

1 [Board Response - Civil Grand Jury - Auto Burglary in San Francisco]

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3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the findings**
4 **and recommendations contained in the 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled**
5 **“Auto Burglary in San Francisco;” and urging the Mayor to cause the implementation**
6 **of accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department heads and**
7 **through the development of the annual budget.**

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9 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code, Section 933 et seq., the Board of
10 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
11 Court on the findings and recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and

12 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), if a finding or
13 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a
14 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head
15 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the
16 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over
17 which it has some decision making authority; and

18 WHEREAS, Under San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(a), the Board of
19 Supervisors must conduct a public hearing by a committee to consider a final report of the
20 findings and recommendations submitted, and notify the current foreperson and immediate
21 past foreperson of the civil grand jury when such hearing is scheduled; and

22 WHEREAS, In accordance with San Francisco Administrative Code, Section 2.10(b),
23 the Controller must report to the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of
24 recommendations that pertain to fiscal matters that were considered at a public hearing held
25 by a Board of Supervisors Committee; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2015-2016 Civil Grand Jury Report, entitled “Auto Burglary in San
2 Francisco” (Report) is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 160612,
3 which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

4 WHEREAS, The Civil Grand Jury has requested that the Board of Supervisors respond
5 to Finding Nos. F.A.1, F.C.1 and F.F.1, as well as, Recommendation Nos. R.A.1, R.C.1,
6 R.D.5, R.E.3.d and R.F.1 contained in the subject Report; and

7 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.A.1 states: “While the San Francisco Police Department
8 (SFPD) command staff has steadily added qualified officers to a new centralized unit, known
9 as the Patrol Bureau Task Force, the unit will not be fully effective until it is outfitted with
10 appropriate vehicles (vehicles not easily identified as City-owned cars) for surveillance;” and

11 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.C.1 states: “Complicated cases involving prolific auto
12 burglars are specially handled by three different units: the reviewing Assistant District Attorney
13 (ADA) of auto crimes, the Gang Unit, and the Crime Strategies Unit. Each unit’s unique
14 perspective may impede the pooling of information needed to develop best practices for
15 prosecuting organized criminals;” and

16 WHEREAS, Finding No. F.F.1 states: “Visitors/tourists, often targeted for crime, have
17 unique needs that can often be foreseen and prepared for by victims’ services organizations;”
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.A.1 states: “Ensure the Patrol Bureau Task Force
20 has adequate resources, including investigators, a dedicated crime analyst, and necessary
21 vehicles, equipment, and technology to expand surveillance and apprehension;” and

22 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.C.1 states: “Establish a serial crimes unit as a
23 counterpart to the SFPD’s Patrol Unit Task Force and its future serial crimes unit (R.A.5.). The
24 unit's mission would be to prosecute cross-district, serial property crimes by organized career
25 criminals;” and

1 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.D.5 states: “Require the District Attorney to
2 present to the Government Audit and Oversight (GAO) Committee the comparative analysis
3 (R.D.4) and annual report (R.C.3.) of the crime strategies unit, including significant findings
4 and recommendations;” and

5 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.E.3.d states: “Support funding to expand the
6 Community Ambassador's Program;” and

7 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. R.F.1 states: “Use the customary legislative process
8 to review, vet, refine and vote to approve a resolution for a visitor and tourist protection and
9 assistance program;” and

10 WHEREAS, In accordance with California Penal Code, Section 933.05(c), the Board of
11 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
12 Court on Finding Nos. F.A.1, F.C.1 and F.F.1, as well as, Recommendation Nos. R.A.1,
13 R.C.1, R.D.5, R.E.3.d and R.F.1 contained in the Report; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the
15 Superior Court that they _____ with Finding No. F.A.1 for reasons as follows: _____; and,
16 be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that they _____ with
18 Finding No. F.C.1 for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that they _____ with
20 Finding No. F.F.1 for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that _____ with
22 Recommendation No. R.A.1 for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that _____ with
24 Recommendation No. R.C.1 for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that _____ with
2 Recommendation No. R.D.5 for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that _____ with
4 Recommendation No. R.E.3.d for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that _____ with
6 Recommendation No. R.F.1 for reasons as follows: _____; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the
8 implementation of the accepted findings and recommendations through his/her department
9 heads and through the development of the annual budget.

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