program.

This was under Sheriff Richard Hongisto. His philosophy was that the people in our jails are a part of our community, will return to our community, and we must have the community involved. He also insisted that the Sheriff's Dept. staff reflect the community. This philosophy continued and expanded under the leadership of Sheriff

Michael Hennessy. The San Francisco Sheriff's Dept. has always been at the forefront of alternatives to incarceration, getting the men and women in our jails into treatment,

game full education, stabilization, family reunification.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Dept has and continues to be a National Model of what Community Policing should be. I have witness and been a part of it first hand beginning August.1, 1975. Please allow the Sheriff of San Francisco to continue to show our Nation how it can be done.

thank you,

Ron Perez | *COVER Coordinator*

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Subject: FW: Public Comment to Budget and Appropriations Committee
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:10:24 AM

From: Virginia Cheung <virginia.cheung@wuyee.org>
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Subject: Public Comment to Budget and Appropriations Committee

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Greetings Board of Supervisors,

My name is Virginia Cheung, Director of Advancement of Wu Yee Children's Services. I am a parent of a young child, and I live in Visitacion Valley. Wu Yee is part of the API Council's ask which includes 23 expiring programs for a total of \$2 million.

Our program for immigrant families outreach and resource support in southeast neighborhoods with the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs is one of the 23 expiring programs at risk. This program enables Wu Yee to build the capacity of our child care Resource and Referral services for underserved, vulnerable, linguistically isolated immigrant families with young children, by increasing our outreach and direct consumer education related to child care services and available payment support options to serve over 2,000 clients in San Francisco. District 10 alone represents over half of all children ages 0-5 who are eligible for subsidized child care. 84% of the infant population in District 10 do not have a licensed child care slot.

At this time of crisis, helping families in most need find access to affordable quality child care resources is essential to their health, safety and economic recovery. We are requesting the restoration of the \$100K cut to this vital program.

In addition, I urge you to reinstate the cuts from the OECE that Wu Yee experienced to our Family Child Care Quality Network, our R&R and child care subsidies programs totalling \$1.3 million dollars and jeopardizing our ability to support these critical services. Child care educators and businesses were already in crisis before the pandemic. They need more support now to ensure the safety of our youngest citizens and to support San Francisco's working families. Let's not fail our children before they've even reached kindergarten.

Thank you for your consideration of our child care educators, working families and young children.

Kind regards,

Virginia

Virginia Cheung

Director of Advancement

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: FW: HIV Funding in the City Budget
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:02:35 AM

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August 24, 2020

Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

Hello, my name is Dominik Mollica. I've been a resident of San Francisco for 38 years and I've been HIV Positive for 32 of them. I was then diagnosed with full blown AIDS in 2003. I also have other health issues including Bipolar Disorder, COPD, and PTSD.

Housing is a human right and housing is directly proportional to good health. Eight years ago I was traumatically evicted from my rent controlled apartment of 18 years and I ended up homeless for 6 months.

As it is, housing subsidies are vital for disabled people in this city that has become extraordinarily expensive to live in. I am now a resident and on the Board of Directors for Marty's Place Affordable Housing Corporation, the first self-managing non-profit co-op for low income HIV people, here in the Mission District. I would no longer be able to afford to live here without a housing subsidy.

I did not go into a Shelter when I was homeless. I was too scared to, but I do acknowledge the necessity for them because I've known others who also lost their home and became homeless and needed a Shelter. This was true even before and now during the COVID pandemic.

I also see the necessity for Supervised Consumption Sites after volunteering for Harm Reduction Services.

I am 63 years old and on Social Security benefits. I am unable to work but I have been volunteering for HIV and other organizations.

Though it took me 5 Years to get the help I needed, I am thankful that I've been getting EMDR Therapy to help with trauma for 3 years now. People have noticed the difference in me. I don't get triggered as much, I'm more responsive now rather than reactionary, and I've managed to more so emotionally detach myself from the traumatic events. The therapy has in effect helped me to let go of said traumatic events and be more present and once again of service to others.

It is sometimes hard to get good medical and legal help, so I also think funds should be allocated for both physical and mental services to help people heal, and for legal services to help people fight evictions and fight for justice.

Thank you for listening and for your time and for all the work you do. I hope you are all well. Please stay safe and please be kind to yourself and others.

Sincerely,
Dominik Mollica

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comments on Budget cuts and layoffs
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:02:19 AM

From: Davis-Jackson, Sheila (DPH) <sheila.davis-jackson@sfdph.org>
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Subject: Comments on Budget cuts and layoffs

Good morning Supervisors, my name is Sheila Davis-Jackson I am a member of Local 21.

I am a Health Program Coordinator II with the City and County of San Francisco.

My job now is, as a DSW Staffing Lead at the Medical Branch where I coordinate **On Boarding of Medical staff at one of the busy ACC (auxiliary care clinic) sites.**

I'm in shock that we are now being asked to choose between our jobs and our ability to survive in the Bay Area with a Pandemic!

If I'm unable to afford the cost of living in the Bay Area how can I continue to serve the public during this Pandemic and beyond?

The City has 1 Billion dollars in reserve thanks to unfilled job vacancies since 2008.

We've agreed to a 6-month deferment of our cost of living allowance. Each deferment put employees behind in gaining wealth.

50 Million dollars has been saved during this fiscal year alone.

Isn't it time the City use that 1-Billion-dollar reserve for its essential workers?
We helped build this, reserve.

We are cut to the bone, have given-given-given ,our fair share time after time.

In order to survive this Pandemic you need us, your workers to be able to survive in the Bay Area and continue delivering much needed services.

There should be no more budget cuts or layoffs.

Let us continue to serve the public in this Pandemic.

If as you say, we are "heroes" then show it!
Invest in us.

Thank you.

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Subject: Fwd: Request to Invest in Support Networks and Defund SFPD
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Subject: Request to Invest in Support Networks and Defund SFPD

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Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

I am Audrey Benson, a current resident of District 9. On Wednesdays and Fridays I volunteer with a group called Food Not Bombs where we cook and serve food to the unhoused folks in my neighborhood in the Mission. Two weeks ago one of my unhoused friends passed away due to a drug overdose. After being incarcerated, he was spat out by the system and stuck in the streets. He was not given the tools he needed to live and thrive in our society because they were not invested in by the city. In SF there are over 300 deaths each year from drug overdoses, with an increased rate of overdoses since the beginning of Shelter in Place. Unhoused folks are particularly at risk. We need to do more to protect our neighbors.

Therefore I ask that you please consider the following changes to the city budget:

- 1. Expand shelter for the LGBTQ Community (\$400,000)!** This request will support a much-needed expansion of Jazzie's Place, for a total of 80 beds, with 26 of them prioritized for the transgender community, *specifically transgender women of color, who experience the highest levels of discrimination, harassment, and violence.*
- 2. Fund supervised consumption sites (\$2,000,000)!** Data consistently demonstrates that OPS are effective at preventing overdose-related deaths, HIV and hepatitis infections, public drug use, discarded syringes, and overdose deaths. Let's set an example for this country by taking on practical, human based approaches to tackling our overdose epidemics - similar to when we showed leadership by funding needle exchanges!
- 3. DEFUND the Police (the whole budget)!** With revised supervisor budget cuts we are only at around 5-7%, while other departments are seeing cuts of 12-17% from COVID. This is simply not enough. The SFPD continues to harm communities of color despite reforms. Last

year, Black people made up only 5% of the City's population, but accounted for almost 40% of all police searches and ~50% of the jail population.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Audrey Benson

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Fwd: Police Department Budget
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Subject: Police Department Budget

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For the members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Dear Supervisors Fewer, Walton, Mandelman, Yee and Ronen:

Please do not further reduce the number of police officers in San Francisco. Crimes like burglaries and homicide are up while our police staffing is low due to a record number of retirements and resignations. Yet the movement to defund the police continues to call for even fewer police in San Francisco.

The New York Times recently featured SFPD as a model of reform. We can embrace more reforms. We can shift police calls away from situations best suited for social workers. We can value a diverse police force while ensuring they serve the community at the highest standard. This requires investment.

Arbitrarily cutting beat officers will not make SFPD better or residents safer. We still need police to protect the public and we can't forget about victims of crime.

Sincerely,

David Troup
20-year Duboce Triangle resident and homeowner

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Priorities for SF budget

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1. fully funding muni
2. repairing our roads
3. Maintain our infrastructure
4. Support small businesses

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Members of the Budget and Appropriations committee:

Supervisors Sandra Lee Fewer, Shamann Walton, Rafael Mandelman, Norman Yee, and Hilary Roman:-

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about victims of crime.

Sincerely,
Diana Eng
San Francisco SUNSET Neighborhood

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Fwd: Fully support our police
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Subject: Fully support our police

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1. Support our police fully. I support some reform with the police dep. but don't cut their budget nor their numbers. We need them more than ever.

Kenneth Michael Koehn
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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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TO MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
(Hon. Sandra Lee Fewer, Sharman Walton, Rafael Mandelman, Norman Yee, and Hilary Rosen):

In a recent FBI ranking, San Francisco was ranked 107th on the list of the number of sworn police officers per resident (26.4) in U.S. cities with a population of 25,000 or more. (But even that lowly ranking was based on a significantly inflated, false number — 2296 — of officers. We have never, ever had 2296 SFPD officers.)

Based on our Charter's required number (1971) of officers San Francisco would be a in 216th place (216TH PLACE (!!!) — on that list.

THOSE RANKINGS, BY THEMSELVES, ARE UTTERLY SHAMEFUL.

BUT WORSE STILL, THOSE RANKINGS DO NOT FACTOR IN THAT — UNLIKE MOST OTHER CITIES ON THE FBI'S LIST — OUR CITY'S POPULATION HUGELY INCREASES EVERY DAY BY SCORES OF THOUSANDS OF TOURISTS AND COMMUTERS. SO THE EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF OFFICERS PER RESIDENT AND VISITOR WOULD PUT US MUCH, MUCH LOWER THAN 216TH PLACE.

As determined by the City Hall study on SFPD staffing reported in February this year: WE NEED AT LEAST 200 MORE — NOT FEWER — SFPD OFFICERS TO PROTECT US.

This conclusion is doubly compelling because crimes like burglaries and homicides are up AND the SFPD staffing level has recently been decimated by so many officers either retiring or leaving to work in the police departments in other cities.

DECREASING THE NUMBER OF SFPD OFFICERS WOULD PUT MORE OF US AT RISK

AND WOULD CONSTITUTE
A BREACH OF YOUR DUTY TO ENSURE THAT SF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS CAN BE
PROTECTED.

PLEASED DO NOT recommend to your colleagues a budget that would decrease the number of
SFPD officers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Fortune
3579 Pierce Street

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: POLICE BUDGET

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hello

As a resident of San Francisco for 15 years this month I have seen the city becoming more and more dangerous. I had my house broken into it, my car 's window broken many times .. I run a family childcare home and I do not feel safe anymore going in the streets with my students. And now I am hearing that the city wants to cut police 's budget? Hell no, I will move out of the city if this thing happens. The homelessness and crimes are up in the city. I live in Midtown terrace and every single day I hear something (burglary, car broken , stolen package etc.. are happening) in the neighborhood . Having less police is dangerous , who should I call if I , as a woman , living alone , someone is attacking me or my students? Have you been downtown? Have you seen what is going on? you can't walk market or surrounding streets safely for many years. And as a business I have to pay taxes to entertain criminals who are not even condemned by justice after they commit a misdemeanor. My supervisor Lee, is incompetent. I have an issue with my neighbor growing dozens of cannabis plants , and the city and him won't do anything , even if what he does is illegal. He beats his wife sometimes; you think someone would come when the neighbors call? This would be my last school year in san Francisco and I am moving out of this unruled city . this city is a dump . You politic people are incompetent , beyond belief! I am done giving my money to this city, and receiving nothing in counterpart , not even police protection anymore
Marylene Aubin

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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to :

Supervisors Sandra Lee Fewer, Shamann Walton, Rafael Mandelman, Norman Yee, and Hillary Ronen.

As a resident of San Francisco for 15 years this month I have seen the city becoming more and more dangerous. I had my house broken into it, my car 's window broken many times .. I run a family childcare home and I do not feel safe anymore going in the streets with my students. And now I am hearing that the city wants to cut police 's budget? Hell no, I will move out of the city if this thing happens. The homelessness and crimes are up in the city. I live in Midtown terrace and every single day I hear something (burglary, car broken , stolen package etc.. are happening) in the neighborhood . Having less police is dangerous , who should I call if I , as a woman , living alone , someone is attacking me or my students? Have you been downtown? Have you seen what is going on? you can't walk market or surrounding streets safely for many years. And as a business I have to pay taxes to entertain criminals who are not even condemned by justice after they commit a misdemeanor. My supervisor Yee, is incompetent. I have an issue with my neighbor growing dozens of cannabis plants , and the city and him won't do anything , even if what he does is illegal. He beats his wife sometimes; you think someone would come when the neighbors call? This would be my last school year in san Francisco and I am moving out of this unrulid city . this city is a dump . You politic people are incompetent , beyond belief! I am done giving my money to this city, and receiving nothing in counterpart , not even police protection anymore
Marylene Aubin

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget Item Proposal by Castro Concerned Citizens
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:43:08 PM

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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 6:54:41 AM
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Subject: Budget Item Proposal by Castro Concerned Citizens

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Hello, my name is John Goldsmith. I am a 29 year San Francisco resident. For this year's budget item proposal, I would like to humbly suggest that the street parks program by Public Works get expanded, as well as stopping the Friends of Harvey milk Plaza (fhmp), headed by Senator Scott Wiener.

Money should be used to improve and renovate the historic Castro Station, not demolish/replace . The fhmp agenda is purely money motivated and a disservice to all.

Thank you,
John Goldsmith

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Safety Budget Discussion | 24 August 2020 - 10:00 AM
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:42:42 PM

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Subject: Public Safety Budget Discussion | 24 August 2020 - 10:00 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors -

SFPD is 159 full-duty officers short of the City Charter mandate of 1,971
San Francisco crime rates are 141% higher than the national average
Violent crimes in San Francisco are 82% higher than the national average
In San Francisco each one of us have a 1 in 17 change of becoming a victim of crime [San Francisco, CA Crime Rates & Map](#)
San Francisco crime rates are 141% higher than the national average
Violent crimes in San Francisco are 82% higher than the national average
There are approximately 2000 911 calls/day in San Francisco; these all must be responded to within 10 seconds
SFPD officers are leaving the force in record numbers

Residents, tourists, and large conventions are already avoiding so many areas of San Francisco due to crime and squalor. Do not remove the part of this city that actually does the most difficult, stressful, and dangerous work day in and day out, while the rest of us rest peacefully in our homes and offices.

Fund SFPD in FULL!

Please support our officers and safety staff and confirm receipt of this email.

Neighbors of Portola Drive, San Francisco (Twin Peaks/Midtown Terrace/Ingleside region)

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget Recs from LTC Housing Task Force
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:42:07 PM
Attachments: [LTC Housing TF Budget Needs for Seniors & Disabled People.docx](#)

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Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Jalipa, Brent (BOS) <brent.jalipa@sfgov.org>
Subject: FW: Budget Recs from LTC Housing Task Force

From: Jessica Lehman <jessica@sdaction.org>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 12:35 PM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Budget Recs from LTC Housing Task Force

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Dear Supervisors and aides,

The Long Term Care Housing Task Force, a coalition of multiple organizations affiliated with the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, asks you to consider the attached budget priorities (also pasted below). Sorry for sending this late, but we know you have already heard about these issues from other groups and want to lend our voice. Thank you!

Best,

Jessica

Jessica Lehman (she/her), Executive Director
Senior & Disability Action * www.sdaction.org

Budget Needs to keep seniors and disabled people out of facilities and institutions

From the Long Term Care Housing Task Force
Affiliated with the San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council

Member organizations: Senior & Disability Action, Independent Living Resource Center, AIDS Legal Referral Panel, Institute on Aging, Brilliant Corners, API Legal Outreach, Ombudsman, Rebuilding Together, and more

- 1) Permanent supportive housing for people currently living in shelter-in-place hotels, as well as people ready to exit Laguna Honda and other care facilities
 - A huge number of people in shelter-in-place hotels are seniors and people with disabilities. They MUST NOT return to shelters or the streets after funding ends for hotel rooms, which are unsafe in terms of COVID-19, likely to send people back to the hospital, and inhumane.
 - A disproportionate number of unhoused people are Black, indigenous, and people of color. According to Margot Kushel's study, *The View from Outside*, 36% of homeless people in San Francisco are Black, while Black people constitute only 6% of the overall population. Making sure that people do not go to the streets is a racial justice issue.
 - Residents are calling for permanent supportive housing in different parts of the city, not only in the Tenderloin.

- 2) Care and case management
 - Considering that there are not enough spaces available in supportive housing buildings, care and case management is critical for working with people in independent housing.
 - Care and case managers, with lower caseloads, can help people retain housing, act as advocates at medical visits and mental health appointments, and access services and resources needed to keep people off the streets, out of institutions, and thriving.
 - Care and case management should include a coordinated team of ombudsmen, IHSS, community engagement peer advocates, social workers, intensive case management, psychologists, patient advocates and medical providers.

- 3) Rental subsidies for seniors and people with disabilities
 - These subsidies were first funded a few years ago and have been incredibly successful in helping people afford to stay in their units.
 - Seniors and people with disabilities often live on SSI or Social Security, which do not allow one to afford most "affordable" housing. And there are seldom housing slots available, so it is critical that people who are in market housing can stay there.
 - Of the huge number of seniors who are homeless, many became homeless after being evicted from housing.
 - Evictions hit Black, indigenous, and people of color disproportionately. Rental subsidies are a simple and clear way to prevent evictions and strive towards racial justice.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: SUBJECT: Oppose Cuts in Police Budget
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:41:56 PM

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From: SHARP <sharp@sharpsf.com>
Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 1:44:15 PM
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Cc: SFPD, Commission (POL) <SFPD.Commission@sfgov.org>
Subject: SUBJECT: Oppose Cuts in Police Budget

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August 21, 2020

Dear Supervisors:

SHARP (Sunset Heights Association) strongly opposes the proposed budget cuts to the SFPD that directly impact its training programs and staffing levels in this coming fiscal year 2020-21 as proposed by Mayor London Breed. SHARP represents more than 170 members in Districts 7 and 5.

San Francisco needs to continue to fund police training to implement reforms in use of force and de-escalation policies, including implicit bias training. We need to recruit, hire, and train a diverse force of new officers committed to reform and community-based policing. This cannot be done with these proposed budget cuts to training and staffing levels in the coming year without harm to public safety.

Transferring some police duties to social and community services and creating programs to take tens of thousands of non-violent mental health and homeless cases out of the hands of the SFPD cannot be done in a flip of a switch. It needs careful planning, infrastructure, hiring and training of new staff over a period of several months if not years. Failure to thoughtfully plan and coordinate emergency service operations changes between departments will result in the loss of lives and property.

While racial inequality and police misconduct are real in America, now more than ever we need to invest in recruiting and training new community-oriented police officers. Because without an adequate staffed and trained police force, overstretched officers become overworked and stressed – making split-second use-of-force decisions even more difficult. Now is not the time to reduce the number of officers needed to keep our vulnerable residents safe. San Francisco especially needs police that all our communities can trust to protect them from criminals.

San Francisco is currently experiencing a _dramatic upsurge in murders and other serious crimes_. Homicides are up by 30% this year with more than 30 San Franciscans murdered; Burglaries have risen a steep 42 percent; Arson is up 44%; Car thefts are up 30%. Already inadequate police staffing to investigate crimes and enforce the rule of law during a pandemic contributes to these disturbing crime trends.

Yes, we acknowledge the appropriateness of transferring responsibility for certain mental health and homeless service calls from the police while proportionately reducing SFPD funding over time. However, we feel it would be a mistake to make those changes precipitously and to expect that the departments of Public Health and Homelessness and Supportive Housing would be ready to fully assume those duties in October or even six months later. Over time, this can be accomplished. __

That is why _we support_ the transfer of funds from the SFPD in _fiscal year 2021-22_ as proposed by Mayor Breed, but _not_ in the coming FY. The change proposed for FY 2021-22 has our support if accompanied by thoughtful and careful planning. We urge you to _oppose_ the level of budget cuts proposed for the SFPD in fiscal year 2020-21 21 that would directly impact its training programs and staffing levels, while carefully planning a shift of responsibilities accompanied by cuts in the following year (FY 2021-22).

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Sunset Heights Association of Responsible People (SHARP)

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Police Budget
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Sent: Friday, August 21, 2020 3:49:52 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Police Budget

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Dear Supervisors Fewer, Walton, Mandelman, Yee and Ronan:

I cannot understand why San Francisco is not standing up to take a bow at this point, since we are already one of the most progressive departments in the country. Rather than jumping on a bandwagon to see what area can defund the police more, why are we not publicly lauding all the changes that have been made in the past 8 years at the academy and in the department. In order for all citizens of San Francisco to be safe and to preserve their property, especially citizens living in low income – high crime areas, I believe we need more police officers, not less.

Thank you.

Laura Van Zandt

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: HESPA Budget Request: SUPPORT!
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:41:35 PM
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Subject: HESPA Budget Request: SUPPORT!

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Dear Chair Fewer and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Compass Family Services is proud to support the FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 budget request put forth by the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA). Compass Family Services is a member of HESPA, a coalition of 30 community-based agencies founded in 2012. HESPA members have deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis. HESPA puts the collective interest and the wellbeing of unhoused San Franciscans at the heart of its work, and fights for human dignity, racial equity, and economic justice in our homeless response system.

Compass Family Services provides housing, support, and hope to the families and children navigating the profound hardships of homelessness. In San Francisco, HUD counts 631 people in 208 homeless families, but the SFUSD has identified between 1,806 and 2,515 homeless children in the city. Compass Family Services served 2,584 families in FY 2019-2020, and we have increased service delivery by 40% to

meet basic and desperate needs for shelter, food, and diapers since the pandemic hit in March.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the depth of the simultaneous pandemics of poverty and racism, and the effects continue to be more devastating in communities of color around the globe and across the country. In San Francisco, more than 80% of homeless families are families of color. Nearly 80% of homeless families are headed by single moms, and 80% of moms experiencing homelessness have also experienced violence. Amidst the existing economic inequality and housing affordability gap, stakeholders across the City are grappling with hard choices, worse and worsening options, and every day the crisis deepens.

The City's 2019 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count & Survey (PIT Count) found more than 8,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco at any one time, a nearly 20 percent increase from 2017.^[1] Furthermore, the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2020 report, *Out of Reach*, documents that San Francisco is the most expensive metropolitan county in the United States.^[2] The report also states that the hourly wage needed to afford the median cost of a two-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is over \$64--nearly three times the national average, and almost double the state average. Given that the median monthly cost of a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is \$3,450, while those working minimum-wage jobs in the city make monthly incomes of only \$2,702,^[3] the economic consequences of COVID-19 will only make it harder for low-income families to meet their basic needs. With the rapid escalation of lost wages and other hardships among lower-earning families, we must prepare ourselves for more difficult days ahead.

Bold action is needed more than ever to combat homelessness, and this year's HESPA proposal reflects some of the best thinking in our local field regarding modest investments that can yield significant results in the short term, and continue to lay the groundwork for the additional structural investments that are necessary to overcome the crisis. The proposal is the result of a careful, data-driven analysis to assess our current housing and homeless system, identify service gaps, and tap into the experience and creativity of our providers to determine the most cost-effective solutions. Perhaps most importantly, efforts must start now to build the community-based workforce infrastructure we need to take full advantage of increased housing and service resources stimulated by Proposition C investments.

Despite the successes enabled by the City's investments in the homeless service system, significant gaps persist that result in increased street-based homelessness, unmet mental health needs among homeless people and families with children, and a lack of housing exits from the existing emergency shelter system. Increased housing subsidies, behavioral health services, and prevention and workforce investments are needed to keep pace with the scope of the crisis.

This year, we can build on past successes through an infusion of \$22,929,879 million in new and baseline funding for FY 2020-21 and \$19,577,450 in FY 2021-22 to reach an additional 5,800 homeless adults, youth, and families. Funding HESPA's proposal will provide the tools to both prevent homelessness and create exits out of homelessness, while ensuring adequate emergency, behavioral health, and

employment resources for those forced to remain on the streets.

As always, thank you for your principled leadership, but especially now, when your vision for a fair, just, and equitable San Francisco is needed most.

Warmly,

Mary Kate Bacalao

Director of External Affairs & Policy

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: 8/24/20 Budget Appropriations Committee Meeting-- Public Comment for Annual Budget for FYs 20-21, 21-22
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Cc: Haneystaff (BOS) <haneystaff@sfgov.org>; Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: 8/24/20 Budget Appropriations Committee Meeting-- Public Comment for Annual Budget for FYs 20-21, 21-22

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Dear Budget and Appropriations Committee Supervisors Fewer, Mandelman, Ronen, Walton and Yee,

As a 27-year resident of district 6, I am writing to urge your support for the Mayor's Homelessness Recovery Plan as well as her Behavioral Health Street Crisis Teams as baseline programs, and to expand the number of crisis teams if feasible; the proposed four teams is insufficient given the breadth and depth of the crisis of the people suffering on our sidewalks. This is a defining humanitarian crisis, and has been for more than a decade.

