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Subject: Police Staffing Levels

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I understand that you will hear a report next week on police staffing levels. I'm not yet sure if I can attend that meeting, so am sending my thoughts now. I do believe that San Francisco needs more police officers. I've lived in the City since 1982, and don't remember ever seeing the volume of problems on the street. I'm so sad to have to explain to visitors what is going on in San Francisco. Just a few of the incidents I've seen in recent months:

- While walking home from a hearing at City Hall around 7pm one evening last November, I encountered a man seemingly not in his right mind, crossing Bush St. against the light and in front of oncoming traffic. He then attacked three parked cars on Pierce St. with a golf club. At one point he turned and veered toward me from across the intersection, and I was truly afraid of physical harm.
- While on a walk last Saturday afternoon (to the post office at Geary/Steiner and then north on Fillmore St.), I encountered three separate individuals who were clearly under some undue influence – two of them scary enough that I crossed the street to avoid them. All that in a 25 minute walk.
- While waiting for a bus on Geary St. in front of Japan Center I watched a man strip naked and then defecate in the bus shelter.
- Homeless encampments popping up throughout my neighborhood (Western Addition).
- Squatters moving into two homes in my neighborhood – at least twice in each home, and with one resulting in a fire that did serious property damage and threatened other homes.
- Watched an obvious car theft ring casing cars on my block of Broderick St.

I report almost all of what I see, and when the police have been called, they do usually respond, but they seem overwhelmed by the volume of criminal activity, major and minor, that they have to deal with. I have loved living in the City, but my youngest children have just graduated from college and as I plan to down-size my home, I am for the first time considering moving out of the City. It's getting harder and harder not to encounter serious quality of life issues on a daily basis.

Please take measures – such as increasing police staffing – while San Francisco can still be saved.

With regards,

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From: [Paul Wermer](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Supervisors,

I am a San Francisco resident, living in D2. For most of my trips in San Francisco, I walk or take public transit.

While there is a great deal of concern about the homeless, I am threatened by something else entirely: Dangerous behaviors by operators of wheeled vehicles.

Several years back, the then Captain of the Northern Station stated the biggest threat to my safety was crossing the street - and the situation has only gotten worse.

For some reason the Vision Zero project is happy to tout engineering changes, but they seem to have traffic code enforcement at the bottom of the priority list.

Rarely do I see a police vehicle on my walks, and even more rarely do I see a traffic stop. On the other hand, I frequently see serious traffic violations that put pedestrians, bicyclists and other drivers at risk

Stop signs behave more like a well obeyed "5 MPH" speed limit. Drivers (especially Uber and Lyft) are using, and looking at the screens of cell phones while driving, often turning corners without paying attention to pedestrians with right of way already in the cross walk.

I regularly observe electric scooters on sidewalks and in cross walks, passing very close to pedestrians in a crowded environment. I have seen scooters pass between 2 pedestrians who are chatting with each other. on more than one occasion.

And I regularly see pedestrians violating the codes as well - and so often slowing traffic by obstructing turning vehicles, etc.

My point: We need many more officers assigned to traffic detail, enforcing the myriad violations occurring hourly - by drivers, bicyclists, scooter riders and pedestrians.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
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