



Dear Supervisors:

We are writing on behalf of the Young Women's Freedom Center to urge you to oppose the appointment of Nancy Tung and Geoffrey Gordon-Creed.

The Police Commission is tasked with: 1) Setting policy for the police department, 2) Conducting disciplinary hearings on charges of police misconduct, 3) Imposing discipline for misconduct; and 4) Hearing police officers' appeals from discipline imposed by the Chief of Police. Police accountability is a central role of the Police Commissioners, and it is one of the few public bodies where the public can weigh in on the SF Police Department's actions. Given the recent brutal murder of George Floyd, it is now more critical than ever to ensure we have police commissioners who take their role of holding police accountable seriously.

However, as recently as last year, Deputy District Attorney Nancy Tung has opposed police accountability. During her campaign for San Francisco District Attorney in November 2019, in response to a questionnaire from the ACLU of Northern California, San Francisco Rising, and the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, she expressly opposed AB 392 (The California Act to Save Lives). Championed by families whose loved ones were killed by the police, AB 392 established that police can use deadly force "only when necessary" to defend against threat of death or serious bodily injury, replacing the vague and dangerous standard that authorized officers to use deadly force whenever "reasonable".

Additionally, Tung has opposed the closure of the SF Juvenile Hall as well as the County Jail 7 at 850 Bryant. On these issues, a majority of the SF Board of Supervisors has supported closing Juvenile Hall and County Jail 7, with broad community support. Given these examples of Tung's positions, we have serious concerns about her ability to represent community needs in regards to public safety, police accountability, or investing in rehabilitation and not incarceration.

While Tung's record has been made public as a candidate for District Attorney and DCCC, Gordon-Creed has almost no public track record to speak of. We are unclear what his experience is in holding police officers accountable or on the various issues we've raised. Additionally, it is unknown what experience he brings to the area of police accountability in the last 25 years since his days as a Deputy City Attorney where he represented police officers.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to oppose the appointment of both Tung and Gordon-Creed. We believe the Mayor can choose candidates that more accurately align with community values, have authentic and deep ties to the community, and who have a track record to justify their appointment to such an important office.



Sincerely,

Jessica Nowlan
Executive Director
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Via Email

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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RE: Nominations to the San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Supervisors,

We write to express our serious concerns with Mayor Breed's nomination of Deputy District Attorney Nancy Tung and former Deputy City Attorney Geoffrey Gordon-Creed to the San Francisco Police Commission. As you know, the Police Commission is tasked with:

1. Setting policy for the police department;
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Given the numerous incidents of serious misconduct by San Francisco police officers in recent years, from the killings of community members to the exchange of racist, sexist, and homophobic text messages, members and nominees to the Police Commission should have a strong record of holding police officers accountable and [supporting policies that protect the public](#).

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With AB 392, California went from having one of the deadliest use of force laws in the country to having one of the most protective. Recognizing the significance and critical need of this bill, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors [unanimously voted to support](#) AB 392 on May 7, 2019. The bill was also supported by San Francisco’s District Attorney at the time, George Gascon. AB 392 was signed into law by Gov. Newsom on August, 19, 2019.

Given that AB 392 is a critical tool for police accountability and the Police Commission’s role in holding officers accountable, Tung’s opposition to the law raises serious concerns over her willingness to hold police officers accountable.

Furthermore, Tung was supported by the San Francisco Police Officers Association early in her campaign for District Attorney, raising concerns about her ability to provide independent and objective oversight to the department and to these officers. She also opposed the closure of San Francisco’s juvenile hall, contrary to this Board’s nearly unanimous support, and supported arming police officers with Tasers, which are known to increase use of force incidents by the police.

Gordon-Creed has a scant public record on holding police officers accountable, or even commenting on police accountability laws such as AB 392. It is unclear what relevant experience he brings to the area of police accountability since the early 1990s, when he briefly served as Deputy City Attorney and represented various city agencies, including the Police Department.

At a time when police killings of Black and brown people continue making headlines with the recent killings of Steven Taylor, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd, the necessity of police accountability, particularly for deadly use of force, is as important as it has ever been. The institutions that must hold police officers accountable for misconduct and abuse of power, such as the San Francisco Police Commission, must be composed of individuals who have strong records of doing so.

We have deep reservations about Tung’s and Gordon-Creed’s nominations to the Police Commission because of the above mentioned history and record, or lack thereof. We urge you to



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vet all nominees to the commission to ensure they are the best suited to hold the San Francisco Police Department accountable.

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From: [DSA Justice Member](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Confirming entrance into public record: Item 200392 and 200393
Date: Saturday, May 30, 2020 2:57:29 PM

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Dear Mr. Young,

We hope this email finds you well. You were cc'ed on many emails (159 to date) opposing Nancy Tung and Geoffrey Gordon-Creed with the subject line "Please OPPOSE Nancy Tung and Geoffrey Gordon-Creed for Police Commission"

We want to confirm that these will be entered into public comment records under item number 200392 and 200393 as listed on the agenda of the Rules Committee meeting (06/01/2020).

Thank you for your help in this matter.

From: gl382@cornell.edu on behalf of [Geneva Lee](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please OPPOSE Nancy Tung and Geoffrey Gordon-Creed for Police Commission
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:25:26 PM

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
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In general I have been extremely disappointed my vote for London Breed has been a vote for corruption. Why have you gone about undermining progressive law enforcement practices, homeless sweeps and corrupt relationships with officials? In regards to nominating Nancy Tung and Geoffrey Gordon-Creed to the police commission, I have a number of grievances.

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From: atielkin=stanford.edu@dsasf.org on behalf of [Allison Tielking](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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From: labloom=stanford.edu@dsasf.org on behalf of [Laura Bloomfield](#)
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Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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