Thank you for all each of you do.

Respectfully,

Alice Rogers
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[Alice Rogers](#)
[President, South Beach|Rincon|Mission Bay NA*](#)
[415.543.6554](#)

* For neighborhood identification only; this letter is a personal request

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: KIND Public comment for 8/24/20 Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing
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Subject: KIND Public comment for 8/24/20 Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing

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Dear Ms. Wong,

Attached, please find Kids in Need of Defense's (KIND) public comment for the City and County of San Francisco 8/24/20 Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing, in support of the MOHCD funding recommendations for the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC). Please let me (cliou@supportkind.org) or Katie Annand, Managing Attorney of the San Francisco and Fresno offices (kannand@supportkind.org) know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best regards,

Cindy C. Liou, Esq.

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Please note that I am working remotely.

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August 21, 2020

Board of Supervisors
Budget & Appropriations Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) Public Comment in Support of the MOHCD Funding Recommendations for the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC) Funding

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) provides the following written comment for the City and County of San Francisco Budget and Appropriations Committee Hearing for August 24, 2020. KIND writes on behalf of its work, as well as a member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC).

We thank the leadership that the City and County of San Francisco has displayed in supporting immigrants' rights and some of the most vulnerable members of our community. We request that the Board of Supervisors approve the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's (MOHCD) recommendation of \$3,681,476 in funding for SFILDC for October 2020 through June 2021 and restore the \$182,000 in funding that was cut from the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN) in the 2020-2021 recommendations.

Founded in 2008, KIND is the leading 501c3 nonprofit organization in the country providing free legal representation to children who enter the U.S. immigration system alone. KIND's vision is a world in which children's rights and well-being are protected as they migrate alone in search of safety. To achieve this mission, KIND ensures that no child appears in immigration court without high quality legal representation; advances laws, policies, and practices that ensure children's protection and uphold their right to due process and fundamental fairness; and promotes, in countries of origin, transit, and destination, durable solutions to child migration that are grounded in the best interests of the child and ensure that no child is forced to involuntarily migrate. With headquarters in Washington, DC, KIND is a national organization with field and satellite offices in, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Falls Church (Virginia), El Paso, Fresno, Houston, Mexico City, Newark, New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, and Tijuana, all of which implement local initiatives to support KIND's main program area of Legal Programs. KIND's San Francisco field office and Fresno satellite office opened in February and April of 2016, respectively.

KIND joined SFILDC in 2016. KIND is proud to be a member of this collaborative and join with its many other dedicated partners to provide high quality legal services for some of the most vulnerable members of our community through direct legal representation, training, and mentoring of other legal service providers and pro bono partners.

Attached, KIND includes a timeline tracking the many deliberate steps the federal government has taken in the last few year to roll back protections for unaccompanied children. These calculated decimation to due process protections and trauma to unaccompanied children and immigrant communities will take months, if not years, to simply undo. In spite of all of this, over the years, KIND has been able to use SFILDC funding to provide trauma-informed services and obtain crucial legal victories, such as asylum

grants for sisters like Maria and Karina* (names changed to preserve confidential identities). Maria and Karina are two sisters from El Salvador who fled their country shortly after their uncle was brutally kidnapped and murdered. Once in the U.S., the girls were reunited with their mother and step-father. KIND placed their case with a pro bono attorney at a San Francisco law firm and provided tailored mentorship of their cases. The girls were elated and relieved when their applications were approved several months later. As demonstrated, with SFILDC funding, KIND is able to better protect the due process rights and well-being of San Franciscan unaccompanied children. This is crucial in the face of a rapidly evolving political and legal landscape that has relentlessly attacked the rights of unaccompanied children, immigrants, and asylum-seekers.

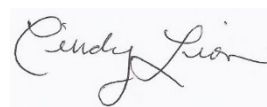
Already lacking robust coordinated services upon release from federal custody, unaccompanied children are of some of the most vulnerable individuals negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. With SFILDC funding, KIND has been able to pivot its services during the pandemic to continue assisting clients. KIND clients and their caregivers have also been rendered even more vulnerable from the pandemic and shut out of federal recovery efforts. SFILDC legal providers, at the risk of their own health, continue to file paperwork, meet deadlines, and prevent the aging out of immigrant children from certain forms of immigration relief. We also do this because we know that quality, free legal services will be key to protecting our community and San Francisco's recovery.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced that we are only as safe as the most vulnerable members of our community. Again, for these reasons, we request that the Board of Supervisors approve the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's (MOHCD) recommendation of \$3,681,476 in funding for SFILDC for October 2020 through June 2021 and restore the \$182,000 in funding that was cut from the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN) in the 2020-2021 recommendations. We thank Mayor Breed, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and the City and County Board of Supervisors in preserving SFILDC's funding and reinforcing the City and County of San Francisco's commitment to justice and equity for the most vulnerable communities in San Francisco. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions.

Sincerely,



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Targeting of Children Starts

January 2017

President Trump takes office on January 20th and issues Executive Order 13767 which categorizes unaccompanied children in need of protection as opportunistic and laws designed to give the children a fair chance to have their stories heard by our legal system as loopholes.



Representation Project Ends

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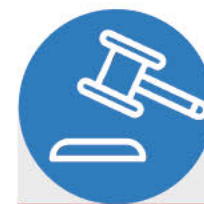
The Department of Justice (DOJ) terminates the justice AmeriCorps (jAC) program that provided counsel for unaccompanied children. The program aimed to improve court efficiency in a cost-effective manner and to identify children who had been victims of human trafficking or abuse and, as appropriate, refer them to others to assist in the investigation and prosecution of those who perpetrate such crimes.



Targeting of Sponsors

June 2017

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) begins targeting the parents and relatives of unaccompanied immigrant children for deportation and, in some cases, criminal prosecution. Described as an effort to disrupt smuggling networks and protect children, this targeted enforcement instead only endangers and re-traumatizes children by separating them from loved ones who stepped forward to care for them as they go through the court process.



Courts Re-defining UAC

September 2017

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) issues a memo stating it is no longer legally bound by DHS's determinations regarding whether a child meets the definition of an "unaccompanied alien child (UAC)". This memo invites immigration judges to re-evaluate a child's unaccompanied status and significantly changes the way a child's case is processed mid-way through the child's legal case, which would strip the child of more child-appropriate procedures and protections.



Less Child-Friendly Courts

December 2017

EOIR issues memo to its immigration judges with changes in how to proceed with cases in court involving children. The revised guidance weakens the use of child-friendly practices for unaccompanied children and makes courts that are naturally adversarial even more so. It also instructs judges to be more skeptical of these particularly vulnerable children as they try to explain the harrowing experiences at the core of their claims for U.S. protection.

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Family Separation Begins at Border

March 2017



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) first publicly contemplates the separation of parents and children as a means of deterring future asylum-seeking children and families from asking for protection.

Child Releases Slowed

June 2017



The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)'s Director of Children's Services is now required to personally approve the release of children who are placed in, or who have ever been placed in, a staff secure or secure facility for safety concerns for themselves or others - even though ORR bases its release decisions on the expert opinions of its staff and thorough background checks. Children likely will be held longer in detention as a result of this policy change, including children who pose no risk to themselves or to the communities in which they would be released.

New Hurdles to Asylum

August 2017



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) modifies its review of affirmative asylum applications by requesting that adjudicators refer certain proposed grants of relief to the agency's asylum headquarters for review. This practice, which is typically used in novel or high-profile cases or those with national security concerns, is now required for cases in which an adjudicator proposes to grant asylum to an adult or child with alleged past or current gang affiliation, or to someone previously detained in secure or staff secure facilities. These allegations are often based on unreliable evidence such as a child's clothing or the neighborhood in which the child lives.

Child Refugee Program Terminated

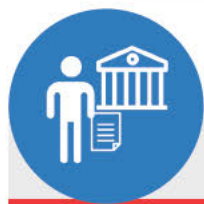
March 2017



The Administration terminates a lifesaving refugee program designed to protect children in danger living in Central America. The Central American Minors (CAM) Program had been in existence since 2014 and allowed children to apply for refugee status from their countries of origin. This enabled children to make their claims for protection without having to undergo the dangerous journey to the U.S. border. The abrupt termination of the program left **more than 4,000** children who applied without even the chance to have an interview.

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Critical Decisions Reconsidered

March 2018

Attorney General Jeff Sessions certifies a number of cases to himself for review. These referrals effectively allow him to reconsider old decisions and make binding authority in cases previously decided by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). These cases address issues of critical importance to the adjudication of children's claims, including the ability of immigration judges to grant continuances or administrative closure, the availability of asylum to those seeking protection based on membership in a "particular social group," and the ability of asylum applicants to provide oral testimony in support of their applications.



Family Separations Mount

April 2018

More than 700 children are reported to have been taken away from their parents from October 2017 - April 2018, according to the New York Times, including 100 children under the age of 4.



Family Separation as U.S. Policy

May 2018

Attorney General Sessions announces "zero tolerance" policy requiring DHS to refer all immigrants apprehended crossing the U.S. border for criminal charges, which means that if an adult crosses with a child, the child will be taken from the adult, even if the adult is the child's parent, and placed in detention, rendering the child unaccompanied. The adult will be placed in adult detention to await criminal proceedings. This will result in children being detained alone, which is not only traumatic, but places an enormous strain on the ORR care and custody system, which otherwise would not have to house children arriving to the U.S. with their parents.



Asylum Definition Narrows

June 2018

Attorney General Sessions rules on Matter A-B and narrows the ability of victims of severe violence, including domestic and gang violence and human trafficking, to access asylum in the U.S. The decision casts aside years of settled case law on what constitutes a "particular social group" – the category that forms the basis of many children's asylum claims, and when persecution by non-governmental actors gives rise to eligibility for asylum. In July 2018, USCIS issues guidance to asylum officers on implementation of this decision, which limits protections for the most vulnerable.

New Barriers for Abused Children

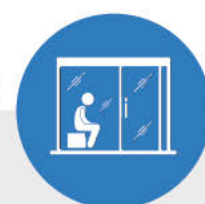
Winter 2018



DHS starts narrowing longstanding legal protections for children. These changes include a more limited interpretation of who can qualify for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) by denying recent applications for relief for children between the ages of 18-21 and rescinding previous approvals for children in that age group. Rescinding previously granted protection is devastating to these children and young people who are child survivors of abuse, abandonment, neglect, and for whom it was not in their best interest to return to their country.

ICE Detention After 18th Birthday

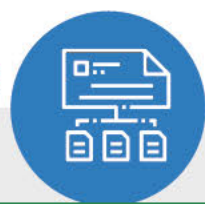
March 2018



ICE begins to transfer children to ICE custody shortly after they turn 18, and in some cases, on their 18th birthday. This despite the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2013 which states that when children in ORR custody turn 18, ICE shall consider placement in the least restrictive setting available after taking into account the child's danger to self, the community, and risk of flight. Congress mandated that ORR and ICE consider alternatives to detention for these teens, instead of automatically locking them up in adult prisons.

ORR Collaborates with ICE

April 2018 - Dec 2018



ORR finalizes a written memorandum of agreement with ICE outlining policies and procedures for conducting background checks on potential sponsors for children that will result in many undocumented sponsors, including parents, either not being eligible for sponsorship or discouraged from applying out of fear of deportation. ORR has traditionally considered the safety of the home paramount in considering the release of a child. As in many other examples, immigration enforcement prevails over child protection. In the face of unprecedented numbers of unaccompanied children in ORR custody, ORR issues a new operational directive in **December 2018** modifying fingerprinting procedures for vetting potential sponsors of unaccompanied children.

New Restrictions for Judges

May 2018



Attorney General Sessions ends the ability of immigration judges to temporarily close cases. Judges now cannot administratively close a case, and are required to meet case completion guidelines that tie their hands in allowing fair adjudications of applications for humanitarian protection. Judges will not be able to allow their government colleagues an opportunity to review a child's case to determine if that child would be in danger if returned to their home country. Children may now be ordered deported even though they may have a valid claim for protection that is still in process.

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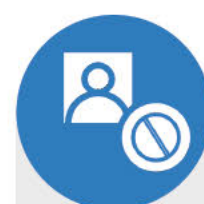
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Expanding Authority to Initiate Removal Proceedings

July 2018

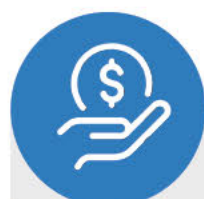
USCIS issues **guidance** substantially expanding its authority to place applicants for a visa, green card, or citizenship in removal proceedings. USCIS will be more likely to issue a Notice to Appear (NTA) when the agency denies a person's claim to obtain lawful status. The NTA is the first step in immigration removal proceedings. As a result, immigrants without permanent status will be less likely to apply to regularize their status, and deportations could increase significantly.



Forcing Judges into Rushed Decisions

April 2018

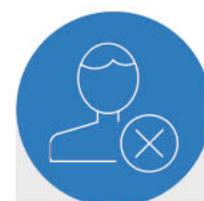
For the second time this year, Attorney General Sessions removes discretion for judges to manage their own case dockets by curtailing judges' ability to grant continuances. In **Matter of L-A-B-R-**, Sessions ruled that immigration judges may only grant continuances in very limited situations. As a result, children now may be deported before they are able to fully pursue other forms of immigration relief. The hasty trials further erode due process protections for families in immigration courts.



Restrictions to Fee Waivers

October 2018

USCIS proposes revisions to the form for requesting waivers of filing fees associated with many applications for immigration benefits and relief. The proposed revisions would impose new documentation requirements that would make it more difficult for vulnerable populations, including unaccompanied children, to obtain fee waivers. These changes would exacerbate the vulnerability of survivors of violence, trafficking, and abuse, and deter children from applying for measures that can provide critical stability and safety, such as adjustments to their immigration status and authorization to work.



Removing Protections for Turning 18

October 2018

In **Matter of M-A-C-O-**, the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) rules that an unaccompanied child who turns 18 before filing her asylum application may have to face an adversarial hearing in immigration court instead of being allowed to make her claim in a non-adversarial interview before an asylum officer. Allowing children who come alone to the U.S. to present their case one-on-one in a private setting makes it easier for these uniquely vulnerable children to share their experiences of persecution and trauma with a stranger. Without this procedural protection, children are less likely to fully explain their reasons for flight. Their case will not then be fairly adjudicated.

"Ending" Family Separation & Increasing Detention

June 2018



President Trump's Executive Order on the family separation policy does not end separations. Instead, it leaves the "zero tolerance" policy intact, resulting in parents seeking asylum still being criminally prosecuted at the border, and provides for the expanded use of family detention. The Order also announces the government's intent to eliminate standards governing DHS's holding of immigrant children in custody. DHS's own internal watchdog has since **released a report** that identifies the systematic failures that exacerbated the harm to children from this separation policy.

Denials for Minor Mistakes

July 2018



USCIS issues **guidance** authorizing dismissal of claims if immigrants do not file all their paperwork correctly and on time. Previously, USCIS would issue Requests for Evidence or Notices of Intent to Deny that would allow immigrants to amend their case if information was insufficient or missing. Now, even a minor mistake in the complex immigration filing system can result in an outright denial. This policy is especially harmful for children, who often may not have access to all the documentation needed to support their applications.

Attacking Flores Protections

September 2018 - Sept 2019



DHS and HHS propose **new regulations** that would provide only minimal protections for children in federal immigration detention and would decimate the protections provided by the Flores Settlement Agreement. The proposed rules would lower the minimum standards the government must meet when detaining children with their parents and for children who arrive unaccompanied. They would also strip children of critical and long-standing protections and greatly curtail their access to both due process and humanitarian protection. In **August 2019**, the Trump Administration finalizes these regulations largely as proposed. In **September 2019**, a federal judge blocks implementation of the final regulations through a permanent injunction and orders the government to continue to comply with the Flores settlement. The final regulations, which would drastically alter Flores protections, remain the subject of litigation.

Pressuring Judges to Expedite Case Closures

October 2018



As a result of Attorney General Sessions' new performance **criteria** for immigration judges, judges now must clear 700 cases a year to receive a "satisfactory" performance rating – the first time performance will be measured by sheer volume of cases moved through the system. Judges are penalized for scheduling hearing dates too far apart or taking more than a day to decide a case. The blanket case completion metrics are unprecedented. The rushed, one-size-fits-all approach to justice endangers children's opportunities for full and fair hearings. In addition, cases could be closed by DOJ before USCIS has a chance to adjudicate the claims, denying children's full access to the U.S. immigration system and the protections provided by law.

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Limiting Asylum Claims

November 2018

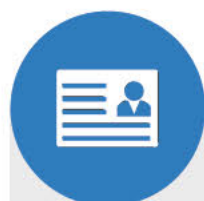
In tandem with a Presidential Proclamation, DHS and DOJ issue a **new rule** barring eligibility for asylum for anyone who enters the U.S. outside of an official port of entry. Under longstanding law that is a bedrock of our asylum system, anyone on U.S. soil has been able to apply for asylum, regardless of how they entered the U.S. By only allowing asylum seekers to request protection at already overburdened ports of entry, the new rule erects unlawful barriers to protection in violation of both U.S. and international law. The rule, which has been enjoined by a federal court, poses particular impacts for unaccompanied children, who often have little to no control over where they enter the U.S.



Narrowing Asylum Based on Family Ties

July 2019

In *Matter of L-E-A-*, Attorney General Barr undermines the ability of asylum seekers to seek protection based on fear of persecution on account of their family ties. Bucking long-standing precedent, the Attorney General's decision expresses skepticism that families will generally be able to meet the criteria for "membership in a particular social group," one of the five grounds for applying for asylum. Although the decision underscores that courts must review cases on an individual basis, it threatens to disproportionately affect access to protection by unaccompanied children, who are often targeted for violence and persecution by gangs and other criminal organizations on the basis of their family member's refusal to join a gang or comply with its demands. The decision remains the subject of litigation.



Delaying Access to Support and Stability

September 2019

USCIS proposes a rule to eliminate a 30-day deadline for issuing decisions on initial applications for employment authorization by asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children. If finalized, the proposed rule would allow the government to delay indefinitely children's access to lawful employment and increase the vulnerability of unaccompanied children by hindering their ability to support their basic needs. For many children, a work permit provides a critical form of government-issued identification that is necessary to access education, childcare, training programs, and other support services. In June 2020, DHS issues a final rule eliminating the 30-day processing requirement for initial work authorization applications, the rule becomes effective on August 21, 2020. DHS also issues a separate final rule that erects further hurdles for asylum seekers seeking work authorization. These rules are currently the subject of litigation.

Continuing to Expand Authority to

November 2018

Remove



USCIS issues new **guidance** extending its July 2018 Notice to Appear (NTA) removal policy to a wide range of humanitarian visas. Although previously specifically exempted, humanitarian visas used most by children and crime victims are specifically targeted. These include trafficking (T) visas, U visas (for crime victims), and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (for abused, abandoned, or neglected children). As a result, immigrant children may be less likely to apply for these critical humanitarian protections.

Stripping Children of UAC

May 2019

Protections



USCIS issues a memo reversing prior agency policy on asylum applications made by UACs. The memo instructs USCIS to determine whether to exercise initial jurisdiction over an asylum application by determining whether the applicant met the statutory definition of "unaccompanied alien child" at the time of first filing of the asylum application. UACs who have subsequently turned 18 or reunified with a parent would lose important procedural protections and their asylum application would be adjudicated by an immigration judge in an adversarial hearing. In October 2019, a federal court preliminarily blocks implementation of the new procedures. The policy remains the subject of litigation.

Barring Asylum Claims

July 2019



DHS and DOJ issue an interim rule, known as the Third Country Transit Bar, that forecloses U.S. asylum protection for those who travel through another country in their journey to safety and do not claim asylum there first. The interim rule ignores the dangers that unaccompanied children face, including extortion, trafficking, and sexual violence, and run counters to both international and U.S. law. In September 2019, the Supreme Court permits the government to move forward with implementing the interim rule while litigation is ongoing. In July 2020, two federal courts find the rule unlawful. A federal district court vacates the rule due to the government's failure to provide sufficient notice and opportunity for the public to comment on the regulation, as federal law requires.

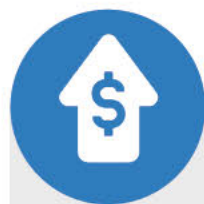
Undermining Protection for Abused &

May 2019

Neglected Children



USCIS reopens for public comment a September 2011 proposed rule related to application and eligibility requirements for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS). SIJS provides a path to legal status for children who cannot be reunited with one or both of their parents because of abuse, abandonment, neglect, or a similar basis and whose best interests are not served by being returned to their home country. While providing some clarity on earlier regulations, the proposed rule diverges from federal law and policy in ways that threaten to undermine access to this critical form of humanitarian protection.



Increasing Fees for Work Permit & Asylum Applications

November 2019

USCIS proposes new and higher fees for various immigration-related applications, erecting significant barriers for unaccompanied children and others seeking to access protection, support, and stability. The proposed rule would require asylum seekers, including unaccompanied children, to pay \$490 in order to receive work authorization while their asylum applications are pending and would eliminate the availability of fee waivers commonly granted to unaccompanied children. Work permits often provide children with a vital form of identification that may be necessary to access basic services such as housing, education, and health care. The proposed rule would also assess a \$50 fee on applications for asylum.



Fingerprinting of Unaccompanied Youth

January 2020

ICE issues field guidance to its juvenile coordinators directing them to work with ORR to obtain fingerprints from unaccompanied children in ORR facilities who are 14 and older. This practice raises concerns that children may be intimidated by the presence of immigration officers in child care shelters and that fingerprinting could take place without notice to or the presence of children's attorneys.



Proposing High Fees that Block Access to Judicial Review

February 2020

EOIR proposes a new rule that would impose staggering fee increases on forms used to appeal or seek reconsideration of decisions by the immigration courts. For example, the form to appeal an immigration judge's decision would be hiked from \$110 to \$975. Forms to reopen or reconsider court decisions could be as high as \$895. A fee would attach to asylum applications. The proposed increases, a dramatic departure from fees in place for more than 30 years, would undermine the ability of unaccompanied children to obtain review of erroneous or incomplete decisions and heighten the risk that children will be deported to harm.

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Ongoing Family Separation

January 2020



In the years following a nationwide injunction blocking the government's policy of separating migrant and refugee children from their parents, the Administration separates more than **1,000** children, including more than **200** who are younger than five years old. Amid continuing litigation, the Administration continues to separate families, often providing little to no information about its reasons for doing so.

Accelerating Cases of Detained Children

January 2020



EOIR advises immigration judges that the cases of unaccompanied children in federal custody should be considered according to a 60-day completion goal. The 60-day deadline, which was included in a 2018 EOIR memorandum announcing case priorities and performance measures for immigration courts, dramatically increases the likelihood that children will face deportation as a result of being unable to secure counsel and adequately prepare and present their cases for protection.

Sharing Children's Confidential Information

February 2020



Media reports highlight ORR's practice of sharing clinical notes from unaccompanied children's confidential counseling sessions with ICE, which may use them against children in immigration removal proceedings. Mental health services are critically important for unaccompanied children, many of whom have survived horrific violence and trauma. In addition to presenting ethical concerns for therapists and providers, the sharing of confidential mental health information hinders children's access to therapeutic treatment and increases the risk that they will be deported to harm.



Expanding Remote Hearings for Children

March 2020

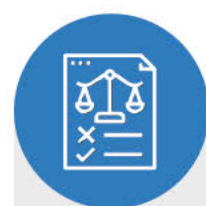
EOIR begins new pilot programs under which unaccompanied children in ORR custody must appear by video teleconference (VTC) before immigration judges. Thousands of children are affected, including extremely young children and those with known special needs. VTC hearings present troubling due process concerns and drastically undermine the fairness of proceedings for children. In addition to a host of technical problems, VTC hearings impede children’s ability to understand and participate in proceedings as well as their access to counsel. Despite these concerns, the Administration increases its use of VTC and expands this practice across the country as mounting health risks and restrictions create additional barriers. These efforts are further steps toward the Administration’s creation of a national VTC docket for all detained unaccompanied children.



Deporting Unaccompanied Children without Due Process

March 2020

As part of the Administration’s Remain in Mexico policy (or Migrant Protection Protocols or “MPP”), announced in January 2019, the U.S. sends more than **60,000** asylum seekers, including at least **16,000** children, to Mexico to wait for proceedings in their U.S. asylum cases. Although the policy exempts unaccompanied children, widespread danger and violence in Mexican border towns renders hundreds of children unaccompanied after a parents’ disappearance or threats to their lives. Contrary to federal law, many children are being ordered removed for failing to appear for hearings in their MPP cases while in federal immigration custody pursuing protection as unaccompanied children. DHS deports several unaccompanied children without full proceedings in their cases or efforts to ensure their safety and well-being, contrary to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act.



