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MEMORANDUM

TO: Paul Yep, Acting Chief, Police Department
Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director, Department of Emergency Management

FROM: Monique Crayton, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 10, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Stephen Sherrill on June 3, 2025:

File No. 250639

Resolution urging the Police Department and the Department of Emergency Management to designate all 911 calls reporting drug use or suspected drug activity within 1,500 feet of parks, playgrounds, and schools as "Priority A" calls requiring swift and immediate response.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

CC:
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Office of Supervisor Sherrill
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1 [Prioritize Emergency Response to Drug Activity Near Parks, Playgrounds, and Schools]

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3 **Resolution urging the Police Department and the Department of Emergency**
4 **Management to designate all 911 calls reporting drug use or suspected drug activity**
5 **within 1,500 feet of parks, playgrounds, and schools as “Priority A” calls requiring**
6 **swift and immediate response.**
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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a responsibility to protect the
9 health, safety, and welfare of all residents, especially children, families, and vulnerable
10 populations who frequent parks, playgrounds, and schools; and

11 WHEREAS, The ongoing public health crisis involving the open use and trafficking of
12 illicit drugs in public spaces has raised significant concern among residents, educators,
13 parents, and community leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, Parks, playgrounds, and schools are essential public spaces that provide
15 opportunities for recreation, education, and healthy development, and these public spaces
16 must be protected as safe and drug-free zone; and

17 WHEREAS, Numerous incidents of drug use and drug-related activity have been
18 reported near playgrounds and schools, in some cases resulting in life-threatening situations
19 involving children; and

20 WHEREAS, Exposure to drug use or paraphernalia poses serious risks to the physical
21 and emotional health of children, undermining the safety and integrity of surrounding
22 neighborhoods; and

23 WHEREAS, Numerous incidents of drug use and drug-related activity have been
24 reported in close proximity to these sensitive community sites, threatening the public safety,
25 livability, and integrity of neighborhoods throughout San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, The Police Department and the Department of Emergency Management
2 categorize 911 calls into priority levels based on urgency where “Priority A” calls involve
3 serious crimes in progress, threats to life or public safety, or situations requiring immediate
4 police intervention; and

5 WHEREAS, Calls to 911 reporting drug use or related activity near schools and parks
6 are not consistently treated as Priority A, resulting in delayed responses that can place
7 vulnerable populations at increased risk; and

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Emergency Management, in coordination with the
9 Police Department, determines call prioritization, and this categorization directly impacts the
10 speed and level of response residents receive; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
12 urges the Police Department and the Department of Emergency Management to immediately
13 revise their dispatch protocols to classify all 911 calls reporting drug use, visible narcotics
14 activity, or suspected drug trafficking within 1,500 feet of any park, playground, or school as
15 “Priority A” calls; and, be it

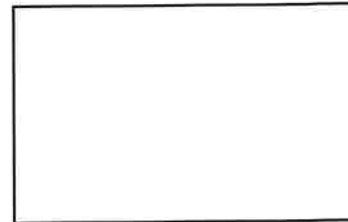
16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution does not change existing criminal justice
17 policies or laws, but affirms the City’s duty to ensure public safety and calls for operational
18 prioritization of these calls; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Police Department
20 and Department of Emergency Management send a report to the Board within 60 days of the
21 passage of this Resolution on implementation steps taken and any additional resources
22 needed to fully effectuate this change; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit
24 copies of this Resolution to the Police Department and Department of Emergency
25 Management for immediate consideration and action.

Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☒ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor _____ inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. _____ from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No. _____
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No. _____
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on _____

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Stephen Sherrill

Subject:

Prioritize Emergency Response to Drug Activity Near Parks, Playgrounds, and Schools

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution urging the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) to designate all 911 calls reporting drug use or suspected drug activity within 1,500 feet of parks, playgrounds, and schools as "Priority A" calls requiring swift and immediate response.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: