

1 [Urging the Chief of Police to Create a Comprehensive Plan and to Implement a Citywide  
2 Strategy on Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime with  
3 Focused Staffing at District Stations]

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4 **Resolution urging the Chief of Police to create a Comprehensive Plan and to Implement**  
5 **a Citywide Strategy on Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and**  
6 **Property Crime with Focused Staffing at District Stations; and urging the Chief of**  
7 **Police to report on the execution of the plan.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors desires to strengthen existing structures within  
10 the Police Department to bolster the Department’s efforts to combat automobile break-ins,  
11 bicycle theft, residential burglaries, and other neighborhood property crime (burglary, larceny-  
12 theft, motor vehicle theft), and to improve coordination and communication among different  
13 Police Districts and centralized units of the Department, including but not limited to the Crime  
14 Strategies Unit; and

15 WHEREAS, The Board desires to create transparency and accountability data metrics  
16 for automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crime and for the  
17 Department’s efforts to combat such crime; and

18 WHEREAS, Police data show that from 2016 to 2017 automobile break-ins have  
19 increased 25% in San Francisco and in some neighborhoods have increased more than 50%;  
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21 WHEREAS, Automobile break-ins are often devastating for people who depend on  
22 their cars to make a living and care for their families; and

23 WHEREAS, Automobile break-ins and bicycle theft can be detrimental to low income  
24 people who often cannot afford to fix a broken window or to buy a new bicycle; and

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1           WHEREAS, More than an estimated 3,800 bicycles were stolen last year with only 68  
2 recovered by SFPD, costing San Franciscans an estimated cost of over \$5 million; and

3           WHEREAS, There was a 70% increase in bicycle theft between 2007-2012; and

4           WHEREAS, Our communities deserve to have these issues dealt with effectively and  
5 without delay; and

6           WHEREAS, The Chief of Police has informed the Board that he intends to hire a Crime  
7 Strategies Coordinator that will be responsible for monitoring citywide crime trends, tracking,  
8 mapping and investigative efforts, which will include addressing Neighborhood Automobile  
9 Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime; and

10          WHEREAS, The Chief of Police has created a centralized General Crimes Unit that will  
11 be responsible for investigating residential and commercial burglaries, and auto burglaries  
12 involving serial burglars in multi-district neighborhoods; the General Crimes Unit will network  
13 with District Station Captains and District staff assigned to focus on automobile break-ins,  
14 bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crimes to develop strategies to identify and  
15 apprehend prolific property crime offenders; and

16          WHEREAS, As part of this Citywide coordinated effort, the Chief of Police also intends  
17 to deploy officers in each Police District who will focus on proactively and comprehensively  
18 preventing, reporting, and investigating automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other  
19 neighborhood property crime; enforcing laws to deter neighborhood property crime; and assist  
20 with responding to 911 and 311 calls for service related to automobile break-ins, bicycle theft,  
21 and other neighborhood property crime; and

22          WHEREAS, District Station Captains will assign an officer focused on Automobile  
23 Break-ins, Bicycle Theft, and Other Neighborhood Property Crime who will serve as a liaison  
24 and coordinate with neighborhood community groups and provide the community with  
25 information on crime strategies, trends, prevention and other data on property crime; and

1           WHEREAS, Each District Station Captain will identify an officer who will be responsible  
2 for coordinating proactive and comprehensive crime deterrence strategies and assign the  
3 investigation of property crimes committed in their respective District boundaries through the  
4 use of data-driven, innovative investigative techniques and approaches, such as,  
5 neighborhood foot patrols, community education on crime prevention, use of undercover  
6 officers, and other appropriate strategies and tactics to prevent and address auto break-ins,  
7 bicycle theft, and other property crimes, with each District's efforts; and

8           WHEREAS, District Station Captains will assign an officer focused on automobile  
9 break-ins, bicycle theft, and neighborhood property crime issues to serve as the official point  
10 of contact for the public and community on the District's property crime issues; and will  
11 actively communicate with the Crime Strategies Coordinator, share information with other  
12 Districts and with other City departments, at the direction of the District Captain and the Chief  
13 of Police to coordinate crime prevention strategies and resources for effective crime  
14 prevention efforts on a Citywide basis; and

15           WHEREAS, The Police Department will also support Districts by providing resources  
16 from centralized units; and

17           WHEREAS, District Station Captains will assign an officer who will be responsible for  
18 coordinating their District's efforts on curtailing and investigating automobile break-ins, bicycle  
19 theft, and other neighborhood property crimes whose nature, frequency, or pervasiveness  
20 impairs the sense of security and quality of life of those who live or work in affected  
21 neighborhoods, including California Penal Code, Sections 459 (Auto Burglary and  
22 Residential/Commercial Burglary), 484, 487, and 488 (Theft of Property, including bicycle  
23 thefts); now, therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Chief of Police to develop a  
25 Comprehensive Plan and to implement a Citywide strategy focused on neighborhood

1 Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and property crime with focused staffing at the District  
2 level; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to include in this Plan  
4 a Citywide coordinated effort through the hiring of a Crime Strategies Coordinator and  
5 commitment of District Station Captains to assign at least one officer at each Police District  
6 station focused on coordinating efforts deterring Automobile Break-ins, Bicycle Theft, and  
7 Property crimes; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to include in the plan  
9 strategies for reducing automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and residential burglaries,  
10 including; (1) encouraging full and open communication and collaboration among District  
11 Captains and staff focused on neighborhood property crime and community members; (2)  
12 development of neighborhood-specific priorities and strategies to reduce automobile break-  
13 ins, bicycle theft, and other property crimes; (3) the assignment of officers to foot patrols; (4)  
14 ensuring productive communication and coordination among the staff focused on  
15 neighborhood property crime in the different Police Districts and centralized units in the  
16 Department; (5) sharing property crime data with other City departments, Local, State and  
17 Federal law enforcement partners, including, but not limited to the District Attorney's Office;  
18 and (6) sharing property crime data with the public online where appropriate and permitted by  
19 law; and to recommend initial minimum dedicated staffing levels for District's efforts on  
20 addressing automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and property crime; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to share this initial  
22 Plan and Strategy to the Board of Supervisors within 60 days of this Resolution's passage;  
23 and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to submit to the  
25 Board of Supervisors a six-month report between June 1 and July 1 of next year and a twelve-

1 month report between November 1 and December 1 of next year on the plan's execution;  
2 describing the Department's progress on preventing and investigating automobile break-ins,  
3 bicycle theft, and other property crime in the City, including data and metrics stemming from  
4 the Department's efforts; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the report should also identify if any further resources or  
6 funding are needed to support the plan's success; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Chief of Police to submit to the  
8 Board of Supervisors a report annually every year thereafter; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commits to dedicating necessary resources  
10 and funding to the Chief of Police's comprehensive plan and Citywide Strategy to address  
11 automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other property crime.

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