New Regulations Decimate Asylum System

June 2020

DHS and EOIR propose new regulations that would decimate the U.S. asylum system by creating insurmountably high standards for protection and depriving asylum seekers of due process. The rule would foreclose nearly all protection claims based on gender-based violence, domestic violence, or violence by gangs and criminal organizations—threatening to return thousands of unaccompanied children and others to grave danger. Among myriad concerns, it would provide judges and asylum officers broad authority to deny asylum applications or to find them frivolous without a full hearing or interview, undermining critical procedural safeguards for unaccompanied children that help them to tell their stories.

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Expelling Unaccompanied Children at the Border

March 2020



Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issues a new rule permitting the agency to block certain individuals from entering the U.S. in a purported effort to curtail the spread of communicable disease. The rule and related orders exempt “essential” travel and entry of citizens and lawful permanent residents but fail to explicitly provide exceptions for unaccompanied children and asylum seekers, contrary to the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act and other federal and international laws. DHS does not systematically consider unaccompanied children an exception to the order and unlawfully expels or turns back thousands of unaccompanied children at the border within hours of their arrival to countries in which they may face risk of harm. No health or protection screenings are conducted to safeguard children’s wellbeing and ensure they are returned safely and protected from trafficking or harm.

Reviving Family Separation

May 2020



Two years after the Zero Tolerance Policy that forcibly separated thousands of migrant and refugee children from their parents the Administration revives family separation by forcing parents in family detention to make an impossible choice between allowing their child to be separated from them and released without them, or remaining indefinitely with the parent in ICE detention. DHS offers separation instead of choosing to release the families using an alternative to detention program.

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My name is Claudia McKenzie, I live in San Francisco District 5.

The SFPD is staffed and paid to handle crises they are not capable of resolving safely and effectively. When I read the story of the deaf woman with dementia who the SFPD traumatized with their overzealous violence, I felt so much shame for how our city uses policing to stand between the wealthy, white, and able and the most vulnerable.

Increased staffing and budgets haven't bought us any more safety, cleaner streets, or less racist cops. In this time of extreme shortages, approving a police budget that would leave both departments with well over \$900 million, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts, is unconscionable.

We can and must do better. San Francisco has an opportunity to boldly stand with our communities by decreasing our reliance on a system that targets Black, Brown, poor, and trans community members by rejecting any budget that doesn't uplift the community's calls to divest from policing and surveillance. Cut electronic monitoring. Cut police academies. Remove deputies from libraries, hospitals, and other care institutions that serve our communities.

We applaud you for your leadership in taking steps to close down 850 Bryant St. But that was one half of the equation. If we are to truly make our vision for a stronger and healthier San Francisco come to life, we must redirect the resources that we've been squandering on

jails to ensure housing, healthcare, mental health treatment, drug and substance use services, and youth programs for all our residents.

We ask each of you to meet this moment. We need your bold leadership to answer the calls to stand up to policing and jailing, especially now during a global pandemic, budget shortfalls, and end a decade of unchecked police and sheriff spending. We also need you to understand that, in order to prevent future harm, we must commit to significantly and meaningfully reducing the interactions that the public has with police. This means laying off officers and deputies. This means limiting the roles that armed officers have in our city. This means fully funding and investing in services and interventions that keep us safe at the outset.

You have the power to move us past small gestures of symbolism and fight for changes that will give us real and lasting public safety.

Thank you,

Claudia McKenzie

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Dear Supervisors:

Please do not further reduce the number of police officers in San Francisco.

Crimes like burglaries and homicide are up while our police staffing is low due to a record number of retirements and resignations. Yet the movement to defund the police continues to call for even fewer police in San Francisco.

The New York Times recently featured SFPD as a model of reform. We can embrace more reforms. We can shift police calls away from situations best suited for social workers. We can value a diverse police force while ensuring they serve the community at the highest standard. This requires investment.

Arbitrarily cutting beat officers will not make SFPD better or residents safer. We still need police to protect the public and we can't forget about victims of crime.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Jimenez

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Dear Ms Wong

Attached is a letter urging the Board of Supervisors to support the funding recommendation of the MOHCD for the Immigrant Justice Portfolio.

Thank you.

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Bill Hing
Professor of Law and Director of the Immigration & Deportation Defense Clinic



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Board of Supervisors
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Re: Mayor's Proposed Budget
Immigrant Justice Portfolio of MOHCD

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Thank you very much for your continued support for immigrant rights and for your recognition of the vital work necessary to represent San Francisco residents who face deportation from the United States. The USF Immigration & Deportation Defense Clinic is proud to be a partner in the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC) since its inception. We currently have an active open caseload of over 350 cases; the vast majority are families, minors, and women who have fled violence in Central America and Mexico.

I urge you to approve the funding recommendation of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for the Immigrant Justice Portfolio as it relates to SFILDC as well as to its partner collaborative organization San Francisco Immigrant Legal & Education Network (SFILLEN).

Relatedly, I would urge you to consider restoring \$135,589 in funding that was cut from the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN). That program is important to responding to the upsurge in ICE enforcement efforts under the Trump administration.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions: 415-846-2122; bhing@usfca.edu



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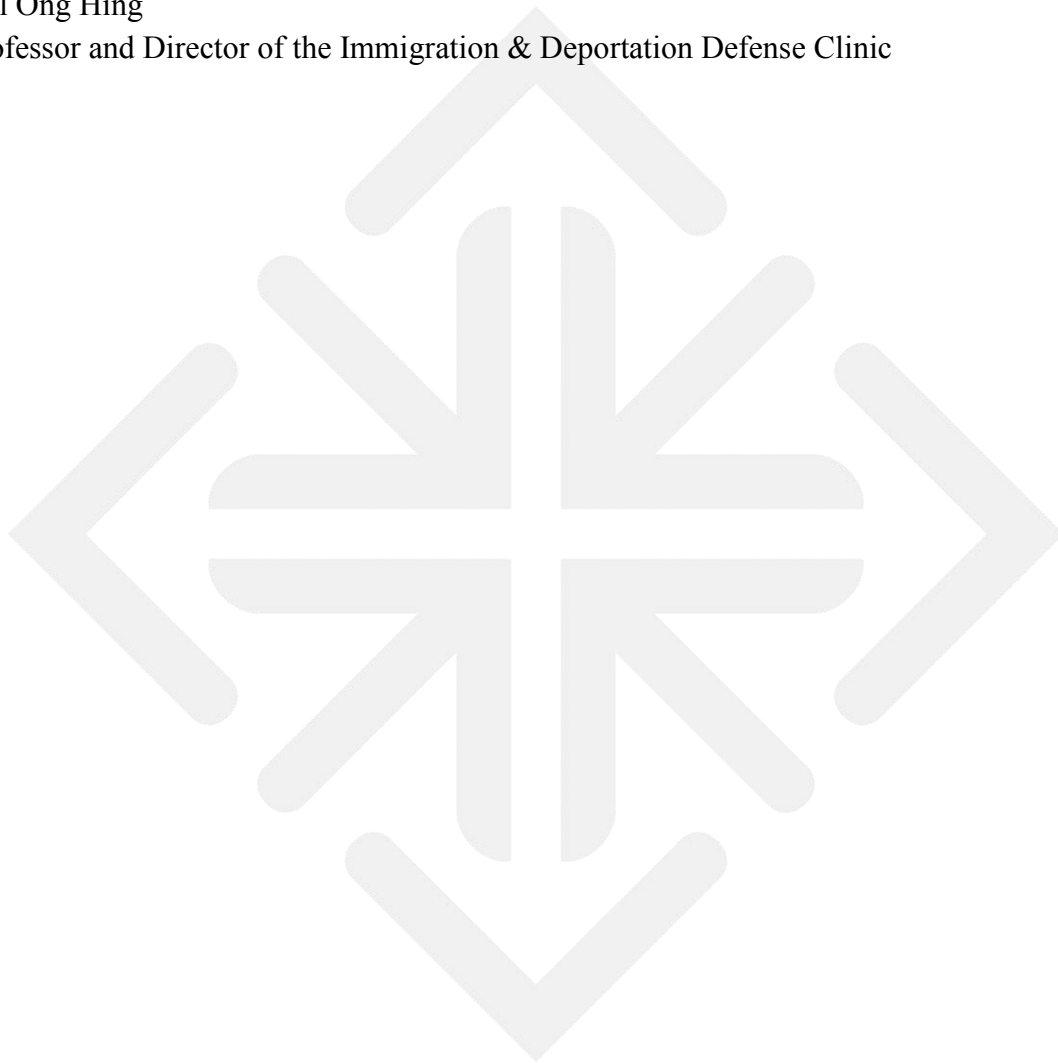
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Sincerely



Bill Ong Hing

Professor and Director of the Immigration & Deportation Defense Clinic



From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Police Department Budget
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:40:35 PM

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Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 3:16:24 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Police Department Budget

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To: Supervisors on the Budget and Appropriations Committee

For decades, San Francisco has been building its ability to work with the communities it serves by deploying more foot beats. But, this has happened at the expense of other critical areas, such as the staffing of sector cars to respond to crimes in progress. Can you imagine calling 911 to report someone breaking into your house, and the only officer available is on foot. He is miles from where you live, and he has no vehicle.

While foot beats are a great tool—officers get to know the residents and business owners as well as local criminal players—they can not replace sector police car units. The SF BOS needs to consult with the experts in our police department to ensure any “defunding” doesn’t result in unintended consequences—such as, as inability to muster a timely respond to 911 calls, a surge in burglaries and thefts by organized cross-jurisdiction crews, unabated narcotics and sex trafficking.

It’s admirable that our city is reimagining policing and developing new service-oriented responses to social problems, but the fact remains. Criminals learn fast. They know that a skimpy police force means greater freedom for them to harm their fellow citizens. Please don’t let that happen.

Libby Dodd
District 10

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support Sheriff's Programs
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:40:26 PM

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From: ALICE XAVER <acxavier@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 9:41:59 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Support Sheriff's Programs

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Dear Supervisors,

We respectfully request that you fund and support the Sheriff's programs for inmates. These programs are vital to the successful re entry of inmates, post incarceration.

The 5 Keys program allows inmates the opportunity to earn a high school diploma. The drug treatment programs, domestic violence, women's and Vets programs are essential. Why would you deny inmates the opportunity to improve their lives and reduce the chances of recidivism?

Please fund the Sheriff's programs.

Respectfully,
Alice and Christopher Xavier

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Police Reform
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:40:16 PM

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From: Stephen Lavezzo <slavezzo@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:04:36 AM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Police Reform

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My statement to the board:

Your reaction is confused and misguided. We are San Francisco- We don't need cuts to our officers in uniform that put their lives on the line to save lives and keep order. This city is becoming a sewer for those that try to continue to live and work here. Cutting the police force and disrespecting their contribution to our well-being is ridiculous. If you value community service, all people, especially children and the elderly, you will increase funding, increase officers patrolling the streets, and make this city safe and clean again. It has been deteriorating for at least 20 years, and new people in office seem to make it worse every year.

Supervisors get your priorities straight, stop trying to be radical and make statements, and start running this city correctly.

S. Lavezzo
San Francisco

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: REQUEST: maintain the \$3 million allocation for Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Funding in budget year 2
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:40:08 PM

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From: Don Falk <dfalk@TNDC.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 12:26:00 PM
To: Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>
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Subject: REQUEST: maintain the \$3 million allocation for Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Funding in budget year 2

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Dear Chair Fewer and members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) is a non-profit housing and community development organization that provides permanent supportive housing for 5,800 low-income individuals in San Francisco. We provide housing and build community among those who have faced severe economic and racial inequality and we work to improve health disparities within our community by increasing access to healthy food.

We are grateful that the Mayor's proposed budget uses cost savings from the previous fiscal year to maintain the \$3 million in Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Funding for Fiscal Year 2020-21 for grants to Community Based Organizations working to reduce health inequities disproportionately suffered by low-income communities and communities of color. **We request that you act now to maintain the \$3 million allocation in budget year 2 (Fiscal Year 2021-22).** This funding will be used by organizations that are working directly with the communities most impacted by COVID-19: TNDC, CARECEN, 18 Reasons, Bayview Hunters Point Clinic, and Southeast Asian Development Center.

TNDC, for example, will use the funding from this grant to improve health disparities by bringing healthy food to corner stores in the Tenderloin, Bayview-Hunter's Point, and Oceanview neighborhoods **and** to establish a new community food hub, Kain Na (which means "Let's Eat" in Tagalog), to serve affordable housing residents and other food insecure populations in Mission Bay.

Thank you for prioritizing a City budget that helps address systemic inequities in the health of our communities by fully funding community based programs that respond directly to the nutrition and health needs of the communities experiencing the highest rates of chronic disease and who are most impacted by COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Don

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If you would like to support TNDC and our 5,800 tenants during this unprecedented time, you can donate online at tndc.org/givehome.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalpa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please increase police funding
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:40:00 PM

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From: Cheryl Traverse <cheryl@ctraverse.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:25:06 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>
Subject: Please increase police funding

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Dear Supervisors,

San Francisco is dying. On every corner of the city you see it. It is dying from the Covid crisis but more than that it is dying because of the absolutely lack of your ability to manage the homeless problem. I say the drug problem, not the homeless problem. 70% of them are substance abusers and you folks are focused on housing). We need treatment centers and healthy law enforcement .

We think of the daily tasks that we have as a resident of the Castro. There is always at least one call to 311, or every couple of weeks a 911 (a homeless guy pepper my friend yesterday in the Castro), or a walk to check on a friend who has an encampment on their doorstep. We are always stepping over drugged out people and garbage and doing anything outside is a hassle.

We do not shop or go to the major areas of the Castro. I have moved my Walgreens account to diamond heights, I use the B of A at diamond heights or noe valley. The pet store went out of business and I would never use any of my restaurants that I used to use because of my fear of getting hassled, or stepping in human feces. A very scary place day or night. Maybe the homeless crazy princess will stab me with a hypodermic from the buns in her hair, or maybe I will get pepper sprayed like my friend. My friend used to walk the 5 blocks from near 7-11 (the magnet for the druggies) up 18th to her friends to go for a walk. Now she drives. Look at the corporations leaving the city. Don't tell me it is all high prices. Our city is unsafe and unhealthy. The fact that you are debating reducing the police budget means you are oblivious to reality.. like the fact that we have the highest car window breakage in the US.

Humans need limits and bad behavior needs to be called out and stopped. Your job is simply to provide a safe and healthy and well ordered place for us to live.

Even the Castro CBD is taking safety out of its mission, and reducing the SF Special Patrol. What gives leaders. We need to have more police and safety options.

If you lived in the Castro like Supervisor Mandelman, you would be voting like him.

Let me leave you with a story:

We had begged and pleaded for 3 months with the city to clean out an encampment on the 200 block of Sanchez and 16th Street. I wept when you finally did clean it out as I have friends there.

Please read what I sent to the Mayor, Captain Gaetano, Jeff Kositsky and Supervisor Mandelman

The homeless encampment you cleaned out only hours ago is back on the 200 block of Sanchez.

This type of behavior undermines the fabric of our society. The homeless (or in the Castro we call them drug addicts) and their coalition and government supporters are trying to subvert the society we have built, the society we love and insert their own laws and rules. They are making a mockery of you and the entire structure we have put in place to govern our city and create a safe and healthy San Francisco. A resident talked to you, Mr. Kositsky, and you said that you would take care of this and that you had to get them out of there before 11PM. Why did they come back and why 11PMbecause only you and the residents have to follow the rules of our not very civilized society.

By flaunting our laws and rules the homeless and the homeless coalition are eroding the confidence of the citizens in their government's ability to protect us, the citizens. **When we the citizens no longer believe that we live in a safe society, we live in terror.**

Jeff. I live in terror. The long term damage is irreparable and this time of horror since march will live with me forever.

Mr. Kositsky, Captain Gaetano and Mayor Breed, Please enforce the rules and laws at your disposal. If the rules and laws do not work to accomplish this mission I call on Mayor Breed and Supervisor Mandelman to get legislation to fix this. Otherwise this is a no brainer... enforce the law.

Trust me, the majority of the residents of the Castro and the city at large, would agree that we need more police who have been given the charter to do their job and will enforce the law.

Cheryl Traverse/Terry Turrentine

D8 Residents of the Castro since 1991

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Police cut backs
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:39:51 PM

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From: beverly spector <buzbev@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 3:35:50 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fwd: Police cut backs

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From: beverly spector <buzbev@gmail.com>
Date: August 22, 2020 at 12:42:02 PM PDT
To: linda.wong@sfgov.com
Subject: Police cut backs

As a life long San Francisco resident , on behalf of my family and self - we are adamantly against any and all police cut backs.
We need our police .
We believe in reform and proper oversight throughout the department, but we believe too it takes money to support changes that we all yearn to implement.
We want to insure that funds remain and police hired - and we see improvements we hope for.

Thank you
Beverly Lipson

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget and Appropriations for Homeless Sleeping Site and Police FY's 20-21/21-22
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:39:42 PM

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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 3:54:04 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Budget and Appropriations for Homeless Sleeping Site and Police FY's 20-21/21-22

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Dear Supervisors:

We realize you have a difficult task in making budget allocations in a time of budget shortfalls. In making decisions in the face of scarce resources, I would recommend that your allocations ensure the health and safety of the citizens' of San Francisco. To that end, please make the following allocations:

- Fully fund the functions of the SFPD. I recognize that the police reform is necessary to the SFPD and policing in general, at the same time we are experiencing a high level of drug traffic and the civil discord and violence that accompanies widespread drug dealing is rampant in San Francisco. Cutting back on policing at this time only makes life in the neighborhoods' more menacing as drug dealers freely set up shop. As it is now in the Castro District, we witness almost daily open air drug sales and people on the sidewalk shooting up. This makes the community unsafe and difficult to negotiate, particularly if you are a parent of young children, disabled or a senior citizen. Because of the aberrant behavior exhibited by these individuals, we now, more than ever need the public safety provided by SFPD. Make well thought out changes to policing in San Francisco, not hastily assembled reforms to this essential service.
- Substantially expand the funding Safe Sleeping Sites (SSS's). It is my understanding that the current budget proposal would fund an additional 100 SSS slots, with literally thousands of individuals living on our streets, that number of SSS slots is a severe shortfall of necessary resources. As a practical matter, failure to provide sufficient SSS's means that encampments form and settle on neighborhood sidewalks. As the homeless population has a large number of mentally ill and individuals with severe drug

abuse problems, you are importing the accompanying behavioral issues directly to the doorsteps of your constituents. SSS's provide an opportunity to provide a more stable and healthy living situation for the homeless than a sidewalk will provide. Furthermore, it is a more efficient way to deliver services to these individuals, as the individuals are not scattered throughout a community.

I implore you to make well reasoned decisions, in summary PRESERVE FUNDING FOR THE POLICE, and GREATLY EXPAND THE FUNDING FOR SAFE SLEEPING SITES SO THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT LIVING ON THE SIDEWALK.

Regards,

Jared Goldfine

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment 08/24/2020 RE: Annual Budget for FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:39:34 PM

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From: Robert Bush <rabush@me.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 4:06:34 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Cc: Temprano, Tom (BOS) <tom.temprano@sfgov.org>; Kimyn Braithwaite <kimyn.braithwaite@gmail.com>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment 08/24/2020 RE: Annual Budget for FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

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To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations Committee
RE: Annual Budget for FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022
08/24/2020 Public Comment

Honorable Supervisors,

The Supervisors need to address the homelessness sidewalk tents by funding an adequate number of safe sleeping sites and other temporary housing now and not wait for permanent housing to be built in 2 to 6 years.

The City needs to address persons with mental illness left wondering our streets when they decline medical intervention by implementing the new Conservatorship Ordinance.

The San Francisco budget should allocate funds to those best qualified to address specific problems, rather than distributing funds to those who are not trained to deal with them.

I have five specific recommendations:

1. The Police budget funding should be adequate for SFPD to perform its function of keeping our streets and homes safe and addressing criminal activity.
2. Funding that has in the past supported SFPD addressing non-criminal, quality of life issues of mental health crises, drug crises, homelessness calls not involving bike chop shops, drug crises, or when alternative housing/sheltering is not available should be directed to those departments and individuals who are trained to address these issues. Our police should not be called upon to be the City's first responders to problems for which they are not trained and which they cannot resolve.
3. That no money be budgeted for the SFPD for the procurement or use military style weapons or equipment.
4. That the Board of Supervisors adequately fund safe sleeping sites and temporary housing (hotel rooms, shelters or other sites) to move people off the streets and not leave people on City sidewalks while waiting for permanent housing to be built in 2-6 years.
5. That the City fund and implement the new Conservatorship Ordinance so that those in need can get appropriate help/treatment and not be left wondering our streets.

Thank you for considering my recommendations.

Stay safe to be healthy.

Best,

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public comment for August 24th budget hearing
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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 5:52:45 PM
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Subject: Public comment for August 24th budget hearing

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Dear Budget and Appropriations committee,

My name is Amy Ragsdale and I live and work in San Francisco, District 5. I love San Francisco, and have developed a deep connection to this city over the last 4 years. However, I am disgraced by how much money our city spends on SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. I am deeply disappointed to see the Mayor's latest proposed budget which leaves both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets while life-saving and affirming services face cuts.

We have an opportunity to finally meet the community's calls to divest from policing and surveillance. We have an opportunity to keep our communities safe by defunding the SFPD and Sheriff's Department and reallocating that money into community services and programs, public education, housing, mental health treatments, youth programs, and drug use services for all our residents.

I stand with the No New SF Jail coalition when I ask each of you to significantly and meaningfully reduce the interactions that the public has with police. This means laying off officers and deputies. This means limiting the roles that armed officers have in our city. This means reducing the budget of the SFPD and Sheriff's Department by at least half.

Thank you,

Amy Ragsdale

336 Hugo Street
San Francisco CA, 94122

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Petition from Stop Crime SF against police budget cuts
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:39:16 PM
Attachments: [Stop Crime SF Petition SFPD Budget.pdf](#)

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From: Stop Crime SF <stopcrimesf@gmail.com>
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To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Petition from Stop Crime SF against police budget cuts

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August 23, 2020

Honorable Supervisors Yee, Ronen, Fewer, Walton and Mandelman:

Stop Crime SF opposes the proposed cuts to the SFPD budget that would reduce the number of police officers by cutting police academy classes, or by other means.

More than 300 San Francisco residents signed the petition below in opposition to further cuts to the police budget.

Crimes like burglaries and homicide are up while our police staffing is low due to a record number of retirements and resignations. Yet the movement to defund the police continues to call for even fewer police in San Francisco.

San Francisco needs to continue to fund adequate police training to implement reforms. We need to recruit, hire, and train a diverse force of new officers committed to community-based policing. This cannot be done with your proposed budget cuts to

training and staffing levels in the coming year without harm to public safety.

While it is appropriate to eventually take tens of thousands of non-violent mental health and homeless cases out of the hands of the SFPD, this cannot be accomplished with the flip of a switch. With careful planning, coordination, infrastructure, hiring and training of new staff over time, we can successfully transfer some police duties to social and community services. This requires investment, not cuts.

We still need police to protect the public and the Board of Supervisors cannot forget about victims of crime.

Sincerely,
Frank Noto
President, Stop Crime SF
stopcrimesf.com

Joel Engardio
Vice President, Stop Crime SF
stopcrimesf.com

More than 300 San Francisco residents signed the following petition in opposition to further cuts to the police budget. (Petition also attached as PDF to this message).

August 23, 2020

To the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee:

Please do not further reduce the number of police officers in San Francisco.

Crimes like burglaries and homicide are up while our police staffing is low due to a record number of retirements and resignations. Yet the movement to defund the police continues to call for even fewer police in San Francisco.

The New York Times recently featured SFPD as a model of reform. We can embrace more reforms. We can shift police calls away from situations best suited for social workers. We can value a diverse police force while ensuring they serve the community at the highest standard. This requires investment.

Arbitrarily cutting beat officers will not make SFPD better or residents safer. We still need police to protect the public and we can't forget about victims of crime.

Signed:

Bradley Green

Lydia Cassorla

Angie Yap

Marc Dragun

Christopher Boyd

Joaquin Cunanan

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Arnold Cohn

Harry Stern

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Joyce Kaneshiro

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August 23, 2020

Honorable Supervisors Yee, Ronen, Fewer, Walton and Mandelman:

Stop Crime SF opposes the proposed cuts to the SFPD budget that would reduce the number of police officers by cutting police academy classes, or by other means.

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San Francisco needs to continue to fund adequate police training to implement reforms. We need to recruit, hire, and train a diverse force of new officers committed to community-based policing. This cannot be done with your proposed budget cuts to training and staffing levels in the coming year without harm to public safety.

While it is appropriate to eventually take tens of thousands of non-violent mental health and homeless cases out of the hands of the SFPD, this cannot be accomplished with the flip of a switch. With careful planning, coordination, infrastructure, hiring and training of new staff over time, we can successfully transfer some police duties to social and community services. This requires investment, not cuts.

We still need police to protect the public and the Board of Supervisors cannot forget about victims of crime.

Sincerely,
Frank Noto
President, Stop Crime SF

Joel Engardio
Vice President, Stop Crime SF

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August 23, 2020

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The New York Times recently featured SFPD as a model of reform. We can embrace more reforms. We can shift police calls away from situations best suited for social workers. We can value a diverse police force while ensuring they serve the community at the highest standard. This requires investment.

Arbitrarily cutting beat officers will not make SFPD better or residents safer. We still need police to protect the public and we can't forget about victims of crime.

Signed:

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Angie Yap

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Christopher Boyd

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:39:06 PM

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Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:52:11 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing

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My name is Anja Bircher, PsyD, and I live and work in San Francisco, District 6. I previously worked in the city and county jails of San Francisco (including 850 Bryant).

All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

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Thank you,
Anja Bircher, PsyD
508 Larkin St., San Francisco, CA 94102

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: You priorities are misplaced
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:38:56 PM

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From: Fred Winograd <fwinograd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:57:51 PM
To: Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>
Cc: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: You priorities are misplaced

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It is my opinion that the budget you are proposing is very short sighted and illogical. To begin with, there are some items in it that do make sense. Cutting the police overtime budget is one. But can the police use these savings to hire new police officers? Secondly, cutting out the budget for the police academy classes makes no sense at all.. Filling these classes are required in order to keep staffing at a reasonable level and you are shutting the door on this by this mandate in the wake of increased retirements.

On a tactical level, where is the funding for Safe Sleeping Site? Hillary for example, is opening a new one for her district shortly. Are we going to have to pay for expensive hotel rooms that are costly AND attract people from elsewhere? Hell, I want a room at The Mark Hopkins.

Yes de-funding some areas are required but please do not listen to the emotional cries of the young students and extreme left wingers. We still do have a city to run. Don't let us all be run over.

Thanks you for your time.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fund police staffing , mental Health
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:38:46 PM

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From: Carolyn <carolynj0@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:20:57 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
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I'm in favor of funding increased health funding - BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF SFPD.

What is not recognized is that the police 'calls to service' represent on.y ANSWERED. Calls for service. The data does not reflect the times I e called for police assistance at 3 am, and the police do not respond.

And, not funding academy classes is shortsighted. It does not reflect the mass exodus of officers from the ranks, or the difficulty of recruiting and training new officers. I'm ok reducing OT...but to not realize that some of the OT is because there are fewer Regular time officers isn't logical.

I do support spending on mental health and housing — though am disheartened that the budgets include so many \$\$\$ of UNSPENT items. Let's hold HSH and DPH accountable, while we look at right sizing their budgets and base it on performance standards.

Meanwhile, don't short-sheet the police department.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Thomas.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for Monday, August 24, 2020 10:00 AM
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:38:34 PM

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From: Pamela Low <pamelame.low@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:02:00 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public Comment for Monday, August 24, 2020 10:00 AM

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My name is Pamela Low. I am an arts educator at the Asian Art Museum and have worked in San Francisco and with SFUSD students for two years.

I urge this committee to divest from the SFSD's presence in the Department of Public Health and invest in the wellbeing of San Franciscans by funding nurses, behavioral health programs, and community-led safety initiatives.

I join my community and the DPH Must Divest coalition in demanding that this board vote to defund the Sheriff Department and invest in the health and safety of our communities. Thank you.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public comment for BOS 8/24 Budget Advocacy Day
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:38:07 PM

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From: Tiff Mendoza <tiff@filipinocc.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:53:32 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Public comment for BOS 8/24 Budget Advocacy Day

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Hi Linda,

I hope this email finds you well and safe during this time.

My name is Tiff Mendoza and I work in District 11 at the Filipino Community Center. Unfortunately, I am unable to call into tomorrow's Budget and Appropriations Committee Public Comment Day. However, I would like to send in my public comment for the People's Budget with SFRising. You'll find that below:

"Hi, my name is Tiff Mendoza, and I work in District 11 at the Filipino Community Center. I am deeply concerned over the \$155k budget cut that the FCC and other community-based organizations and labor allies are facing. This budget cut will have severe impacts on our community members, many of whom are low-income, working class Filipino migrants who are facing joblessness, food insecurity, houselessness, and limited access to basic needs and resources in a neighborhood that has a high number of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Since the beginning of Shelter-in-Place, the FCC has served over 100 new community members. Under these unprecedented times, we continue to listen to their concerns, identify their needs, quickly adapt our services to mitigate their needs and support them in accessing services, such as Unemployment Insurance. We ask you to do the same- listen to the needs of the community and provide the urgently needed support and funds to our community members and the city. Thank you."

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!

Warmly,
Tiff Mendoza
Filipino Community Center
tiff@filipinocc.org
415-633-6026

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: [PUBLIC COMMENT] \$155k People's Budget Cut Concern
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:37:59 PM

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From: Shara Orquiza <shara@filipinocc.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 10:20:59 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: [PUBLIC COMMENT] \$155k People's Budget Cut Concern

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Hi, my name is Shara Orquiza and I am a staff member at the Filipino Community Center in District 11. I am deeply concerned regarding the \$155k People's Budget that is being threatened to be cut. Not only does FCC utilizes this fund to serve our community members, but also other community based organizations and I ask that the Board or Supervisor restore this fund.

Before the pandemic, working class communities were regularly seeking services from us. Since the pandemic began, their concerns have only become more complicated and urgent, placing a larger burden on the ways we as service providers are able to meet their growing needs. Especially serving migrant workers who have difficulty seeking service in their native language, it has become more difficult for them to find assistance during this time. For example, understanding the process of receiving unemployment insurance to be able to survive during this pandemic because they don't have stable jobs.

At the FCC we've been able to meet the needs of over 100 new community members throughout the pandemic. We have seen firsthand the growing concerns for communities of color for their basic needs as well as resources. These needs will only grow as the effects of the pandemic continue. I ask that you listen to the needs of the people and provide the urgently needed support to our community members and the city. Please restore this budget for service providers to continue to serve the community. Thank you.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing
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From: Natalie Rodriguez <natalie@sunsetyouthservices.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:28:04 PM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
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Subject: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing

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My name is Natalie Rodriguez. I'm a TAY Case Manager from Sunset Youth Services. I've worked with 11-25 year olds who have been incarcerated and released on an electronic monitor. I ask what help does this give someone who just got out of jail after serving a year sentence with no resources or connections to the outside world? Why are we spending so much money on this? Electronic monitoring doesn't connect people from our community to anyone who can help search for work, housing, drug & substance use services and mental health treatment. We should invest in the resources needed for them to return into their own communities upon release. Black, Brown, poor, and trans community members have suffered enough and they need our support, now.

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Thank you,
Natalie Rodriguez
3918 Judah St.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget Comment for today's Recessed Meeting of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations committee
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:37:31 PM

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From: Elise Piscopos Stupi <emcgyr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:57:26 AM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Cc: community@sfsafe.org <community@sfsafe.org>
Subject: Budget Comment for today's Recessed Meeting of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Appropriations committee

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

If "defunding the police" means transferring the responsibility for policing traffic, homelessness, and mental health incidents to other agencies, then "defund the police" from these responsibilities and let the police do the job they're meant to do: protect and serve the community.

If "defunding the police" means reducing the existing police force, then DO NOT defund the police as San Francisco already has a deficit in headcount. We need more officers, not less, to maintain public order and safety, enforce the law, and prevent, detect, and investigate criminal activity.

If "defunding the police" means dismantling SF SAFE, DO NOT defund the police as SF SAFE, in partnership with our SFPD, has educated our City's citizens to build safer neighborhoods. There's more work for SF SAFE to do which I can see in my own neighborhood. This program and the services it provides are vital to a stronger and safer community.

While the national movement that supports divesting funds from police departments and reallocating them to non-policing forms of public safety and community support is powerful, a properly funded police department and its existing partners, such as SF SAFE, are critical in maintaining public safety. Thus, I urge you to strongly consider the safety of our community by providing adequate funding for our police department to protect our beloved City. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Elise Piscopos Stupi
Member, Taraval Community Police Advisory Board

Native San Franciscan

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing
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From: Bonnie Kramer <bonniekramer03@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:57:58 AM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Cc: Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Walton, Shamann (BOS) <shamann.walton@sfgov.org>; MandelmanStaff, [BOS] <mandelmanstaff@sfgov.org>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <norman.yee@sfgov.org>; Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>; NoNewSFJail Coalition <nonewsfbail.outreach@gmail.com>
Subject: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing

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My name is Bonnie Kramer, I live and work in San Francisco, district 2. I have witnessed the negative effects that SFPD has on citizens it is allegedly supposed to protect. I urge you to take action and redirect resources where they can make a tangible, positive impact on peoples' lives.

All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

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Thank you,
Bonnie Kramer
1338 Baker St.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: ICWC public comment: MOHCD Funding Recommendations (8/24 meeting)
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:37:06 PM
Attachments: [ICWC public comment 8.24 MOHCD Funding Recommendations.pdf](#)

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From: Danielle Fritz <danielle@icwclaw.org>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Wong, Linda (BOS)
Cc: Jessica Farb; Suzanne McCormick
Subject: ICWC public comment: MOHCD Funding Recommendations (8/24 meeting)

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Dear Linda,

Please find the attached public comment on the MOHCD Funding Recommendations. I have also pasted the text below:

Board of Supervisors
Budget & Appropriations Committee
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Re: Public Comment in Support of MOHCD Funding Recommendations

Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee:

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing:

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My name is Aileen Tat, and I live and work in San Francisco. My District 9 Supervisor is Hilary Rosen. I remain concerned about the funding necessary for schools and services while we continue to witness incidents of unchecked police force here and across our country.

All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

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Thank you,
Aileen Tat
Portola Neighborhood, SF

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Subject: Fwd: Oppose Police Department Budget Cuts
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Subject: Oppose Police Department Budget Cuts

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Dear Supervisors,

I oppose budget cuts to the SFPD budget this year, including cuts to the next three police academy classes that would have graduated up to 150 new officers to patrol San Francisco neighborhoods, as well as deep cuts to critical overtime pay for officers in general.

We need to recruit, hire, and train a diverse force of NEW officers committed to reform and community-based policing. This obviously cannot be done with proposed budget cuts to police academy classes and other training without harm to public safety.

I also oppose Mayor Breed's proposed budget cut to the police department in the next fiscal year, though it might be appropriate in FY 2021-22. Transferring some police duties to social and community services and creating programs to take tens of thousands of non-violent mental health and homeless cases out of the hands of the SFPD cannot be done in a flip of a switch. It needs careful planning, infrastructure, hiring and training of new staff over a period of several months if not a year.

Failure to thoughtfully plan and coordinate emergency service operations changes between departments will result in the loss of lives and property.

Frank Noto
District 7 Resident
Small Business Owner, District 10

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please increase police funding
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Dear President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am a San Franciscan who is distraught by the crisis of homelessness. Neighborhoods across the City including mine are hosting thousands of homeless persons in tent encampments on our sidewalks. This is not safe, not sanitary, not healthy ... and most of all, not compassionate. I urge you to support the funding for psychiatric, mental health, street-crisis response, and safe sleeping villages. I also urge you to support the recommendations of RescueSF, a grassroots coalition to address homelessness, to increase funding in several key, high-impact programs. RescueSF emailed Supervisor Fewer, Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, and your colleagues with their recommendations on August 12.

I call on you as our elected representatives to increase funding for SSVs to end street sleeping more quickly ... to provide trained behavioral health teams to manage those in crisis on our streets ... to fund enough beds and outpatient mental health services to address the most vulnerable on our streets. I hold you accountable for addressing homelessness -- our #1 issue in San Francisco -- with more urgency and more effective programs.

Sincerely,
William Jaeck
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District 8

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Budget and Appropriations and Transgender Programs and Organizations
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Subject: RE: Budget and Appropriations and Transgender Programs and Organizations

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Ms. Linda Wong, Clerk
Honorable President Norman Yee
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
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August 24, 2020

Dear Ms. Linda Wong and President Yee,

On behalf of El/La Para Translatinas, I am writing to support the Office of Transgender Initiatives Trans Advisory Committee's (TAC) budget recommendations. San Francisco's trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) programs and organizations have been on the frontlines on COVID-19 relief for our community. Now more than ever, with ongoing Federal Administration attacks, TGNC communities are experiencing discrimination, poverty, homelessness, and health disparities at particularly high rates that make TGNC people especially vulnerable during this pandemic. This is even more heightened for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) TGNC communities. At the same time as the Black Lives Matter movement has cast a spotlight on anti-Black violence, it is critical that San Francisco continues to invest and expand our investment to specific programs and organizations that are Black, and Black trans-led.

Any budget cuts to trans programs and services would be devastating to any progress we have made over the last years in adding these critical and life saving programs, especially during a global pandemic.

That is why we support the recommendations:

1. Maintain current funding for all our vital trans programs and organizations, especially for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) trans-led organizations.

2. Redirect law enforcement funds to Black-led, and Black trans-led organizations.
3. Ensure equity in COVID-19 relief and that a trans-specific lens is included with all response, and recovery efforts. It will be critical to increase investment in Our Trans Home SF, and to support Lyon Martin's long-term independence to continue COVID19 relief.

Sincerely,
Conchita Campos
Administrator
She/Her

Office Hours: 9am-3pm daily **except Wednesdays**

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: STOP defunding our police
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As a property owner of two homes and two apartments in San Francisco I have seen the crime rate double just in the past five years!

Police are essential workers!
Our police department is a beacon of police policy for many cities across the US for racial justice and equality!

What cuts are being made to the supervisor office? Why did they accept a pay raise?

Our San Francisco police are now getting defunded not because of anything they have done wrong but because it looks good on a National level?

How does a \$1.7 billion dollar deficit exist yet the budget is going from 12.3 to over 13 b ?

Start but laying off MUNI employees who will not be needed anytime in the foreseeable future because their routes are not needed because of COVID.

What are the supervisors cuts?

I, as your tax paying property owner expect you to keep this city safe. Please remember who is funding this budget and your duty to do the right thing for your TAX PAYING citizens!

Sincerely,
Amalia Haginicolis

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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My name is Bianca Gonzalez, I live in D7.

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Bianca
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Subject: Public Comments on Budget

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Hi, my name is Toma Evans and I work at Hamilton Families as a Children's Service Associate. We urge you to prioritize families in this year's budget. About 40% of our families filed for unemployment during this pandemic. Family homelessness is not always visible, but we know that when we stabilize a family, we end inter-generational homelessness. **Investing in families works!** Last year we served 750 families, 1200 children and 87% of all families we housed did not return to homelessness after one year. Thank you for ensuring homeless families have the resources needed to stabilize and thrive.

Tomá Evans | Children's Services Associate | Hamilton Families

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Our mission is to end family homelessness in the San Francisco Bay Area.



From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Support for all API organization & for JapanTown Task Force add back out of D5
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Linda Wong

I've been trying to call in & get into the Que since 9 am.
I haven't been able to talk to anyone to make sure I can give public comment to support All API Council request .
I hopefully will be given an opportunity to give comments.

I am Steve Nakajo ED of Japan Town Task Force & a member of the API Council.
I request support to all API organizations in their budget request.

I particularly would like to seek support for JapanTown Task Force support for our Visitors Kiosk that our District Supervisor of District 5, Dean Preston has in his add back request...
With the pandemic effect on our Japan Town business community we ask for this support for our Business & Visitors Kiosk to support in our work & efforts in the economic vitality of Japan Town.

Regards,
Steve Nakajo

Steve Nakajo

Executive Director

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am the Executive Director of Legal Services, a non-profit agency that has been serving children and youth in San Francisco since 1975. LSC is one of the founding members of the San Francisco Immigrant Defense Collaborative. Our collaborative came together at a time of crisis in 2014 to offer critical support for children and families immigrating to San Francisco. It has grown, as the community has been buffeted by attack after attack from the Federal administration. This collaborative, combined with the SFILDC and the SFRRN, are a critical source of support and protection for our immigrant community.

LSC's focus is on children, specifically Unaccompanied Immigrant Children who have come, by themselves, through a dangerous journey, to seek safety in San Francisco. These are extremely vulnerable children who desperately need the support of this powerful collaborative.

I write to thank the Board and Mayor for their support for our critical work. I ask the Board to approve the Mayor's Budget recommendation for SFILDC and SFILDC and to restore the funds that were cut to the SFRRN, which provides the critical front line defense for San Francisco Immigrants.

Thank you for your consideration and your support.

Sincerely,

Abigail Trillin
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August 21, 2020

The Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer
Chair, Budget and Appropriations Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Submitted via electronic mail

**Subject: Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA)
Budget Request – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Fewer and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC) is proud to support the FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 budget request put forth by the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA). TNDC is not an official member of HESPA, a coalition of 30 community-based agencies founded in 2012, but we acknowledge the deep roots they have in communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis. HESPA puts the collective interest and the wellbeing of unhoused San Franciscans at the heart of its work, and fights for human dignity, racial equity, and economic justice in our homeless response system.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the depth of the simultaneous pandemics of poverty and racism, and the effects continue to be more devastating in communities of color around the globe and across the country. San Francisco is no exception. Amidst the existing economic inequality and housing affordability gap, stakeholders across the City are grappling with hard choices, worse and worsening options, and every day the crisis deepens.

The City's 2019 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count & Survey (PIT Count) found more than 8,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco at any one time, a nearly 20 percent increase from 2017.¹ Furthermore, the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2020 report, *Out of Reach*, documents that San Francisco is the most expensive metropolitan county in the United States.² The report also states that the hourly wage needed to afford the median cost of a two-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is over \$64—nearly three times the national average, and almost double the state average. Given that the median monthly cost of a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is \$3,450, while those working minimum-wage jobs in the city make monthly incomes of only \$2,702,³ the economic consequences of COVID-19 will only make it harder for low-income families to meet their basic needs. With the rapid escalation of lost wages and other hardships among lower-earning families, we must prepare ourselves for more difficult days ahead.

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Bold action is needed more than ever to combat homelessness, and this year's HESPA proposal reflects some of the best thinking in our local field regarding modest investments that can yield significant results in the short term, and continue to lay the groundwork for the additional structural investments that are necessary to overcome the crisis. The proposal is the result of a careful, data-driven analysis to assess our current housing and homeless system, identify service gaps, and tap into the experience and creativity of our providers to determine the most cost-effective solutions. Perhaps most importantly, efforts must start now to build the community-based workforce infrastructure we need to take full advantage of increased housing and service resources stimulated by Proposition C investments.

Despite the successes enabled by the City's investments in the homeless service system, significant gaps persist that result in increased street-based homelessness, unmet mental health needs among homeless people and families with children, and a lack of housing exits from the existing emergency shelter system. Increased housing subsidies, behavioral health services, and prevention and workforce investments are needed to keep pace with the scope of the crisis.

This year, we can build on past successes through an infusion of \$22,929,879 million in new and baseline funding for FY 2020-21 and \$19,577,450 in FY 2021-22 to reach an additional 5,800 homeless adults, youth, and families. Funding HESPA's proposal will provide the tools to both prevent homelessness and create exits out of homelessness, while ensuring adequate emergency, behavioral health, and employment resources for those forced to remain on the streets.

As always, thank you for your principled leadership, but especially now, when your vision for a fair, just, and equitable San Francisco is needed most. Please do not hesitate to contact me at dfalk@tndc.org should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Falk
Chief Executive Officer
Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation

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Subject: Fwd: Public comment for 8/24 on SF Budget
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Ms. Wong,

I am writing to summit comment on the current SF Budget. I'd like to put my support behind communities harmed by our police and support their call to disarm, defund and disband the SFPD. I have no evidence or stories to share that you have not already heard repeatedly. It's time for the board to listen and act.

Right now, we need to cut budgets. The citizens - who elected this Board - have made it clear where they want those budget cuts. I was dismayed to see that while there are minimal SFPD cuts, there is a 40% to SFDPH's Healthy Communities grant program which funds community based groups working to feed our residents, using Soda Tax funds. It's cruel and illogical to slash that much funding that is literally feeding our people.

Please divest from SFPD and invest in Healthy Communities!

Marissa Alexander
Inner Sunset, D5

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing

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My name is Jeannette, I live in San Francisco District 11. As a resident and direct service professional living in this city, I've seen firsthand how SFPD does more harm than good for our communities.

All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

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We ask each of you to meet this moment. We need your bold leadership to answer the calls to stand up to policing and jailing, especially now during a global pandemic, budget shortfalls, and end a decade of unchecked police and sheriff spending. We also need you to understand that, in order to prevent future harm, we must commit to significantly and meaningfully reducing the interactions that the public has with police. This means laying off officers and deputies. This means removing

armed officers from our public spaces. This means fully funding and investing in services and interventions that keep us safe at the outset.

You have the power to move us past small gestures of symbolism and fight for changes that will give us real and lasting public safety.

Thank you,
Jeannette Page
Arch St, San Francisco, 94132

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment - Monday 8/24
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Subject: Public Comment - Monday 8/24

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Hello,

My name is Julie Kelleher and I have lived and worked in San Francisco for over 7 years. I am writing today to urge you to defund the SFPD and the Sherrif's department this year. Invest in resources that keep ALL citizens of SF safe. Invest in the community. Invest in helping the homeless, instead of just shuffling them around and arresting them. Invest in mental health resources, especially as we go through one of the toughest years in recent history. Invest in safety and happiness.

Thank you,
Julie

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
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My name is Michelle Yiu, and I live in San Francisco District 12.

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Thank you,
Michelle Yiu
204 Galewood Circle San Francisco, CA 94131

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment on behalf of API Legal Outreach (SFILDC)
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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:38:56 AM
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Subject: Public Comment on behalf of API Legal Outreach (SFILDC)

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My name is Victoria Hartanto, I am the Supervising Attorney for the Immigration Project at API Legal Outreach. We are a social justice legal organization focused on providing culturally competent and linguistically appropriate legal services for the API and Latino communities in the Bay Area. We serve the most marginalized and vulnerable segments of the community, in the areas of Immigration, Anti-Human Trafficking, Housing, Domestic Violence/Family Law, and Elder Abuse Prevention.

We are one of the founding members of SFILDC – the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative – through which we represent San Francisco residents who are in deportation proceedings. Many of them are unaccompanied minors and families with children. They have fled violence and persecution in their home countries, they live with constant insecurity about their legal status, and endure never-ending attacks from the Trump administration. They have also been disproportionately impacted by the current pandemic.

We sincerely thank the Mayor, MOHCD, and the Board of Supervisors for recommending to preserve our funding at level, and for your commitment to immigrants' rights and human rights. Thank you.

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Due to Shelter in Place orders, our offices will be **closed** until further notice. I will still be available via email and phone. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Thank you and please stay healthy.

Victoria Hartanto
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To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment from John Carrese on WERF Funding
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:25:59 PM
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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:40:37 AM
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Subject: RE: Public Comment from John Carrese on WERF Funding

Linda, Brent... please add the attached comments to the file. Thank you.

Alisa Somera

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**From:** John Carrese <jcarrese@ccsf.edu>

**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:39 AM

**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>

**Subject:** Public Comment from John Carrese on WERF Funding

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Hi Alisa,

I logged on/called in at 10:30 am today to get in line for Public Comment to the Board of Supervisors.

I had to leave the call at 11:30 am to go to another meeting, but I wanted to submit my Public Comment in writing for the record.

Can you confirm that the attached Public Comment from me will be added to the official record of the meeting?

Thanks,  
John

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Forecasting High Growth/Emerging Industries and Workforce Trends  
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**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comments for today's Hearing  
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**Subject:** Comments for today's Hearing

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Hello, my name is Mollie Brown, I live in District 1 and I've spent the past 30 years working on behalf of and advocating for vulnerable families and at risk youth, primarily those involved in the juvenile justice, mental health and foster care systems. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you this morning.

Thanks to the efforts of those of you on this Board, Legislation calls for the Hall to close by December 2021. This will not be possible unless steps are taken now to continue the measures currently imposed by COVID to reduce the number of youth detained.

At this time, the Hall is averaging 14 youth each night. This should not be viewed as an aberration of COVID but rather the new norm as it proves that when JPD staff are motivated to keep youth out of the Hall, a place we all agree is traumatizing and dehumanizing, they are able to do so.

Further, more than half of the youth currently at the Hall do not need to be there but rather are awaiting appropriate placement. As you know, there are only two placements in SF for juvenile justice involved boys and girls. Make no mistake, this attrition in placements was long in coming and public agencies relied more and more on out of county and out of state placements rather than accept the responsibility of investing in community options to keep our youth close to home.

SF's commitment to keeping emergency rooms, psych wards and jails fully funded 24/7 should not supersede a willingness to create and sustain more humane beds in the community. This is a travesty and does not reflect the values espoused by this board. I call on you to make the difficult choices necessary at this time.

The Juvenile Justice Providers Association has submitted to you a request for investments in community-based services and placements so that work can begin, right now, to realize the dream of closing juvenile hall. Make no mistake, without these investments, 12/21 will quickly be upon us and we will not be in the position to move youth out of the Hall making one more empty promise to the black and brown community. The \$1.4 million (with \$300k already earmarked) in this year's JPD budget is not nearly enough given the task ahead.

>From the statements over the past days by this Committee, it is clear that lay-offs are to be avoided at all costs. However, this should not preclude you from looking at JPD and the



many positions that are unnecessary and duplicative with funded contracts in the community. If cooking and food service staff are on loan, clearly this means they are not needed. Public Safety positions can be transferred to other departments with like duties, such as reducing Sheriff Dept. overtime. Why are so many supervising probation officers needed in a department with a shrinking service population? Why don't we celebrate this progress and reallocate staff to areas such as helping support homeless people in hotels, support Mental Health SF case management or require retraining of staff so that their jobs can be preserved but repurposed so that our investments more accurately reflect our values.

It is simply not enough to consider your work done for eliminating vacant positions and calling that progress. Nor are savings realized in next fiscal year's juvenile hall budget going to be relevant when we haven't had the opportunity to create alternative placements. We are counting on you to do more in the name of the communities you serve. At a minimum, we implore you to place all savings realized from positions vacated since 7/1/20 and beyond be added to a reserve for these purposes.

Thank you for your commitment to public service.

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

My name is Anna Wolde-Yohannes and I am an Black resident in District 2 of San Francisco. As an Early Childhood Educator in this city for over 10 years, I demand our city prioritize a budget that responds to the individualized needs of our Black children, families, and community. San Francisco has an opportunity to boldly stand with our communities by decreasing our reliance on a system that targets Black, Brown, poor, and trans community members and rejecting any budget that doesn't uplift the community's calls to divest from police and sheriff's departments and fire all officers. Research has consistently shown that if we invest early and heavy in early childcare we reduce youth involvement in the criminal justice system. Many studies suggest putting more children in pre-K now will result in fewer adults in prison later in life. **TRUE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM IS INVESTING IN EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION.**

Of the Black children that receive a subsidy for early care and education, 38% of children are in Family Child Care Homes (FCCs), 30% of with license-exempt providers (aka family, friend or neighbors – FFNs) while the remaining 30% are with daycare centers. FFN's and FCC's receive the least amount of wage enhancements from the early care and education public system of supports, yet serve 70% of black children in the city. These systemic economic disparities have led to a gap in kindergarten readiness among the Black community in San Francisco.

Please ensure Black families have access to local and quality Early Care & Education by increasing financial and educational support for informal and formal caregivers to enter the field. **The benefits of Early Care & Education can better entire communities, not only the child or their families.** As Elizabeth Warrens stated in her speech at the Democratic National Convention: "It's time to recognize that child care is part of the basic infrastructure of this nation — it's infrastructure for families."

Thank you,  
Anna Wolde-Yohannes  
District 2 resident, Zipcode 94115

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: HESPA Budget Request—SUPPORT  
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**Subject:** FW: HESPA Budget Request—SUPPORT

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**From:** Wes Saver <wsaver@glide.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:16 AM  
**To:** Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Kirkpatrick, Kelly (MYR) <kelly.kirkpatrick@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** HESPA Budget Request—SUPPORT

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Dear Ms. Wong, Chair Fewer, and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Thank you for meeting with representatives from the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association these past few weeks. It means such much that you and your staff have taken the time to review our coalition's budget request so thoroughly, and we appreciate you prioritizing the needs of San Franciscan's who are experiencing homelessness.

We cannot end homelessness if we also are not preventing people from falling into homelessness in the first place. I strongly believe that our request and its attendant recommendations will help ensure that there is adequate shelter and support for those experiencing homelessness, that their experience is brief and nonrecurring, and that by dedicating the requested resources we can improve exits to permanent housing and enhance integration and social inclusion.

Sincerely,

Wesley Saver

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**Wesley Saver, MPP**

Policy Manager

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August 24, 2020

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

*Submitted via electronic mail*

**Subject: Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) Budget Request – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Fewer and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

On behalf of GLIDE, I am proud to support the FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 budget request put forth by the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA). GLIDE is a member of HESPA, a coalition of 30 community-based agencies founded in 2012. HESPA members have deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco’s continuing homelessness crisis. HESPA puts the collective interest and the wellbeing of unhoused San Franciscans at the heart of its work, and fights for human dignity, racial equity, and economic justice in our homeless response system.

As a leading social service provider in San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood, in the ever-changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic, GLIDE continues to meet the growing needs of the city’s most vulnerable residents. We have modified and expanded essential services to address rising unemployment, food insecurity, and other vulnerabilities among unhoused and extremely-low-income people to support thousands of individuals and families through a deeply precarious and challenging time, while also helping them establish foundations for meaningful change.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the depth of the simultaneous pandemics of poverty and racism, and the effects continue to be more devastating in communities of color around the globe and across the country. San Francisco is no exception. Amidst the existing economic inequality and housing affordability gap, stakeholders across the City are grappling with hard choices, worse and worsening options, and every day the crisis deepens.

The City’s 2019 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count & Survey (PIT Count) found more than 8,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco at any one time, a nearly 20 percent increase from 2017.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, the National Low-Income Housing Coalition’s 2020 report, *Out of Reach*, documents that San

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<sup>1</sup> Applied Survey Research, “San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey Comprehensive Report 2019.” Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Accessed August 7, 2020. [https://hsh.sfgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019HIRDReport\\_SanFrancisco\\_FinalDraft-1.pdf](https://hsh.sfgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019HIRDReport_SanFrancisco_FinalDraft-1.pdf)

San Francisco is the most expensive metropolitan county in the United States.<sup>2</sup> The report also states that the hourly wage needed to afford the median cost of a two-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is over \$64—nearly three times the national average, and almost double the state average. Given that the median monthly cost of a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is \$3,450, while those working minimum-wage jobs in the city make monthly incomes of only \$2,702,<sup>3</sup> the economic consequences of COVID-19 will only make it harder for low-income families to meet their basic needs. With the rapid escalation of lost wages and other hardships among lower-earning families, we must prepare ourselves for more difficult days ahead.

Bold action is needed more than ever to combat homelessness, and this year's HESPA proposal reflects some of the best thinking in our local field regarding modest investments that can yield significant results in the short term, and continue to lay the groundwork for the additional structural investments that are necessary to overcome the crisis. The proposal is the result of a careful, data-driven analysis to assess our current housing and homeless system, identify service gaps, and tap into the experience and creativity of our providers to determine the most cost-effective solutions. Perhaps most importantly, efforts must start now to build the community-based workforce infrastructure we need to take full advantage of increased housing and service resources stimulated by Proposition C investments.

Despite the successes enabled by the City's investments in the homeless service system, significant gaps persist that result in increased street-based homelessness, unmet mental health needs among homeless people and families with children, and a lack of housing exits from the existing emergency shelter system. Increased housing subsidies, behavioral health services, and prevention and workforce investments are needed to keep pace with the scope of the crisis.

This year, we can build on past successes through an infusion of \$22,929,879 million in new and baseline funding for FY 2020-21 and \$19,577,450 in FY 2021-22 to reach an additional 5,800 homeless adults, youth, and families. Funding HESPA's proposal will provide the tools to both prevent homelessness and create exits out of homelessness, while ensuring adequate emergency, behavioral health, and employment resources for those forced to remain on the streets.

As always, thank you for your principled leadership, but especially now, when your vision for a fair, just, and equitable San Francisco is needed most. If you have any questions about our position, you may contact me via email at [wsaver@glide.org](mailto:wsaver@glide.org).

Sincerely,

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<sup>2</sup> National Low Income Housing Coalition, "Out of Reach 2020: California." Accessed August 2, 2020. <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/california>

<sup>3</sup> San Francisco Planning, "San Francisco Housing Needs and Trends Report. July 2018. Accessed August 2, 2020. [https://default.sfplanning.org/publications\\_reports/Housing-Needs-and-Trends-Report-2018.pdf](https://default.sfplanning.org/publications_reports/Housing-Needs-and-Trends-Report-2018.pdf)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley Saver', written in a cursive style.

Wesley Saver  
Policy Manager, GLIDE

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**Subject:** Public comment for 8/24 budget hearing

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Good afternoon,

My name is Brenna Alexander - I live in District 4 and work as a Social Worker near 6th St. and Mission downtown. My job is to support people with severe mental illness who cycle through our county jails and help them stabilize in the community.

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You have the power to move us past small gestures of symbolism and fight for changes that will give us real and lasting public safety.

Thank you,

**Brenna Alexander**  
**1266 18th Ave. Apt #5**  
**San Francisco, CA 94122**

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My name is Mary Ellen (Molly) Porzig. I live in San Francisco in Glen Park. As a life-long Bay Area resident and San Francisco native, I'm writing to you as our elected officials to urge you to invest in the life-affirming community infrastructure and care our city needs to be an equitable, sustainable and healthy city for all San Francisco residents.

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Mary Ellen (Molly) Porzig  
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San Francisco, CA 94131

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**Subject:** Testimony for Budget Committee August 24, 2020

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Hello, my name is Monica Walters, CEO of Wu Yee Children's Services, part of the API Council's budget ask which includes 23 expiring programs for a total of \$2 million.

The Wu Yee program for immigrant families outreach and resource support in southeast neighborhoods is one of the expiring programs at risk from OCEIA. We are requesting the restoration of the \$100K cut to this vital program which will enable Wu Yee to provide child care Resource and Referral services for underserved, vulnerable, linguistically isolated immigrant families with young children, increase our outreach and direct consumer education related to child care services and available payment support options to serve over 2,000 clients in San Francisco.

At this time of crisis, helping families in most need find access to affordable quality child care resources is essential to their health, safety and economic recovery. In addition, I would implore you to consider reinstating the cuts from the OECE that Wu Yee experienced to our Family Child Care Quality Network, our R&R and child care subsidies programs totalling \$1.3 million dollars and jeopardizing our ability to support these critical services and to fund child care subsidies as outlined in the BJC list.

Thank you.

**Monica S. Walters**  
Chief Executive Officer



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**Subject:** Public Comment in Support of the MOHCD Funding Recommendations

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Dear Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

My name is Rachel Prandini and I am an attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC). The ILRC is a member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), in which we provide training, legal resources, and individualized technical assistance to attorneys defending San Franciscans against deportation. On behalf of the ILRC, I write in support of the funding recommendations made by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development as it relates to SFILDC, and to express deep gratitude to MOHCD and the Mayor's office for their continued support of our work in advancing justice and protecting the due process rights of some of our city's most vulnerable residents.

As a legal collaborative, SFILDC is legally and ethically obligated to continue representing our current clients until the conclusion of their cases, so any budget cuts would put increased strain on already overburdened non-profit organizations. Moreover, any instability in funding would threaten San Francisco's unique and groundbreaking model for how to effectively work toward universal representation in immigration court. The private bar can charge \$15,000 or more for a single removal defense case, which most low-income individuals cannot afford. By leveraging the existing infrastructure of our partners and the knowledge and expertise of our technical assistance organizations (including my own organization, the Immigrant Legal Resource Center), we have provided a clear and successful model for how to effectively work towards universal representation in immigration court, which will hold this administration accountable for its attempts to violate the due process rights of immigrants. No other city in the United States has been as successful in providing this level of representation to its residents. And, when our collaborative fights, we win. Through our unique model, we have been successful in keeping our clients in San Francisco, with their families, in 91% of our completed cases.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to approve MOHCD's recommendation of continued funding for SFILDC without budget cuts, and I support the San Francisco Rapid Response Network having its funding restored by \$182,000 to ensure that we are able to respond and protect the rights of San Francisco residents anytime they are apprehended by immigration officials.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Prandini

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Supervisors Fewer, Walton, Mandelman, Yee & Ronen

Our Latino & Black Public Contracting business stakeholders have been in cue for 3 hrs but have to attend COVID 7 Fire related emergencies. Those that were prepared to provide comment to this hearing are Miguel Galarza, Bruce Giron, Nick Colina, Ruben Santana, William Cartagena, Greg Ramirez. See attached document for Public Record.

The City Economic Recovery Task Force: Latino/African American Construction and Professional Services Stakeholders are requesting the funding to the CAO/CMD to issue a Citywide Disparity Study for MBE/WBE program once Proposition 16 passes in November. The requested funding of \$500,000 for Consultant Services to prepare this report. We are looking for MBE/WBE program to be implemented by February 15, 2021.

The urgency for this request is due to the workload projections for this group of stakeholders due to the City Department cuts, such as DPW 69% cuts which includes as needed contracts. In addition, the restrictive criteria that Departments utilize for Design Build Request for Proposal Projects from Entitlement to Occupancy such as SFMTA/DPW Potrero Yard Project.

This group of public contracting stake holder businesses are located in disadvantage and Covid impacted neighborhoods such as the Mission, Bayview and Sunnydale, who employ the local workforce. We are concerned in keeping our businesses open and employees employed with the Department budget cuts and the restrictive criteria utilizes in the Request for Proposals.

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SF LATINO & BLACK CONTRACTORS & AE STAKEHOLDERS

DATE: 8/24/2020 TIME: 11:00 AM

TO: City & County of San Francisco  
Board of Supervisors  
Budget & Appropriations  
Committee

FROM: Anne Cervantes, Task Force Member Cc:  
Organizer of the Latino/Black Contractors  
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RE: BUDGET HEARING TESTIMONY PAGES: 3

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC  
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Hello,

My name is Nickel and I am here as a resident of District 11 and the Filipino Community Center. I am concerned with the \$155k People's budget that is being threatened to be cut. Not only does FCC utilize this fund to serve their community, but also other community based organizations such as PODER and many more will be impacted from their duty to serve their respective communities. I ask that the Board of Supervisors take action to save our funds so organizations like FCC or PODER can continue to be a vital support for their communities.

Thank you for your time.

- Nickel

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Dear Linda and Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for hearing public comments,

My name is Charles from the Filipino Community center in the Excelsior District and I wanted to express my concerns with the budget cuts for workers and working migrant communities who are severely affected by COVID 19. Before the pandemic, working class communities were regularly seeking services at FCC. Since the pandemic began, their concerns have only become more complicated and urgent, placing a larger burden on the ways we as service providers are able to meet their growing needs.

Many Filipinos in the service and hospitality industry of San Francisco lost their income due to COVID-19 and need more support around accessing resources like Unemployment Insurance and food assistance. A cut to the services for migrant working families will negatively impact not only the families we serve in District 11, but also the city of San Francisco and beyond.

At FCC we've been able to meet the needs of over 100 new community members throughout this time seeing the growing concerns for communities of color for their basic needs as well as resources. These needs will only grow as the effects of the pandemic continue by the fact that the neighborhoods we serve have higher cases of COVID-19, yet fewer resources to address them.

In these unprecedented times, we listened to our community and quickly adapted our services. We ask you to continue to do the same, to provide urgently needed support and funds to our community members and our city. There would be a significant impact of \$155k cut to FCC's work with workers in District 11 and asking that those funds be restored.



Additionally, to restore the \$136,500 cut to Rapid Response and SFILEN network since this would affect the positive impacts the program provides against ICE activity. In the last couple weeks, we have seen a resurgence of ICE activity in the Bay Area, and immigrants continue to face relentless political attack. The funding provides our ability to maintain a 24/7 hotline and community education efforts. And to have community members understand their rights and how to assert themselves to protect our undocumented community and safety overall to all community members.

Thank you Board of Supervisors for your time and listening to this message.

Sincerely,

Charles Ramilo



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Dear Sandra Lee Fewer and Board of Supervisors,

My name is Danielle Hobart. I was born in San Francisco. I now live and work in District 1.

I urge this committee to divest from the SFSD's presence in the Department of Public Health and invest in the wellbeing of San Franciscans by funding nurses, behavioral health programs, and community-led safety initiatives.

Our vulnerable neighbors and community members need support to deal with the harsh realities exacerbated by COVID-19, unemployment, homelessness, and police violence. Please keep the SFSD out of public health. Please funnel budget towards health programs that offer services to our communities and the professional care workers who do this great work to protect San Franciscans.

I join my community and the DPH Must Divest coalition in demanding that this board vote to defund the Sheriff Department and invest in the health and safety of our communities. Thank you for your work in representing our communities.

Thank you,  
Danielle Hobart

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TO: LINDA WONG, SFBOS

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisor Budget Committee (Supervisor Fewer, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mandelman, Supervisor Yee and Supervisor Ronen):

My name is Rick Yuen, Executive Director of APA Family Support Services. APAFSS is part of the API Council's ask which includes 23 expiring programs for a total of \$2 million.

Our Financial Economic Success Program (FES) which is funded under MOHCD/Community Development will be receiving a 13% budget reduction from the recommended budget along with the 23 expiring programs at risk from MOHCD Community Development. This FES Program has successfully worked with 15 unemployed individuals placing them into full-time and part-time jobs, which provide those families \$700,000 annually in salaries and fringe benefits. Furthermore, 89 computer certificates were issued to 21 clients who passed the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment. An additional 192 ESL classes and 339 ESL one-on-one sessions were conducted for 24 clients. In these uncertain economic times with COVID-19, the APAFSS Financial Economic Success Program is essential in elevating San Francisco's population to maintain (and become) financially & economically successful and self-sufficient.

I urge you to reconsider the 23 expiring programs as well as the proposed budget cuts to essential programs for San Francisco families in need.

Thank you.

Richard "Rick" Yuen  
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Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Marco Ornelas and I am a student at UC Hastings Law, today I would like to call on the city to reallocate funds away from SF Police Department and towards Tenderloin based community programs to address the housing crisis in the Tenderloin and the city. Specifically, increasing the budget for social services and hotel support staff to maximize temporary housing programs for the unhoused in San Francisco. Data shows that a housing first model results in higher chances of procuring permanent housing as well as taking advantage of mental health, substance abuse, behavioral health, and other social services. As it stands, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing is overwhelmed and understaffed to handle the already existing housing crisis combined with the deadly effects of the pandemic. To increase the safety and well being of both our unhoused and housed neighbors, we must address this crisis with the urgency and attention it deserves, beginning with the allocation of city funds. After becoming acquainted with several members of the homeless community in his neighborhood, a Hastings student recently ran into those same neighbors around town who told him that the individual and all of his friends had been placed in hotels. As noted, these measures would assist those in greatest need at a time of overlapping crises. This is not a time for budget austerity, but a time to put action behind words in the name of saving lives.

Thank you for your time.  
Marco Ornelas

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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Buenas tardes linda  
Mi nombre es Andrea paz  
Madre líder y promotora de poder  
No pude hacer mi comentario por teléfono  
Es por esa razón se lo envió escrito  
Gracias

Andrea Paz  
Visitación Valley  
PODER  
para

me dirijo a ustedes por este medio  
abogar por todas las familias inmigrantes de  
SF. Tocar su buen corazón y pedirles que  
aprueben el presupuesto que ayude a las familias  
al igual que la mía a obtener recursos en SF  
de bajo costo o gratuitos

\* Ustedes saben que estos tiempos de Coronavirus  
nos hemos visto afectados. Con, perdida de  
empleo, recorte de horas de trabajo y se nos  
ha hecho muy difícil, pagar <sup>una</sup> renta y otros  
gastos. Es por eso ~~que~~ necesitamos que  
todos los supervisors se mantengan firmes  
y voten por un presupuesto que incluya el  
programa de La Línea de Respuesta Rápida...

Este programa es de gran apoyo y soporte  
para mi familia y otras familias inmigrantes.  
En muchos casos ha sido la única tabla de  
salvación, así como lo han sido los recursos  
que nos han brindado las organizaciones ( )

\* Queremos que deban equilibrar el presupuesto  
y encontrar el dinero para otros programas  
les pido que lo hagan reduciendo depósitos  
de policía u otras fuerzas del orden que no han  
servido a nuestras comunidades. No creemos  
necesitar más academias de policía y cortar ese  
programa ahorranían 24 millones de dólares cada  
año, los cuales ayudarían a financiar el de  
La Red de Respuesta Rápida

Y otros programas sociales que nos ofrecen las organizaciones, que como ya les mencioné, son nuestra única tabla de salvación.

Muchas gracias por su tiempo y les pido de favor apoyen a familias como la mía mientras vota por el presupuesto de San Francisco con gracias

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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Please accept this as a comment on the budget item for Safe Consumption Sites.



My name is Harry Breaux. I'll be speaking to the Safe Consumption Site item.

I'm a 75-year old, LGBTQ long term survivor of AIDS. Surviving for over 40 years in great part due to the substances, commonly called drugs, that have been engineered and marketed by the pharmaceutical industry.

But just like most industries, it cannot regulate its effect on the world. What starts out as progress, such as Henry Ford creating the automobile assembly line, turns into clogged highways of polluting vehicles. The pharmaceutical companies are infected with this same virus. They created "miracle" drugs and now have marketed them in a way that destroys many lives. Their responsibility for the results is lacking.

As a hippie in the 70's, I saw the damage that can accompany the use of some drugs and also the incredible clarity of consciousness and healing they can bring.

When articles began appearing about the opioid crisis, I was filled with anger over how our pharmaceutical companies had not only provided the drugs for this poisoning of our brothers and sisters who were vulnerable, but also paid to have these substances pushed by, sometimes well-meaning, sometimes grossly greedy, persons under the guise of healing.

The results of this financially motivated campaign brought us to this point in America. A country that has the most promise and the least success in calling out this malicious program. And now, we see haggling to provide the funds and support to allow the vulnerable to find any help out of the hell that has been created.

We cannot continue to form committees to research solutions without listening to their reports and recognizing that scientific evidence shows that safe consumption sites SAVE LIVES. They provide a safe, regulated place for an addicted person to receive the proper and safe substances that can calm their devils for a time while providing assistance to them for a path back to controlling their own lives.

We, America, created this horrendous situation and we, America, must address it with solutions rather than thoughts and prayers. This is not the first time San Francisco has had to lead America, nor will it be the last. It has been clear for over 100 years that San Francisco holds a lead in providing safe and compassionate responses to catastrophic events. We've shown our mettle through battling earthquakes, droughts, plagues and more than a few piss poor politicians. Fortunately, none in this present assemblage. I remind us that we created the first AIDS Ward in the country. We respond.

When a bone is broken, a hospital is needed, when a heart is broken, you need a safe place and some help to heal.

Let's lead once again in creating a Safe Consumption Site that will reflect the self-respect and dignity not only of our beloved San Francisco, but also the values, we, as Americans have come

to reverse. We must address rising rates of fatal overdoses and the concept of an SCS is a very significant strategy that will do that.

So, I stand before you, ever so grateful for whom San Francisco has allowed me to be and request that you pass this item, mount the legal battlements and create a Safe Consumption Site that will reflect our truest and deepest belief that all are entitled to the dream of a city and county that cares for its citizens.

These programs have been shown to save lives. They save over-dosing and reduce the transmission of communicable infections.

Please, provide the funds.

Thank you.

Harry Breaux  
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**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisor Budget Committee (Supervisor Fewer, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mandelman, Supervisor Yee and Supervisor Ronen):

My name is Rick Yuen, Executive Director of APA Family Support Services. APAFSS is part of the Domestic Violence Consortium (DVC) working to end gender-based violence as an interdependent network of approximately 30 non-profits working to shelter, council, represent, protect and empower survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and trafficking, and their children.

APA Family Support Services APAFSS is funded under Department On the Status of Women; DOSW will be receiving a 10% budget reduction along with other domestic violence related programs. APAFSS along with its partners provides linguistically and culturally needed services to children and families. Languages spoken by our staff: English, Chinese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Thai , and Cambodian. Home visits totaling 1,673 have been provided by our staff, interns and funded partners. APAFSS along with 30 other non-profits are meeting the needs of nearly 20,000 survivors annually. Survivors want to speak with knowledgeable advocates that speak their many languages, understand their cultural issues and will protect their immigration status. They just want the violence to stop.

I understand that there is currently consideration of a “3% cost of doing business” increase being discussed. Perhaps this measure should be utilized immediately to offset the overwhelming negative impact of the looming budget cuts on survivors (and their families).

I urge you to reconsider the budget cuts that directly affect domestic violence services/resources and organizations as well as the 10% budget cuts to DOSW that will in turn hurt APAFSS and the non-profits receiving those funds.

Thank you.

Richard "Rick" Yuen

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Good afternoon,

My name is Jaya Duhaylongsod, I live in Daly City and go to school at SF State. I have been a volunteer with the Filipino Community Center since April and I urge for full funding of the entire BJC list. I have seen first hand how this pandemic has affected the community members in the Excelsior. I am so grateful not just to have been part of the aid to the community, but to also see how the FCC has been able to rise up to the needs of the community during these unprecedented times. Even before the pandemic, the FCC was still serving the working class community in the Excelsior. This is more than a request for funding, it is a request for investing in communities who are marginalized and underserved, investing in workers and their families, and investing in the people of San Francisco. In the midst of a pandemic, we are asking for the funding to provide more urgently needed resources, services, and support to our community. Thank you.

**Jaya Duhaylongsod**

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My name is Maria Isabel Breña Millán, from BACR CHALK org. , I love and work in San Francisco for district 11, I have family friend that have been targeted and placed into the criminal system since they were 15years old. I work with youth that have been on probation and or have been harassed by police. I also have had relationships with folks who have been shot and killed by SFPD. This is a continuous cycle I've noticed since the age of 15 in San Francisco, that which has not appeared to change.

All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

We can and must do better. San Francisco has an opportunity to boldly stand with our communities by decreasing our reliance on a system that targets Black, Brown, poor, and trans community members by rejecting any budget that doesn't uplift the community's calls to divest from policing and surveillance. Cut electronic monitoring. Cut police academies. Remove deputies from libraries, hospitals, and other care institutions that serve our communities.

The facts don't lie. The scale of policing has not been shown to have any correlation or impact to crime. In fact, a study last year done by the Vera Institute found that less than 5% of police arrests were related to violence. What HAS been proven effective in reducing violence and harms within communities is having access to basic needs, resources, and community programs.

We applaud you for your leadership in taking steps to close down 850 Bryant St. But that was one half of the equation. If we are to truly make our vision for a stronger and healthier San Francisco come to life, we must redirect the resources that we've been squandering on jails to ensure housing, healthcare, mental health treatment, drug and substance use services, and youth programs for all our residents.

We ask each of you to meet this moment. We need your bold leadership to answer the calls to stand up to policing and jailing, especially now during a global pandemic, budget shortfalls, and end a decade of unchecked police and sheriff spending. We also need you to understand that, in order to

prevent future harm, we must commit to significantly and meaningfully reducing the interactions that the public has with police. This means laying off officers and deputies. This means removing armed officers from our public spaces. This means fully funding and investing in services and interventions that keep us safe at the outset.

You have the power to move us past small gestures of symbolism and fight for changes that will give us real and lasting public safety.

Thank you,

Maria Isabel Breña Millán  
547 Silver Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112

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Maria Isabel C. Breña Millán  
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**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment for the Annual Budget for FY 2020-2021  
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Please see attached public comment from the Justice & Diversity Center in support of funding for MOHCD's immigrant justice portfolio.

*Milli Atkinson*

Legal Director

San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative

The Justice & Diversity Center of The Bar Association of San Francisco

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August 25, 2020

Board of Supervisors  
Budget & Appropriations Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Public Comment in Support of the MOHCD Funding Recommendations

Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee:

My name is Milli Atkinson, and I am the Legal Director for the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC). The Justice & Diversity Center (“JDC”) of the Bar Association of San Francisco is the legal lead for SFILDC and houses my position as well as legal coordination positions for this important partnership. JDC also operates the Attorney of the Day program at the San Francisco Immigration Court, which coordinates services closely with SFILDC. **On behalf of the JDC, I write in support of the funding recommendations made by the Mayor’s Office of Housing & Community Development as it relates to SFILDC.**

SFILDC is a collaboration of 15 non-profit organizations in San Francisco that provides free, high quality, culturally competent legal services on behalf of San Francisco residents facing deportation before the San Francisco immigration court. Our partner agencies include: African Advocacy Network, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Central American Resource Center of Northern California, Center for Gender and Refugee Services, Dolores Street Community Services, Immigration Center for Women & Children, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Justice & Diversity Center, Kids in Need of Defense, La Raza Centro Legal, La Raza Community Resource Center, Legal Services for Children, Pangea Legal Services and the University of San Francisco Law School’s Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic.

As a collaborative we have provided full scope representation for more than 1,200 San Francisco residents from 34 countries, nearly half of whom are children. As attorney responders for the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRN), our collaborative holds ICE legally accountable for unlawful arrests and violent enforcement actions in our community. Through JDC’s Attorney of the Day program, we are able to reach thousands of unrepresented individuals every year. Our AOD volunteer attorneys meet with unrepresented individuals at the San Francisco Immigration Court to ensure due process rights are protected and keep immigration judges and government attorneys in check. This program relies on SFILDC attorneys to provide coverage of the court dockets so that individuals who are at risk for deportation have access to an attorney and are not forced to appear before an immigration judge alone. No other city in the United States has been as successful in providing this level of representation to its immigrant residents.

On behalf of JDC, I would like to express my gratitude to the Mayor, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development and the Board of Supervisors for their continued support of our work in advancing justice for some of our city's most vulnerable residents. **We urge the Board of Supervisors to approve MOHCD's recommendation of \$3,681,476 in funding for SFILDC for October 2020 through June 2021 and restore the pro-rated amount of \$135,589 in funding that was cut from the SFRRN in the 2020-2021 recommendations.** This funding is vital for SFILDC to continue its essential work for immigrants in San Francisco and we appreciate the Board of Supervisors' continued support for our clients during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Milli Atkinson  
Legal Director of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative  
Justice & Diversity Center of the Bar Association of San Francisco

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Written Comment SF Budget 8/24/20...Expanding Shelter to .LGBTQIA+  
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Hello Supervisors,

My name is Diana Sciarretta. I am the director of a small non profit, The Red & Orange House, which brings therapeutic arts experiences to LGBTQIA+ people living with trauma. I work and reside in San Francisco which is Ohlone land. I am also a member of the SFAF's HIV Advocacy Network.

I am calling/writing to support the \$400,000 funds which will expand shelter to the LGBTQIA+ community. Right now, Jazzy's Place, has the chance to expand their capacity by 48 new beds. That's a 50% increase.

I am a white privileged woman who lives in Russian Hill. Why is this funding important to me?

Two years ago, while walking through Delores park, a beautiful woman near me tripped and rolled down the hill. I went to help her while no one sitting right near her acted. After seeing her hugely swollen ankle, I called 911. Right before the ambulance pulled up, she looked me straight in the eyes and said. "You are an angel. This is my first time EVER getting up the courage to come out of my house as Coco. The fact that you stopped to help me makes me feel safer to go to General because they will find out I am really a man."

I know several white people who have transitioned. It was a hard adjustment. But, I had no idea the levels of complexity and trauma for black bodied people who know they need to live as a different gender than they were born.

My friend, Coco, is a 67 year old black trans woman who lives in a rent control apartment. We have grown into a very sweet mutually caring friendship. I have learned, by hearing her stories, how much trauma and discrimination she experiences everyday. So much more than my white friends who have transitioned.

I am asking you to fund the \$400, 000 to Jazzy's Place. Those extra 48 beds will be designated, first and foremost, to trans black women. That's where I would want my dear friend to be if she lost her rent control apartment. Because now I understand, she would be brutalized and targeted if she should ever need to go to a regular shelter.

Thank you for making San Francisco the city which leads the nation because our city funded initiatives show the way we care about all our residents.

In community,  
Diana Sciarretta

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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Hello,

Bellow please find my public comment for today's session. I planned to give this over the phone, but unfortunately could not stay on the line for more than the 4 hours I already waited. Thank you for your time.

Hello Supervisors,

My name is Madison Miller. I am calling in two capacities today: first, as the Student Body President of UC Hastings, and second, as a clinical student with the Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors.

As a UC Hastings Student Leader and San Francisco resident, I am calling on the city and you as our leaders to reallocate funds away from the SF Police and Sheriff's departments and toward Tenderloin based community programs such as the Coalition on Homelessness and the Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation, among others.

Immediate intervention and funding are desperately needed to address the housing crisis in the Tenderloin and San Francisco more broadly. Increasing the budget for social services and hotel support staff to maximize temporary housing programs for the unhoused in San Francisco is a TANGIBLE solution that you can make NOW to support vulnerable San Franciscans.

Data shows that a model prioritizing housing results in higher chances of folks securing permanent housing as well as taking advantage of mental health, substance abuse and other social services. As it stands, the department of homelessness and supportive housing is overwhelmed and understaffed, incapable of fully handling the existing housing crisis, magnified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a volunteer legal worker through the Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors, I have seen the intersectionality of financial and housing insecurity as it impacts our older adult populations. This needs no explanation. Our state has already considered cuts to public programs that fund older adult services, and I cannot fathom the impacts that will have if our city takes the same course. As you also know, the tenderloin is also an area with a high concentration of older adults. It is essential that we demonstrate the value of EACH person who lives in San Francisco, housed or unhoused, but equitably funding the Tenderloin neighborhood. Equity in the Tenderloin does not look like a stagnant budget. It looks like INCREASED funding for literally the most vulnerable and needy district in our city/county.

Please take action NOW to ensure our older adults and Tenderloin residents have equitable access to housing amid this horrible crisis and global pandemic.

Thank you,  
Madison Miller

**Madison Miller**

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My name is Jorge Ortiz, I live in San Francisco. I have seen police not care about a situation when it needed to be handled. They chose to turn the other cheek. All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

We can and must do better. San Francisco has an opportunity to boldly stand with our communities by decreasing our reliance on a system that targets Black, Brown, poor, and trans community members by rejecting any budget that doesn't uplift the community's calls to divest from policing and surveillance. Cut electronic monitoring. Cut police academies. Remove deputies from libraries, hospitals, and other care institutions that serve our communities.

The facts don't lie. The scale of policing has not been shown to have any correlation or impact to crime. In fact, a study last year done by the Vera Institute found that less than 5% of police arrests were related to violence. What HAS been proven effective in reducing violence and harms within communities is having access to basic needs, resources, and community programs.

We applaud you for your leadership in taking steps to close down 850 Bryant St. But that was one half of the equation. If we are to truly make our vision for a stronger and healthier San Francisco come to life, we must redirect the resources that we've been squandering on jails to ensure housing, healthcare, mental health treatment, drug and substance use services, and youth programs for all our residents.

We ask each of you to meet this moment. We need your bold leadership to answer the

calls to stand up to policing and jailing, especially now during a global pandemic, budget shortfalls, and end a decade of unchecked police and sheriff spending. We also need you to understand that, in order to prevent future harm, we must commit to significantly and meaningfully reducing the interactions that the public has with police. This means laying off officers and deputies. This means removing armed officers from our public spaces. This means fully funding and investing in services and interventions that keep us safe at the outset.

You have the power to move us past small gestures of symbolism and fight for changes that will give us real and lasting public safety.

Thank you



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My name is Makaela Mabrey, I work in San Francisco. Me and my family have been victims of police brutality. As a human being aside from being a black person in America something needs to be done to help alleviate the pain and trauma caused by police in SF.

All summer long, San Francisco has called on the city to invest in care, not cops and cages. Last year, a staggering \$1 billion dollars were set aside for SFPD and the Sheriff's Department. While the city finds itself in a deep budget shortfall and despite the Mayor's rhetoric earlier this year, the Mayor's latest proposed budget would leave both departments with well over \$900 million in their budgets, all while life-saving services face uncertainty and cuts.

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Thank you,  
Makaela Mabrey

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: from Kevin Bradley, long term HIV survivor urging you to continue Housing Subsidies

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My name is Kevin Bradley.

I am a long term survivor of HIV. I have been a client of San Francisco Aids Foundation for over 25 years. I currently have a housing subsidy through the S.F. Housing Coalition at SFAF that has provided me with affordable housing since 1994. During this time I have survived addiction to crystal meth and near death from HIV.

The one constant that was most helpful to my healing during these troubled times was the security and safety that affordable housing provided me.

I would like to thank you and then encourage you to continue the housing subsidy programs for the LBGTQ community here in San Francisco.

Safe, secure and affordable housing allowed me to recover and then give back to San Francisco. I currently volunteer at SFAF's Elizabeth Taylor 50 Plus Network and at Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy as a teacher's assistant.

I also provide essential care for senior clients during this current pandemic.

I really cannot stress how important having housing has been in helping me to discover a pathway to the person I was truly meant to be. I hope and pray this can continue for others. Once again, I urge you to continue to extend this opportunity to other LBGTQ struggling to find their way. Please continue and expand the housing subsidies!

Thank you kindly for your time.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bradley

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Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Kameelah Sims-Traylor and I am a student at UC Hastings Law, today I would like to call on the city to reallocate funds away from the SF Police Department, Mayor's Office, and the Sheriff's Department and towards Tenderloin based community programs (ex. Coalition on Homelessness, Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation (TNDC), St. Anthony's) to address the housing crisis in the Tenderloin and the city. Specifically, increasing the budget for social services and hotel support staff to maximize temporary housing programs for the unhoused in San Francisco. Data shows that a housing first model results in higher chances of procuring permanent housing as well as taking advantage of mental health, substance abuse, behavioral health, and other social services. As it stands, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing is overwhelmed and understaffed to handle the already existing housing crisis combined with the deadly effects of the pandemic. To increase the safety and well being of both our unhoused and housed neighbors, we must address this crisis with the urgency and attention it deserves, beginning with the allocation of city funds.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness reports that Permanent Supportive Housing and rapid re-housing programs help people exit homelessness quickly and remain housed, with 75-91% of households remaining housed a year after being rapidly re-housed. Many studies on permanent supportive housing show clients opting in to supportive services and being more likely to attend job trainings, schools, discontinue substance use, have fewer instances of domestic violence, and spend fewer days hospitalized.

As noted, these measures would assist those in greatest need at a time of overlapping crises. This is not a time for budget austerity, but a time to put action behind words in the name of saving lives. Thank you for your time.

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**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Fwd: SF Pretrial Letter of Support for TGIJP Budget Request  
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**Cc:** Alex Binsfeld <alex@tgijp.org>  
**Subject:** SF Pretrial Letter of Support for TGIJP Budget Request

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Hello Mayor Breed and Board of Supervisors,

Attached is our letter to support re-entry services for transgender people in San Francisco. We are eager to work with their collaborative to develop a criminal justice diversion program and are already making progress. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Take care,  
David

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### **Re: Support for the Diversion and Reentry Support Services for Transgender Communities Budget Request**

August 24, 2020

San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project in strong support of the Diversion and Reentry Support Services for Transgender Communities budget request made by Transgender, Gender-Variant, and Intersex Justice Project (TGIJP). **We are currently working with the District Attorney, Public Defender and TGIJP partners to establish a diversion program that requires funding. Based on the successfully implemented Primary Caregiver Diversion Program implemented this year, we are seriously concerned about the disproportionality debilitating impact of incarceration on TGI people.**

The Diversion and Reentry Support Services for Transgender Communities budget request would create a new fund, administered through MOHCD, which would allocate \$500,000 to support services to divert transgender community members from entering the criminal legal system and support services, particularly housing, employment, and medical and mental health care for transgender community members coming out of the criminal legal system.

TGI people, and especially Black TGI people, experience interactions with police at disproportionate rates, which results in high rates of incarceration.<sup>1</sup> Once incarcerated, TGI communities, especially Black TGI communities, report frequent

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.vox.com/identities/2020/6/23/21295432/police-black-trans-people-violence>

harmful experiences.<sup>2</sup> The Diversion and Reentry Support Services for Transgender Communities budget request would provide necessary funding to community based organizations to ensure the safety and well-being of transgender community members through diversion and re-entry support services for the community. These funds would dramatically expand services for the community, allowing San Francisco organizations to provide diversion and re-entry support to 125 additional transgender people each year.

The Diversion and Reentry Support Services for Transgender Communities budget request is critical in ensuring that TGI communities, especially Black TGI communities, receive sufficient services. The need for these services is more urgent than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic, because the TGI community is especially vulnerable to COVID-19, due to high rates of medical conditions that lead to serious COVID-19 complications.<sup>3</sup> As jails often result in higher rates of COVID-19 transmission, programs that divert transgender people from jail are critical to ensuring the community's health and safety. Additionally, supportive re-entry services that ensure stable housing and healthcare are also necessary to lower rates of COVID-19 among transgender community members, by enabling people to shelter in place and access medical care if they become ill. As a result, this funding can be lifesaving for members of an underserved and vulnerable community.

If granted, this budget request would further the Mayor's goal of redirecting funds from policing to Black communities, due to the disparate rate that Black transgender people experience contact with the criminal legal system. This budget request would redirect funds to those most harmed by policing and would expand programs that help them avoid contact with the criminal legal system. This fund would support the diversion of people, so that they are not housed in jails and prosecuted. It also would provide them with adequate supportive services, which prevent re-arrest. The fund is a necessary step to providing support and amelioration to the community.

San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project asks for your support for the Diversion and Reentry Support Services for Transgender Communities request

Sincerely,

David Mauroff  
CEO  
San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.lambdalegal.org/protected-and-served/jails-and-prisons>

<sup>3</sup> <https://sf.gov/news/trans-care-during-covid-19>



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Good Afternoon Chair Fewer and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

Thank you for your leadership in this challenging budget year. As you look to work through these unprecedented times, I urge you and your colleagues to support the Mayor's proposed SFPD budget. We support the thoughtful approach of redirecting \$120 Million over the next two years in resources from law enforcement departments towards repairing structural inequities especially impacting the City's African American community.

We also support not cutting any current SFPD employees or any upcoming SFPD academy classes. We know that as we recover from this pandemic caused by COVID 19 and we once again welcome visitors back, we will need to ensure we have adequate public safety to support our visitor industry and the mostly small businesses that rely on tourism. Neighborhood foot beat patrols in high visitor volume areas have been particularly appreciated by our convention business and leisure visitors, as well as our partners especially in the retail, accommodation, cultural and restaurant industries.

Absent a robust public safety alternative, we need to continue to deploy police department staff while at the same time look to ensuring funding is in place to best and most appropriately respond

to nonviolent and non-emergency needs in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe D'Alessandro  
President and CEO  
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**Subject:** EXPAND SHELTER FOR LGBTQ COMMUNITY - \$400,000

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Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

I am Natalia Villegas, a resident of SF, a former syringe access services volunteer and UCSF nursing student.

As a proud daughter of a fierce and resilient transwoman of color, I am advocating for the expansion of shelter for the LGBTQ community. Allocating \$400,000 towards increasing the capacity of Jazzie's Place is essential for the health and safety of the LGBTQ+ community, especially the Trans community. I am sure you are all aware of the incredibly disheartening statistics regarding violence and discrimination against transwomen, in particular transwomen of color. Unfortunately, San Francisco is not an exception when it comes to housing or job discrimination against this community. Until this changes, it is essential for the city to invest in safe shelter spaces.

My family moved from Colombia to San Francisco so that my dad could live her truth. This city is a beacon of hope for trans people all over the world. Trans folks move here in search of love, dignity and respect. Providing these same folks with safe housing is an issue of love, dignity and respect.

The fact is that the LGBTQ+ community is disproportionately impacted by homelessness and trans folks are often harassed and victimized in shelters. By voting to allocate these funds towards LGBTQ+ housing, you are showing that this city values the lives of the LGBTQ+ community, the trans community and especially transwomen of color. As a student nurse, I have already taken care of too many homeless trans folks at SFGH. I urge you to join me by voting to protect our trans community.

Thank you for your time,

Natalia Villegas

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Ms. Linda Wong and President Yee,

Please find attached El/La Para TransLatinas' written comment in support of AB2218.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Santamaria

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**Nicole Santamaria, MA | Executive Director** | El/La Para TransLatinas

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Ms. Linda Wong, Clerk  
Honorable President Norman Yee  
Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
City Hall, Room 244  
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RE: Budget and Appropriations and Transgender Programs and Organizations

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August 24, 2020

Dear Ms. Linda Wong and President Yee,

On behalf of El/La Para TransLatinas, I am writing to support the Office of Transgender Initiatives Trans Advisory Committee's (TAC) budget recommendations. San Francisco's trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) programs and organizations have been on the frontlines on COVID-19 relief for our community. Now more than ever, with ongoing Federal Administration attacks, TGNC communities are experiencing discrimination, poverty, houselessness, and health disparities at particularly high rates that make TGNC people especially vulnerable during this pandemic. This is even more heightened for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) TGNC communities. At the same time as the Black Lives Matter movement has cast a spotlight on anti-Black violence, it is critical that San Francisco continues to invest and expand our investment to specific programs and organizations that are Black, and Black trans-led. Any budget cuts to trans programs and services would be devastating to any progress we have made over the last years in adding these critical and life-saving programs, especially during a global pandemic.

We have seen first-hand transLatinas' struggle to have basic needs met during the COVID-19 pandemic. Jobs have been lost, San Francisco rents are even harder to pay, LGBTQ+ service providers and program hours are limited or non-existent since the city's shelter-in-place order went into effect months ago. Not to mention the disproportionate rates at which Latinos have been affected and infected by the virus.

That is why we support the recommendations:

1. Maintain current funding for all our vital trans programs and organizations, especially for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) trans-led organizations.
2. Redirect law enforcement funds to Black-led, and Black trans-led organizations.

3. Ensure equity in COVID-19 relief and that a trans-specific lens is included with all response, and recovery efforts. It will be critical to increase investment in Our Trans Home SF, and to support Lyon Martin's long-term independence to continue COVID19 relief.

Sincerely,

Nicole Santamaría, Executive Director  
El/La Para TransLatinas

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Good evening Honorable Supervisors,

My name is Karissa Provenza, I live in District 1 and I am a student at UC Hastings Law, today I would like to call on the city to reallocate funds away from SFPD and towards Tenderloin based community programs to address the housing crisis in the Tenderloin and in the city. Specifically, increasing the budget for social services and hotel support staff to maximize temporary housing programs for the unhoused in San Francisco.

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Thank you for your time,  
Karissa Provenza

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August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Ms. Linda Wong and President Yee,

On behalf of myself as someone in solidarity with my trans, non-binary, and gender-transcending relatives, I am writing to support the Office of Transgender Initiatives Trans Advisory Committee's (TAC) budget recommendations. San Francisco's trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) programs and organizations have been on the frontlines on COVID-19 relief for our community. Now more than ever, with ongoing Federal Administration attacks, TGNC communities are experiencing discrimination, poverty, houselessness, and health disparities at particularly high rates that make TGNC people especially vulnerable during this pandemic. This is even more heightened for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) TGNC communities. At the same time as the Black Lives Matter movement has cast a spotlight on anti-



Black violence, it is critical that San Francisco continues to invest and expand our investment to specific programs and organizations that are Black, and Black trans-led.

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Sincerely, Trillia Hargrove

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Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

My name is Herman (Homer) Hobi. I live at 335 Grand View avenue in San Francisco. I'm part of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Elizabeth Taylor 50 + organization for gay men over 50. However I am now 74 years old. I also started the Recycling AIDS Medication Program that supports over a 1000 people annually with donated HIV medications. . I am writing to support your commitment for subsidizing the housing of HIV positive people.

I'm asking you to please support the one. million-dollar funding for the HIV housing subsidy programs

This funding is vitally important for my and other people living with HIV's, ability to survive and thrive in San Francisco. My roots in San Francisco go back before the 1906 earthquake when my grandfather was a metalsmith. I can only hope to continue to contribute to the generosity of San Francisco. My housing subsidy, which is administered by the San Francisco AIDS Foundation is what allows me to live in this wonderful city.

Thank you for your time.

Herman (Homer) Hobi

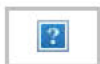
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Herman (Homer, Mort) Hobi

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Dear Linda Wong,

Please find a comment attached with regards to the Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Thank you,  
Moira Duvernay

**Moira Duvernay** | Deputy Director  
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Re: Public Comment in Support of the MOHCD Funding Recommendations

Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee:

My name is Moira Duvernay and I am Deputy Director for the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies (CGRS). We are founding member of the San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC). We provide critical training and technical assistance to our partners within the collaborative. I write on behalf of CGRS in support of the funding recommendation for SFILDC's critical work as made by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

The legal representation that SFILDC provides to our community members is lifesaving. Deportation can be a death sentence for those fleeing persecution in their home country. Competent legal representation can make the difference between winning or losing your claim for protection in the United States. With the city's support, we have helped create a cadre of well-equipped attorneys to take on these complex cases and improve fairness as well as efficiency in an otherwise wildly unfair and inefficient immigration court system. CGRS has provided in-depth assistance and one-on-one mentoring in over 100 SFILDC cases, 75 in FY2019 alone, and has produced dozens of on-demand training resources. We also participate in the San Francisco Rapid Response Network (SFRRP), a critical program for ensuring due process and accountability against abusive enforcement practices.

The current federal administration has used the pandemic as cover to increase its attack on our immigrant communities. Every week they announce a new policy or new draconian federal rules that aim to shut down access to our asylum system. Our Center works with SFILDC attorneys understand and navigate these new challenges. Despite these difficult conditions, as a collaborative we have identified and pursued cases leading to precedent setting decisions improving the law for all asylum seekers.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Mayor and MOHDC for supporting our immigrant community at this critical moment. As a national organization, we know that San

Francisco's bold leadership in the movement toward universal representation for immigrants has moved other cities and localities to similar action.

**We respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to approve MOHCD's recommendation of \$3,681,476 in funding for SFILDC for October 2020 through June 2021 and restore the \$182,000 in funding that was cut from the SFRRN in the 2020-2021 recommendations.** The funding is vital for our collaborative to continue meeting the pressing and immediate needs of our clients and community. We deeply appreciate the Board of Supervisors' support as we face such unprecedented challenges.

Sincerely,



Moira Duvernay  
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August 24, 2020

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Sincerely,

Shannon Amitin  
Executive Assistant San Francisco Pride

Advisory Board, Castro LGBTQ Cultural District  
Advisory Board, San Francisco Queer Nightlife Fund

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Shannon Amitin (he/they pronouns)  
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Good afternoon Supervisors,  
My name is Ana Herrera and I am the legal director of Dolores Street Community Services' Deportation Defense Program. Thanks to the city's support through the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, we provide free legal services to SF's diverse low income immigrant community. We provide these services alongside over 21 other SF community based organizations through the SF Immigrant Legal & Education Network (SFILN), SF Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative (SFILDC), and the SF Rapid Response Network.

I would like to personally thank Mayor Breed, MOHCD, and the Board of Supervisors for preserving their commitment to immigrant justice and equity in San Francisco, and continuing to fund critical legal and education services to San Francisco's immigrant community. I appreciate that our leaders understand the diversity of the immigrant community and that our services reach immigrants, both recently arrived and long-standing immigrant community members from all continents, sexual orientations and identities, and racial identities.

I also urge you all to please restore a prior budget cut to the city's ICE Rapid Response Hotline—a cut of \$136,500. The Rapid Response Network operates a 24-hour hotline that provides ICE enforcement verification, emergency attorney activation, and community-rooted wrap-around service connections. The community has relied on this 24/7 hotline since 2017 and if cuts persist, these services will be reduced at a great cost to our immigrant community, when fear of ICE enforcement remains rampant, and has been especially heightened during this pandemic.

Finally, please follow the recommendations of the Budget Justice Coalition which address the urgent needs of immigrants and communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Make real cuts to the police budget – we know that this recession will impact our communities for years to come and it's loud and clear we need deeper police cuts and more services for our low income communities.

Thank you very much for your time.

## **Ana Herrera**

**Director, Deportation Defense & Legal Advocacy Program**

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Hello supervisors,

My name is Tayler Hennings and I am emailing to support the Tenderloin Food Security Collective's budget ask of \$150,000 for food security initiatives in the Tenderloin. I'm a public health nutrition graduate student at UC Berkeley and am currently interning with EatSF Vouchers4Veggies. Many of the participants we serve are Tenderloin residents and they suffer from food insecurity at alarming rates. Tenderloin residents are in need of these meals, especially during the COVID crisis. I outlined some important reasons why below.

- In the last two weeks the Tenderloin has lost 8,000 monthly meals due to loss of federal funding at SFUSD after school meal program sites. While still not enough, this request will greatly help to fill some of those losses.
- The Tenderloin has the second highest rate of COVID cases in San Francisco. Reducing vulnerable population exposure is vital to keeping the Tenderloin safe and Healthy. Our budget ask will provide 10,000 meals over a 6 month period directly to 400 homes per week. That's 400 less people every week being potentially exposed to COVID as they go out to get food. This budget request, if funded will literally save lives.
- 6 and a half months into the pandemic the Tenderloin is finally receiving a pop up pantry. The funding from this budget request would greatly help the facilitation of the Tenderloin pantry, thereby increasing the ease and safety in which residents get their food.
- This ask is part of the Budget Justice Coalition's efforts to meet families needs during the COVID crisis.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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**Tayler Hennings** (she/her/hers)  
Intern, EatSF Vouchers for Veggies, UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations  
MPH Nutrition Student, UC Berkeley School of Public Health

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Para los supervisores  
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Hola buenas tardes señores supervisores mi nombre es Amparo Alarcon soy de la Organización PODER San Francisco quiero pedir por favor que no recorten los fondos a nuestra comunidad ya que los recortes nos afectan con SFILN y SFILDC y respuesta rápida ya que en los última semanas hemos visto un resurgimiento De ICE en el ÁREA de la Bahía y nosotros los Inmigrantes continúan enfrentándose ataques políticos bajo esta administración federal o el recorte de \$136 .500 amenaza nuestra capacidad para mantener una línea directa las 24 horas del día los 7 días de la semana y limitará el alcance de nuestros esfuerzos educación comunitaria yo tengo un testimonio real con esta persecución de ICE se llevó a mi hijo y yo sufrí mucho pero gracias a la línea de respuesta rápida y los Abogados de la comunidad pude regresar a mi hijo y ya recuerden señor supervisor que con esta pandemia nos están desalojados no hay trabajo no hay comida vivienda accesible por favor hacemos Taxis merecemos esos fondos gracias

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** public comment

Hello my name is Darrick Shanahan I am a sign installer with the sign shop with SFMTA. I am also a local 21 member and the chapter president. Since the beginning of this PANDEMIC I have been - working and not only putting my-self but also my family at risk. I have been working on COVID-19 projects such as slow streets, street closures and ambulance and emergency vehicle parking areas. I am an essential worker, I install and maintain all city signage for traffic and pedestrian safety. Asking us workers to give back more at this time is very unnecessary. we know there is money in reserves so please don't balance the budget on your workers backs. us city workers can't afford to live in our own city. We have already pushed our raises back by 6 months and we are not asking for more, we're just asking not to be cut.

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2021 Budget Hearing: In Support of HIV Funding for 1. Housing Subsidies, 2. Jazzie's Place, and 3. Supervised, Safe Consumption Sites.  
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**Cc:** Hodge Steve <sjhodge@ix.netcom.com>; astone@sfaf.org <astone@sfaf.org>  
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Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

My name is Steve Hodge and I work for the Department of Rehabilitation, State of California. I am 76 years of age and reside at Marty's Place, an affordable group housing cooperative for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS in the Mission District.

I have disabling AIDS and look to Marty's Place and other support organizations for assistance in my living situation, without which I could not live in my hometown of San Francisco. Having safe, stable, affordable housing is key to maintaining our health and critical for ending HIV/AIDS. With this in mind, I am also writing to ask for your support in expanding funding for Jazzie's Place (a queer-friendly space and San Francisco's first shelter dedicated to the LGBTQ community). Also I am asking if you could help increase awareness and support for our Elder HIV/AIDS community who are especially struggling during these hard times

Your continued support in the funding of supervised and safer consumption sites in San Francisco is so appreciated.

Thank you!

Steve Hodge

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**Cc:** Michael Rouppet <[mrouppet@icloud.com](mailto:mrouppet@icloud.com)>, <[astone@sfaf.org](mailto:astone@sfaf.org)>

Dear Members of the Budget & Appropriations Committee,

My name is Sandra Win. I'm a San Francisco Physician specializing in HIV and Public Health and a Director on the Board of Directors for Marty's Place, an affordable group housing cooperative for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS in the Mission District. Having practiced HIV Medicine and Public Health in San Francisco for sixteen years, I'm well aware of the hardships that people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) encounter on a daily basis beyond their health concerns.

I am writing to you today to ask for your support to continue the current funding levels for housing subsidies provided to PLWH in the 2021 budget for San Francisco. Marty's Place is now in its fifth year since opening in 2015, and housing subsidies have been critical in keeping our residents stable. As was shared with me, the costs for building newer units to house people living with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco are estimated at approximately \$700K per unit. Maintaining current levels in housing subsidies would be a more prudent investment in stabilizing San Franciscans during a pandemic and housing crisis, given both the current markets and budgetary shortfall projections.

We know that housing is healthcare and stability is critical for ending HIV/AIDS. Housing is also a component of San Francisco's internationally reknown "Getting to Zero." People living with HIV/AIDS are disproportionately impacted by homelessness. In San Francisco, people with HIV/AIDS have the fourth highest level of homelessness.

I am also writing to to ask for your support to expand funding for Jazzie's Place as a queer-friendly space and San Francisco's first shelter dedicated to the LGBTQ community. Lastly, I am also asking for your support to fund supervised and safer consumption sites in San Francisco in the 2021 budget.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sandra Win, MD, MS, AAHIVS  
Pronoun preference: She/Her  
HIV Specialist and Public Health Physician  
Non-resident Director, Marty's Place



**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
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I'd like to thank the MOHCD, the Board, and the mayor for fully funding SFILDC and SFILEN. I work as an accredited representative at CARECEN – we are part of both collaborative – and as such I have a front-row seat to see how essential our work is. I talk all the time to people who desperately need immigration legal services and can't find them. Even with all of the nonprofits in the city working as hard as they can – and people are working very hard – we are overwhelmed by the demand. Moreover, the federal government's relentless attack on the immigration system has made our work all the more difficult. Things that were hard before are now impossible, and things that were easy before are now hard. Nonetheless, we don't give up, and we are doing a lot of good for a lot of people. In reality, SFILEN and SFILDC could use twenty times the resources, but these are challenging times and I am thankful to the city for having spared us from cuts.

The one request I have is for the city to restore full funding to the rapid response hotline. As you are probably aware, there has recently been an uptick in ICE enforcement in the North Bay, and once the COVID pandemic subsides in the area, it's safe to expect a wave of enforcement while ICE makes up for lost time. If you need any proof of ICE's intention and its ruthlessness, see the documentary "Immigration Nation" on Netflix. Even if we get a new administration in Washington, policies don't turn on a dime, and ICE staff will resist any changes; we expect them to seek out opportunities to pursue immigrants where they can. We need to be ready to react. Moreover, I believe that the very presence of a robust network has a deterrent effect on ICE; just see how they behave in places where they don't face what we've got. here This week, it's CARECEN's turn to be on call for any rapid response, and we are ready to jump in the moment we are needed. But making that happen takes infrastructure, and it takes money.

So thank you for all your work; thank you for keeping SFILDC and SFILEN fully funded; and please give your fullest consideration to restoring full funding for the Rapid Response Network.

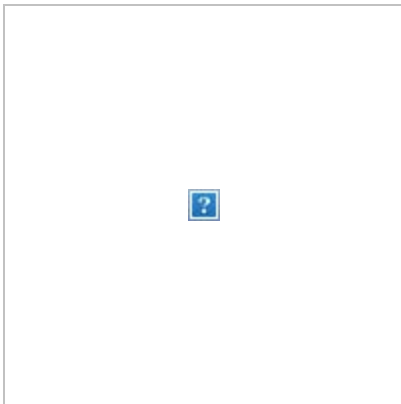
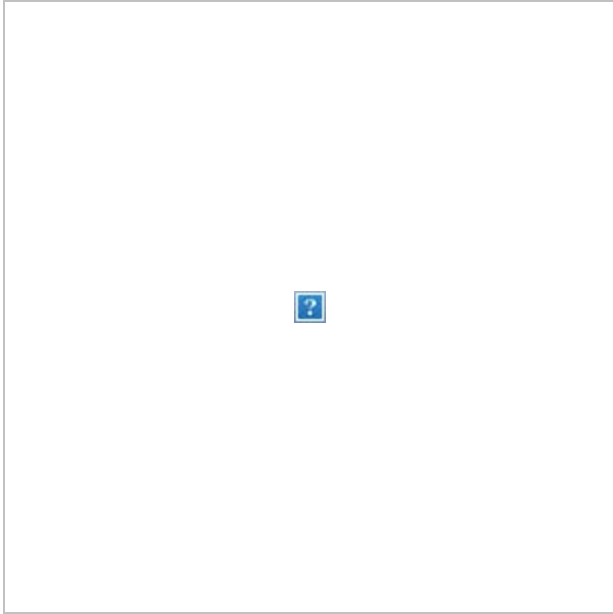
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**From:** Sofia Bastida <sofia@mujeresunidas.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 6:00:31 PM  
**To:** Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Public Comment [ August 24, 2020]

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Good afternoon,

I would like to share a comment on my behalf as well as a community member.

My name is Sofia Bastida, I am the Lead Organizer with Mujeres Unidas y Activas, an SFILen and Rapid Response network organization. During this pandemic our community continues to be threatened by ICE, during the past couple of weeks there has been ICE activity in the Bay Area. During this pandemic when immigrant communities are struggling to stay afloat, should they also have to live in fear that the number they have learned to rely on for 24 hours/ 7 days a week assistance will no longer be available during those days and hours due to the cuts. The Rapid Response Line is critical to the safety of our immigrant community. As a city that strives to protect the lives of immigrants, I urge you to defund the police and allocate those funds where they are most needed, back to the community.

Thank you to mayor London Breed, the Board of Supervisors and MOHCD for renewing your commitment to the immigrant community. My name is Cindia Martinez a community organizer who supports various housing and census efforts as well as an active member of Mujeres Unidas y Activas here in San Francisco. The rapid response line is very important to me and my family because we are immigrants who have benefited from the rapid response line; they have helped us in our language and gave us resources that could be of service to us. It is crucial that the rapid response line is able to operate 24/7, especially during this pandemic, where ICE continues to threaten our people. As low income members of the community we deserve to obtain information about our rights, whether that be labor rights, housing rights, and immigrant rights. I urge you to rethink the cut that was being made to the rapid response line, we depend on this resource. Thank you for your time.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our comments.

Best,

Sofia Bastida  
Lead Organizer, Mujeres Unidas y Activas

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** RE: In Support for Safer Consumption Sites

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To San Francisco City Council,

I'm Jack, and this email serves as support for the Safer Consumption Sites funding that requires 2 million dollars. As a social researcher, I can confidently say that **WE all benefit** from a healthier, supported community. Decades of sociological and public health research, specifically looking at diverse social networks, points to how healthier communities offer more resources to marginalized communities. It's time for SF residents to ask themselves how much longer they will turn a blind eye to people suffering on its cold streets?

Thanks and regards,  
Jack M. Shea

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: SF Board of Supervisors Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting  
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**Subject:** SF Board of Supervisors Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting

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Hello,

I am writing to give my public comment for the Budget & Appropriations Committee Meeting held today.

Hello, my name is Rachel Harvill and I am a resident of San Francisco. I am writing to urge you to defund, dismantle and ultimately abolish SFPD. It is necessary that these funds be reinvested in community resources to ensure the safety of black and brown people.

I leave you with this question: as people who consider themselves as public servants, are you okay with passing a budget that will perpetuate the systemic murders of San Francisco's most vulnerable populations?

Thank you.

**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Budget priorities  
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**Subject:** Budget priorities

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Hello

Could you share my views with the supervisors and Mayor as they work on budget priorities?

I am a homeowner and long time San Francisco resident, living in District 8 on Sanchez Street. I am a senior, and semi retired though also working full time as an artist.

We have witnessed increased homeless encampments and crime in my neighborhood. It reached a climax when over 10 homeless (almost all of whom appeared to be drug addicts) set up camp on both sides of Sanchez Street, and around the block on 16th near Market. Homeless were openly running a bicycle chop shop, dealing drugs, cooking meth in the open with a blowtorch, threatening and chasing residents, and trashing out the neighborhood with debris and used needles. All of us had to stop our normal routines. Parents could not take children outside, pet owners had to quit taking pets out for walks. The sidewalks were blocked by the encampments, so pedestrians walked out in the street, one nearly getting hit by a car. My partner drove 1/4 block to Chase Bank rather than face walking through the encampment. Neighbors have also witnessed the homeless raiding the local Walgreens and stealing goods, and making the environment in the store feel unsafe. The situation was out of control and one neighbor described it as anarchy and a breakdown of the rule of law.

The police were called on numerous occasions. One of the homeless pepper sprayed one of my neighbors, and carried a knife on his belt openly, and threatened and even chased several of my neighbors. People on my street were living in fear for well over three weeks, until the encampments were finally cleared.

The city authorities offered these individuals shelter, and some did take up the offer, but the

worst behaved of them would not.

This situation has made it clear to me that the City Budget needs to include:

1. Sufficient funding for the police to continue to protect citizens from lawless individuals living in many of these encampments.
2. Sufficient funding for shelter, housing, mental health care, counseling and treatment programs to help the homeless out of the cycle of drug addiction and homelessness.
3. If services are available and turned down, then the homeless should be held accountable for lawless behavior. Therefore, funding should be set aside for incarceration of individuals committing more serious crimes, such as assault, high volume dealing of meth, heroin, opioids, and starting fires in neighborhoods.

I hope that you will wisely set a budget that maintains the safety of our neighborhood, as well as assists the homeless. A sufficient budget for the police is needed to protect citizens from lawless criminal behavior of certain subsegments of the homeless population.

Lastly, I want to thank Jeff Kositsky for all of the hard work that his team went through, trying to connect the homeless with shelter and services, coordinate city agencies, as well as address the concerns of the neighborhood residents. Police Chief Gaetano Caltagirone was very supportive of the neighbors and his officers handled incidents as well as they could, given the hands off attitude of the District Attorneys office.

Thank you for taking my view into consideration.



**From:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public comment for SF City Budget FY 2020-2021  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 10:10:36 PM

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**Subject:** Public comment for SF City Budget FY 2020-2021

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Monday, August 24, 2020  
Public Commentary for  
San Francisco City Budget FY 2020-2021

To Supervisors Fewer, Walton and Mandelman, Yee and Ronen.

My name is Paul Aguilar. I'm a fourth generation native San Franciscan and a member of the SF Aids Foundation's HIV Advocacy Network I am writing to you in support of providing \$400,000 dollars to **EXPAND SHELTER FOR the LGBTQ COMMUNITY.**

**Currently, there are ONLY** 24 shelter beds in all of the San Francisco's shelter system that are designated specifically for the homeless LGBTQ population... and that's simply not enough! Not when you consider that on any given night there are at least 100 times that many LGBTQ people on the streets with no place to lay their head.

Ever since I was a child growing up in the Haight Ashbury, I remember people flocking to San Francisco. At first it was the "hippies" and the Summer of Love. Then came my LGBTQ brothers and sisters . It seems that those who just don't fit in anywhere else are drawn to San Francisco. For us it is a beacon of hope for those seeking acceptance and the opportunity to live their truest and fullest lives. I have lost count of how many teenagers and young adults I have met who were shunned by their families only to be thrown away..and in some cases much worse.

With little or no job skills and San Francisco having the highest rental prices in the United States, these young folk are forced to navigate the already complicated shelter system in SF. For those that are transgendered, they discover that they are 18 times more likely to

experience homelessness than their peers who are not trans. For those other than the "lucky" 24, those who don't get a designated LGBTQ spot... they are vilously attacked and harassed. Why, just the other night **ABC World News Tonight** with **David Muir** reported that violent attacks against transgendered women of color have increased by 42% nationwide since 2018.

I have lived through the city's response to the AIDS pandemic. It was as unprecedented as it was compassionate. Please do not let this, the second pandemic of my life, be any different.. Please help to expand shelter for the LGBTQ community in San Francisco..

Respectfully,,

Paul A. Aguilar

Member, *San Francisco AIDS Foundation HIV Advocacy Network*

*Film Maker*

*Essayist*

*Advocate and Activist*

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From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Fwd: Budget & Appropriations Committee Public Comment Day 8/24
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Cc: Jessica Beard (jbeard@ifpte21.org) <jbeard@ifpte21.org>
Subject: Budget & Appropriations Committee Public Comment Day 8/24

Linda,

I called in multiple times to the Budget & Appropriations Committee today, but unfortunately had to hang up to attend to work meetings. It was suggested I email you so that my statement can go in the official record for this committee meeting. Here is what I planned to say today:

Hello, I am Jeff Dahl and I have been working for the Department of Public Works as an architect and project manager for the last 9 years. I am also the Local 21 chapter president for the San Francisco Municipal Architects chapter. I am calling in to urge the Board of Supervisors to pass a budget that protects our already negotiated raises and protects City Services. For the last 9 years, I've personally designed and overseen the construction and renovation of dozens of SFFD fire stations in every district and the soon-to-be completed Southeast Community Center in the Bayview. Currently, I am managing the construction and safe transition for over 1800 City employees from 12 departments who are moving into our new consolidated offices at 49 South Van Ness Avenue. This building also features the new One-Stop Permit Center that serves residents and business owners applying for construction, special events, and business permits.

The projects I've noted are a very small sampling of the services that us municipal architects, as local technical experts, provide to the residents and visitors of San Francisco. We also use our institutional knowledge of San Francisco to design, build, & maintain our many recreation centers, navigation centers, clinics, libraries, and many more essential City services.

Instead of threatening our raises or looking to cut services, we urge the BOS to look at the amount of outside contracts the City has with other vendors. Much of this work is work we could be doing. There is also no reason that department budgets are still funding vacant positions, nor for reserves to be held onto. This exact situation is what those reserves are for. We also support the revenue measures on the ballot that ask the most wealthy to pay their fair share. City employees are still subject to the most expensive housing in the world, and it is time for those with more means to take on the burden.

Thank you,



Jeffrey D. Dahl, AIA, LEED AP

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Subject: Fwd: Please invest in us!!!
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From: Michelle Pollard <michelle.p.pollard@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 7:35:38 PM
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Cc: Beverly Duran <bduran@ifpte21.org>
Subject: Please invest in us!!!

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

There should be no more budget cuts, or layoffs since the city has reserves of more than one billion dollars (thanks to unfilled job vacancies since 2008).

We have already agreed to a six-month deferment of our cost of living allowance. In so doing, we have saved the city about fifty million dollars during this fiscal year alone.

Please invest in us and use that one billion dollars that city workers helped build.

I am a four year member of Local 21 and I love my job as a DPH Compliance Manager. I would also love to keep my job and continue serving the public.

Thank you!

Michelle Pollard

Please excuse all typos sent from my iPhone.

From: [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#)
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Cc: Beverly Duran <bduran@ifpte21.org>
Subject: Re: Public Comment

Health Educator...sorry for misspelling

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Cc: Beverly Duran <bduran@ifpte21.org>
Subject: Public Comment

Good evening Supervisors,

My name is Nyisha Underwood, a member of Local 21. I am a Health Educator with the City and County of San Francisco and have been a city employee for 4 years.

My job as a population equity liaison is to ensure that populations that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19 get what they need: testing, prevention messaging, etc

I am in the field supporting our mobile tests sites several days out of the week and everyday I am in the field, I am putting myself, and my family's health at risk because of the passion I have as a public health professional.

The City has reserves of more than one billion dollars, thanks to unfilled job vacancies since 2008. We must use rainy day funds if we want to support

essential workers and put our community's health, safety and security first.

Thank you.

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Subject: Fwd: Re-SFSO CBO funding
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To: Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re-SFSO CBO funding

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Good evening Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to you today with concern regarding the proposed removal of oversight and funding of jail based programs from the San Francisco Sheriff's Office (SFSO).

As native San Franciscan and former employee of San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project, an agency who has held contracts with SFSO, since 1989 I have had first hand experience in collaborating with the San Francisco Sheriff's Office and nearly all of the Community Based Organizations providing services to the justice-involved community.

I feel that it is important that the San Francisco Sheriffs Office continue to receive funding for contracts with community based organizations because providing prerelease wraparound services to incarcerated justice involved members of the community is essential prior to their release to reduce recidivism and improve public safety.

For many years now, SFSO has done this by selecting agencies that provide the opportunity for programs and services to be facilitated within their jails and at their out of custody facilities which includes domestic violence intervention and prevention, parent-child reunification and visits, parenting classes, survivor services, veteran services, substance use education, behavior modification programming and much more.

What I truly want to convey to you, is that the San Francisco Sheriffs Office has been a model agency when it comes to restorative justice and rehabilitation efforts which I believe is what the nationwide movement is calling for at this time.

Taking away the ability to continue to fund SFSO to collaborate with community based organizations as colleagues would not only be counter productive, it would further tarnish the perception of law enforcement having lack of care and concern for the well being of our community.

Please consider supporting the San Francisco Sheriffs Office programs and Community Based contracted staff in their efforts to better serve San Francisco by continuing to work towards ending the cycle of incarceration as a united partnership.

Thank you!

Tami Barradas

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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Subject: Budget Public Comment

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Good Afternoon Chair Fewer and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

Thank you for your leadership in this challenging budget year. As you look to work through these unprecedented times, I urge you and your colleagues to support the Mayor's proposed SFPD budget. We support the thoughtful approach of redirecting \$120 Million over the next two years in resources from law enforcement departments towards repairing structural inequities especially impacting the City's African American community.

We also support not cutting any current SFPD employees or any upcoming SFPD academy classes. We know that as we recover from this pandemic caused by COVID 19 and we once again welcome visitors back, we will need to ensure we have adequate public safety to support our visitor industry and the mostly small businesses that rely on tourism. Neighborhood foot beat patrols in high visitor volume areas have been particularly appreciated by our convention business and leisure visitors, as well as our partners especially in the retail, accommodation, cultural and restaurant industries.

Absent a robust public safety alternative, we need to continue to deploy police department staff while at the same time look to ensuring funding is in place to best and most appropriately respond to nonviolent and non-emergency needs in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe D'Alessandro
President and CEO
San Francisco Travel Association



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Comments	As an advocate for system involved youth, a former youth who experienced the system, and a member of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association, I am asking you to reduce the JPD budget and to reserve all savings from recent and future JPD departures for implementation of JJPA's 3 priority areas (as reflected in the letter JJPA sent to the BOS). Thank you.

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Department commenting on (if applicable)	ALL Depts
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Phone Number	1-510-501-7900
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Verify Email	angela.gallegos-castillo@ifrsf.org
Comments	We demand the BoS and Mayor keep Chicana/Latina/Indigenous (CLI) community serving organizations whole. The pandemic has exacerbated all of the inequities our community had been facing and its getting worse. 2) Increase budgets to Latina serving organizations to continue as essential workers and assisting unhoused, unemployed and ill residents. Be HUMANE and have compassion to those most in need during this time.

LISTEN to ALL Latinx community organizations AND Coalitions as we are a diverse community -- There is a 4 alarm fire in the CLI community, and what we need is all resources/hands on deck to fight it!!! It is time to be discerning and FOCUSED ON HOW YOU FUND CURRENT NEEDS -- that is EQUITY.. IT TAKES COURAGE TO MAKE DECISIONS TOWARDS EQUITY... DO THE RIGHT THING....

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Phone Number	1510-501-7900
Email	angela.gallegos-castillo@ifrsf.org
Verify Email	angela.gallegos-castillo@ifrsf.org
Comments	Please reduce JPD's budget because the number of youth in the hall does not warrant the Millions it has. Reduce the JPD budget, reservall all savings from recent and future JPD departures towards Juvenile Justice PProvider's Association three priority areas which is 1) 24/7 community-based intake (as opposed to JPD intake units at the hall); 2) funds towards family supports and 3) funds for local placement options/expansions. Invest in Community solutions, not JPD jobs.. SF has begun the network of services so let's invest in it. Transfer employess from JPD

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Name	Dawn Stueckle
Department commenting on (if applicable)	JPD
Subject	Reduce JPD's Budget
Phone Number	4159873228
Email	dawn@sunsetyouthservices.org
Verify Email	dawn@sunsetyouthservices.org
	<p>Good afternoon. I am writing as the ED of Sunset Youth Services and the Co-Chair of the JJPA (Juvenile Justice Providers Association). I am advocating for the JPD budget to be reduced to continue to create the new, community-based, harm-reduction model of juvenile justice.</p> <p>Please ensure that current savings being realized by vacant positions are kept in a reserve for the future plan that is currently being developed. Movement on these key items is the only way to keep to the ordinance of closing juvenile</p>

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The status quo is unacceptable and harmful.

The JPD needs to be rightsized. Reallocate \$8 Million.

- Referrals have gone down by 65% in the past decade - with only minor changes in the overall structure and staffing of the department. During this time we have built one of the most effective community-based youth services system in the country. Our bloated Probation system is not only expensive and duplicative, but it emphasizes approaches to youth that are often harmful.

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We need to start now to build the new system.

- \$2 Million - The top priority is to restructure our intake system and move all intake into the community - 24/7. This means young people have contact with community agencies from their first point of entry into the system. San Francisco is uniquely positioned to implement this change very quickly. We already have a nationally -recognized community intake system for misdemeanors and non-violent felonies that can be expanded. The decision about whether a young person sleeps in a cell should not rest solely on law enforcement.

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dstyles@huckleberryyouth.org

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Name	Douglas Styles
Department commenting on (if applicable)	Juvenile Probation Department
Subject	Budget
Email	dstyles@huckleberryyouth.org
Verify Email	dstyles@huckleberryyouth.org
Comments	My name is Douglas Styles. I am the Executive Director of Huckleberry Youth Programs and a member of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association. I support reducing the JPD budget and to reserve all savings from recent and future JPD departures for implementation of three priority areas: 1) establishing a community based intake process of all arrested youth, 2) keep young people out of incarceration by fully supporting community-based diversion services, and 3) increase home-based alternatives to detention.

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Name	Colleen Devine
Department commenting on (if applicable)	JPD
Subject	As a member of JJPA, I am commenting on the JPD Budget.
Phone Number	(415) 551-0975
Email	colleen.devine@ottp-sf.org
Verify Email	colleen.devine@ottp-sf.org
Comments	I urge you to to reduce the JPD budget and to reserve all savings from recent and future JPD departures for implementation of JJPA's 3 priority areas (as reflected in the letter that we the JJPA sent to the Board of Supervisors).

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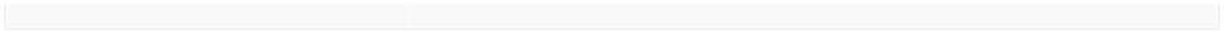
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prabhjotkminhas@gmail.com

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Name	Prabhjot Minhas
Subject	Support Transgender Health Services and Fund Lyon-Martin
Phone Number	9122473411
Email	prabhjotkminhas@gmail.com
Verify Email	prabhjotkminhas@gmail.com
Comments	Hello, my name is Prabhjot Minhas and I am a second year medical student at the University of California School of Medicine and a member of PRIME-US (Program in Medical Education for the Urban Underserved). I am writing to urge you to continue funding for Lyon Martin Clinic which is a critical service for trans and gender non conforming individuals in SF. Funding needs to be restored to help the clinic staff themselves well in order to care for our community members. As members of our community, it is our responsibility to ensure that ALL people have access to compassionate, comfortable, and high quality care. Lyon Martin does just that for trans, GNC, and other gender minority people. Thank you for your consideration.



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Name	Dinky M. Enty
Department commenting on (if applicable)	Juvenile Probation Department
Subject	Reduce JPD budget, and implement JPD hiring freeze
Phone Number	4156729589
Email	dinky@cjcj.org
Verify Email	dinky@cjcj.org
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Comments

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I am not recommending layoffs. But I do ask that all current and future vacancies within the JPD not be filled, and to reimplement a full hiring freeze within the department, and that any savings that have been realized with the most recent departures and future departures be put on reserve for implementation of the above 3 budget priorities. I further encourage incentivized retirement, and interdepartmental transfers.

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Name	Jeremy Gottlieb
Subject	Keep Lyon-Martin
Phone Number	16086950289
Email	jagottlieb21@gmail.com
Verify Email	jagottlieb21@gmail.com
Comments	I am a MD-PhD student at UCSF and I believe we should keep the Lyon-Martin clinic as a necessary site of medical care for trans youth. I specialize in this type of care and believe if we close this clinic we will be putting many trans and gender non-conforming youth at risk for suicide and homelessness.

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Mkrees@gmail.com

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Name	Maureen Rees
Subject	Save Lyon Martin
Email	Mkrees@gmail.com
Verify Email	Mkrees@gmail.com
Comments	Lyon-Martin provides life-saving and life-affirming services and it would be a tragedy to see this clinic disappear or be cut back. Now more than ever it is essential to support community health systems that provide culturally responsive care. As a public health professional and former Lyon-Martin employee, I can attest to the importance of this clinic not only to the people it serves but also for all of those health systems that have been fortunate enough to learn from that groundbreaking work that Lyon-Martin has spearheaded. Please fund this essential service and support the longevity of this clinic.

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Department commenting on (if applicable)	Trans Services
Subject	Access to gender affirming care is a human right
Phone Number	4156863130
Email	jay.bindman@ucsf.edu
Verify Email	jay.bindman@ucsf.edu
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sophie.goldman@ucsf.edu

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Name	Sophie Goldman
Department commenting on (if applicable)	Save Lyon Martin
Subject	Save Lyon Martin
Email	sophie.goldman@ucsf.edu
Verify Email	sophie.goldman@ucsf.edu
Comments	Lyon Martin plays an essential and indispensable role in serving the Bay Area's trans community. We need to preserve the already lacking resources available to our trans loved ones in order to affirm their existence and give them the opportunity to survive and thrive!

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Name	Karin Flood
Department commenting on (if applicable)	SFPD
Subject	Oppose SFPD budget cuts
Phone Number	4158504651
Email	Karin@unionsquarebid.com
Verify Email	Karin@unionsquarebid.com
Comments	I urge you not to cut the SFPD budget. In particular this past fiscal year the SFPD had allocated \$350k for a Police Ambassador Program using retired police officers to provide an extra presence in Union Square. Ten officers were hired, the uniforms selected and the policy manual was near completion and approval. The program was ready to launch and then COVID hit. The Union Square district has been hit hard by COVID and we will only begin to recovery economically when people feel that the area is clean and safe to return to. The Police Ambassador

Program is an excellent example of reimagining policing. These officers would provide an unarmed presence. They would be welcoming, friendly and approachable. They would work closely with the community and the Union Square BID. If successful the program could be rolled out to other parts of the City. Please allow this program to go forward. Thank you.

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Name	Kyle Lakatos
Department commenting on (if applicable)	Trans Health
Subject	Save/Fund Lyon Martin
Phone Number	6507351320
Email	kylelakat@yahoo.com
Verify Email	kylelakat@yahoo.com
Comments	<p>As a queer person living in SF, I recognize the great importance and history tied to the Trans community. I am calling upon and urging you to maintain funding for transgender-led services and organizations. Any cuts to trans services would be devastating to our community as we need housing, food, and healthcare now more than ever!</p> <p>I also support the Budget Justice Coalition call to redirect funding from law enforcement to Black-led and Black trans-led organizations.</p>

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To: [Boilard, Chelsea \(BOS\); BOS - Budget](#)
Subject: New Submission on Comment on the Proposed Budget
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:36:54 AM
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If you wish to reply to the sender copy and paste the following email address
benjamin.jones@ucsf.edu

Here are the results.

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Subject	Support Trans Services and Fund Lyon-Martin
Phone Number	9196102125
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From: [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [John Carrese](#); [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Public Comment from John Carrese on WERF Funding
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:40:38 AM
Attachments: [Public Comment to SF Board of Supervisors John Carrese 8.24.20.docx](#)

Linda, Brent... please add the attached comments to the file. Thank you.

Alisa Somera

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**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 11:39 AM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <[alisa.somera@sfgov.org](mailto:alisa.somera@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Public Comment from John Carrese on WERF Funding

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Hi Alisa,



I logged on/called in at 10:30 am today to get in line for Public Comment to the Board of Supervisors.

I had to leave the call at 11:30 am to go to another meeting, but I wanted to submit my Public Comment in writing for the record.

Can you confirm that the attached Public Comment from me will be added to the official record of the meeting?

Thanks,  
John

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Forecasting High Growth/Emerging Industries and Workforce Trends  
for Community Colleges

## **Public Comment – 8/24/20**

Good Morning Supervisors, my name is John Carrese and I am a faculty member at City College of San Francisco.

I've worked for over 20 years in the Workforce and Economic Development Department conducting workforce and labor market research for CCSF - to make sure our Career & Technical Education programs are aligned with the needs of San Francisco employers in the Labor market.

I am requesting that Supervisors on the Board include funding for the Workforce Education Recovery Fund - in the City budget.

City College will be an essential part of San Francisco's economic recovery. As the economy continues to struggle with unemployment of over 10% - we can expect demand for the support CCSF provides to spike as SF residents try to get back into the workforce.

**In order to help unemployed San Franciscans, CCSF needs more resources.**

WERF would allocate necessary funds for Career and Technical Education courses at CCSF. It is important to note that A majority of students in these CTE programs are students of color - who are seeking to obtain employment in living wage jobs.

Funding WERF will help CCSF to help our community - by preventing even more class cuts and the reduction of important programs so that CCSF can serve more students and help contribute to SF's economic recovery.

WERF will add 325 classes and protect up to 750 more classes from being cut, while serving at least 7,500 students.

During this health and economic crisis, it is essential that we invest in the people that make our City run.

Please provide funding for WERF by including \$15 million over the next 2 years to help San Franciscans to get back to work!

Thank you.

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) Budget Request – SUPPORT  
**Date:** Monday, August 24, 2020 10:38:01 AM  
**Attachments:** [HESPA Budget Asks.pdf](#)

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**From:** Gabriella Ruiz <gruiz@tndc.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 22, 2020 12:21 AM  
**To:** Wong, Linda (BOS) <linda.wong@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) Budget Request – SUPPORT

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The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the depth of the simultaneous pandemics of poverty and racism, and the effects continue to be more devastating in communities of color around the globe and across the country. San Francisco is no exception. Amidst the existing economic inequality and housing affordability gap, stakeholders across the City are grappling with hard choices, worse and worsening options, and every day the crisis deepens.

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August 21, 2020

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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Submitted via electronic mail

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**From:** [rjsloan](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Press Office, Mayor \(MYR\)](#)  
**Subject:** "Supes agree to cut \$26M from police budget in academy classes, overtime." -- SF Examiner 21-Aug-2020, 4:50 PM PST. [Community Pushback]  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 6:38:38 PM

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Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

The SFBOS Budget Committee must slash SFPD annual budget by more than 1.9% over the next two years.

Please?

If this town is going to replace the school-to-prison pipeline and fund a data-informed, 'containment-zone-to-Harvard pipeline,' far more needs to issue from SFPD's annual budget than \$13 million dollars per year for the next two years. (That barely covers the children's PPE the City hasn't supplied to its 'cherished,' darker corners.)

And I expect the Police Union to play ball with Bayview kids on Saturdays in perpetuity...

Media Link:

<https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/supes-agree-to-cut-26m-from-police-budget-in-academy-classes-overtime/>

Respectfully yours,

RJ Sloan  
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Sent from my Metro By T-Mobile 4G LTE Android Device



**From:** [Caitlin McCoy](#)  
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**Subject:** Sunset District Safety Concerns  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 5:33:14 PM

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Hi my name is Caitlin and I live and Work in San Francisco.

### **I am writing to demand public safety for all.**

We must defund SFPD in this year's budget cycle and redirect those funds to investments which make us ALL safe, including public health, housing, reparations for communities most targeted by policing and imprisonment such as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, trans communities, and our unhoused neighbors.

Let me reiterate -- **we demand that SFPD be defunded THIS BUDGET CYCLE.** Those who **tell us to wait are telling our most marginalized communities that their lives do not matter.** That brutalization, suffering, and oppression does not deserve an urgent response. That equity and justice is not a right, but a privilege.

### **Police don't keep us safe.**

American policing began with slave patrols. Modern day policing was a response to the rise of labor unions. Today, approximately 99% of SFPD calls for service are in response to non-violent issues. Most calls are related to public health, unhoused people, traffic/parking, and noise complaints.

### **Worse than that, police harm our communities.**

When the police talk about "public safety", they're speaking in code. The word "public" is not referring to marginalized communities. It's not referring to Alex Nieto, Mario Woods, Jessica Williams, or Luis Góngora Pat. It's referring to the people the system of policing was designed for. The slave owner. The union buster. The wealthy homeowner.

This is reflected not just in the lived experiences of BIPOC, trans people, and unhoused people. It's also reflected in the numbers.

- Black San Franciscans make up only 5% of the city's population, but account for 40% of police searches, 54% of our jail population, and 40% of people killed by police.
- In the fourth quarter of 2019, 76% of all uses of force by SFPD were against people of color.
- In 2019, SFPD officers pointed a gun at San Franciscans an average of **2.4 times PER DAY**. Only 14 of the 868 incidents were in defense of self or others.
- After 4 years of DOJ mandated reforms, non-gun related SFPD uses of force have only decreased from 1,142 to 1,110.

**Policing can't be reformed because it's working as intended.**

SFPD is a violent, racist, and explicitly anti-Black institution. Cal DOJ and the SFPD's implicit bias trainer recently described the level of anti-Black bias in SFPD as "extreme." This presents a clear and imminent danger to our most marginalized communities. The first step towards public safety for all is disbanding SFPD and eliminating that danger.

Disbanding SFPD is an act of harm reduction. It is just one step on the way towards achieving public safety for all. We can't be safe until EVERYONE has access to fundamental human rights -- housing, food, education, healthcare, opportunity.

DefundSFPDNow, a Black-led campaign in San Francisco, has identified **at least \$295 million** in SFPD line item budget cuts as a step towards reducing the threat to public safety and reinvesting in solutions that begin building public safety.

What can you do as my elected official? Defund SFPD, reinvest in our communities, and reimagine the path to public safety that uplifts ALL San Franciscans.

We are not asking for chaos.

Chaos is responding to someone experiencing a mental health crisis with a gun and combat training instead of care and services.

Chaos is stopping a Black driver for a broken tail light to threaten and harass them instead of offering to replace the light.

Chaos is spending \$23 million a year on police units that criminalize poverty instead of providing housing and opportunity.

We are not asking for chaos. We are asking that you be reasonable.

Defund SFPD, Defund Sheriffs, refund our communities, and reimagine the path to public safety.

Thank you for your time,

Caitlin

1350 Santiago St

San Francisco, CA

94116

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#)  
**Cc:** [Wong, Linda \(BOS\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Budget Recs from LTC Housing Task Force  
**Date:** Friday, August 21, 2020 1:02:47 PM  
**Attachments:** [LTC Housing TF Budget Needs for Seniors & Disabled People.docx](#)

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**From:** Jessica Lehman <jessica@sdaction.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 12:35 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Budget Recs from LTC Housing Task Force

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Dear Supervisors and aides,

The Long Term Care Housing Task Force, a coalition of multiple organizations affiliated with the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, asks you to consider the attached budget priorities (also pasted below). Sorry for sending this late, but we know you have already heard about these issues from other groups and want to lend our voice. Thank you!

Best,

Jessica

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Jessica Lehman (she/her), Executive Director  
Senior & Disability Action \* [www.sdaction.org](http://www.sdaction.org)

### **Budget Needs to keep seniors and disabled people out of facilities and institutions**

#### **From the Long Term Care Housing Task Force**

#### **Affiliated with the San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council**

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- 1) Permanent supportive housing for people currently living in shelter-in-place hotels, as well as people ready to exit Laguna Honda and other care facilities
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- Care and case management should include a coordinated team of ombudsmen, IHSS, community engagement peer advocates, social workers, intensive case management, psychologists, patient advocates and medical providers.

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Attached you will find Swords to Plowshares' letter of support for the full HESPA budget request. During this difficult time, we are hopeful that the Budget and Appropriations Committee will continue to support funding for services and housing options for those most in need here in San Francisco. We are all aware of the current deficit due to COVID-19 but we are asking that the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's Office not lose sight of the need to continue, reinforce, and grow the programs and services that San Francisco has to offer. We know these services are needed now more than ever and this budget request reflects the magnitude of the need here within the San Francisco community. Thank you for your time and commitment to all San Franciscans.

**Best,**

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improve, the lives of Black San Franciscans, particularly as it pertains to justice in law enforcement. For 4 years, Wealth and Disparities in the Black Community has been pushing for the BOS to perform its oversight role for the City and County of San Francisco, in holding SFPD accountable to the 94 recommendations and 272 findings in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing (COPS) report. Those efforts will continue, as the BOS must fulfill its responsibility to the citizens of San Francisco by demanding regular SFPD hearings/presentations on COPS, evaluating the information given, reacting and responding to SFPD, and reporting out to the community.

San Francisco has a long history of inequitable treatment of Black San Franciscans when it comes to law enforcement. Indeed, even to this day, by SFPD's own numbers, even though total arrests and use of force have gone down – the terrible racial disparities toward Black people continue unabated. From 2016 to the present (2020), the SFPD continues to arrest Black people at rates 10 times that of white people, and uses force on Black people at rates over 12 times as high as on white people - these same incredible rates of disparity have remained the same since SFPD first started measuring in 2016.

At this crucial time, it is essential that you pledge your cooperation with Mayor London Breed with regard to the allocation of funds to the Black community – and NOT to entities who have failed to serve the Black community well in the past. I do not support reallocated funds going toward those City departments nor nonprofits which have failed to improve the lives of Black people in San Francisco over the years. Agencies such as the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), Department of Children Youth and Family Services, Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, and others have a history of promising but not delivering when it comes to the Black community. This must be a new moment of real change and true accountability. In fact, rather than these entities getting any money from the City for support of Black San Franciscans, it is incumbent upon these entities to reallocate a significant portion of their own budgets toward directly benefiting Black San Franciscans.

Thank you.

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As a long-time San Franciscan (1981), SFUSD parent and District 8 homeowner, I am writing in support of Wealth and Disparities and the Black Community and Mayor Breed and Supervisor Walton's proposal that all of the reallocated budget funds from the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and San Francisco Sheriff's Department (SFSD) budgets which the Mayor has earmarked for the San Francisco Black community be properly allocated in order to have the desired impact.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) has had a spotty history at best at even paying attention to, let alone working to improve, the lives of Black San Franciscans, particularly as it pertains to justice in law enforcement. For 4 years, Wealth and Disparities in the Black Community has been pushing for the BOS to perform its oversight role for the City and County of San Francisco, in holding SFPD accountable to the 94 recommendations and 272 findings in the Department of Justice (DOJ) Community Oriented Policing (COPS) report. Those efforts will continue, as the BOS must fulfill its responsibility to the citizens of San Francisco by demanding regular SFPD hearings/presentations on COPS, evaluating the information given, reacting and responding to SFPD, and reporting out to the community.

**Comments**

San Francisco has a long history of inequitable treatment of Black San Franciscans when it comes to law enforcement. Indeed, even to this day, by SFPD's own numbers, even though total arrests and use of force have gone down – the terrible racial disparities toward Black people continue unabated. From 2016 to the present (2020), the SFPD continues to arrest Black people at rates 10 times that of white people, and uses force on Black people at rates over 12 times as high as on white people - these same incredible rates of disparity have remained the same since SFPD first started measuring in 2016.

At this crucial time, it is essential that you pledge your cooperation with Mayor London Breed with regard to the allocation of funds to the Black community – and NOT to entities who have failed to serve the Black community well in the past. I do not support reallocated funds going toward those City departments nor nonprofits which have failed to improve the

lives of Black people in San Francisco over the years. Agencies such as the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), Department of Children Youth and Family Services, Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, and others have a history of promising but not delivering when it comes to the Black community. This must be a new moment of real change and true accountability. In fact, rather than these entities getting any money from the City for support of Black San Franciscans, it is incumbent upon these entities to reallocate a significant portion of their own budgets toward directly benefiting Black San Franciscans.

Thank you.

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August 20, 2020

The Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer  
Chair, Budget and Appropriations Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

*Submitted via electronic mail*

### **Subject: Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) Budget Request – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Fewer and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee:

Mission Neighborhood Resource Center, a program of Mission Neighborhood Health Center, is proud to support the FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 budget request put forth by the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA). MNRC is a member of HESPA, a coalition of 30 community-based agencies founded in 2012. HESPA members have deep roots in the communities most affected by San Francisco's continuing homelessness crisis. HESPA puts the collective interest and the wellbeing of unhoused San Franciscans at the heart of its work, and fights for human dignity, racial equity, and economic justice in our homeless response system.

Now more than ever we are seeing increasing need in our neighborhood and the people we serve. Clients come to see us every day for basic services such as showers, laundry, or to meet with case managers as well as more serious needs with our medical and behavioral health providers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the depth of the simultaneous pandemics of poverty and racism, and the effects continue to be more devastating in communities of color around the globe and across the country. San Francisco is no exception. Amidst the existing economic inequality and housing affordability gap, stakeholders across the City are grappling with hard choices, worse and worsening options, and every day the crisis deepens.

The City's 2019 Point-in-Time Homelessness Count & Survey (PIT Count) found more than 8,000 people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco at any one time, a nearly 20 percent



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increase from 2017.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, the National Low-Income Housing Coalition's 2020 report, *Out of Reach*, documents that San Francisco is the most expensive metropolitan county in the United States.<sup>2</sup> The report also states that the hourly wage needed to afford the median cost of a two-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is over \$64—nearly three times the national average, and almost double the state average. Given that the median monthly cost of a one-bedroom apartment in San Francisco is \$3,450, while those working minimum-wage jobs in the city make monthly incomes of only \$2,702,<sup>3</sup> the economic consequences of COVID-19 will only make it harder for low-income families to meet their basic needs. With the rapid escalation of lost wages and other hardships among lower-earning families, we must prepare ourselves for more difficult days ahead.

Bold action is needed more than ever to combat homelessness, and this year's HESPA proposal reflects some of the best thinking in our local field regarding modest investments that can yield significant results in the short term, and continue to lay the groundwork for the additional structural investments that are necessary to overcome the crisis. The proposal is the result of a careful, data-driven analysis to assess our current housing and homeless system, identify service gaps, and tap into the experience and creativity of our providers to determine the most cost-effective solutions. Perhaps most importantly, efforts must start now to build the community-based workforce infrastructure we need to take full advantage of increased housing and service resources stimulated by Proposition C investments.

Despite the successes enabled by the City's investments in the homeless service system, significant gaps persist that result in increased street-based homelessness, unmet mental health needs among homeless people and families with children, and a lack of housing exits from the existing emergency shelter system. Increased housing subsidies, behavioral health services, and prevention and workforce investments are needed to keep pace with the scope of the crisis.

This year, we can build on past successes through an infusion of \$22,929,879 million in new and baseline funding for FY 2020-21 and \$19,577,450 in FY 2021-22 to reach an additional 5,800 homeless adults, youth, and families. Funding HESPA's proposal will provide the tools to both prevent homelessness and create exits out of homelessness, while ensuring adequate emergency, behavioral health, and employment resources for those forced to remain on the streets.

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<sup>1</sup> Applied Survey Research, "San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey Comprehensive Report 2019." Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Accessed August 7, 2020. [https://hsh.sfgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019HIRDReport\\_SanFrancisco\\_FinalDraft-1.pdf](https://hsh.sfgov.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2019HIRDReport_SanFrancisco_FinalDraft-1.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> National Low Income Housing Coalition, "Out of Reach 2020: California." Accessed August 2, 2020. <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/california>

<sup>3</sup> San Francisco Planning, "San Francisco Housing Needs and Trends Report. July 2018. Accessed August 2, 2020. [https://default.sfplanning.org/publications\\_reports/Housing-Needs-and-Trends-Report-2018.pdf](https://default.sfplanning.org/publications_reports/Housing-Needs-and-Trends-Report-2018.pdf)



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As always, thank you for your principled leadership, but especially now, when your vision for a fair, just, and equitable San Francisco is needed most. If you have any questions about our position, you may contact me via email at [masonjeffrys@mnhc.org](mailto:masonjeffrys@mnhc.org).

Sincerely,

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Director, Mission Neighborhood Resource Center

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