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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Derrick Lew, Police Chief, Police Department
Sgt. Youngblood, Police Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: March 23, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee received the following proposed Ordinance:

File No. 260288

Resolution affirming the importance of keeping the independent civilian oversight of the San Francisco Police Commission.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to Victor Young at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: victor.young@sfgov.org.

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- c. Steven Lopez, Police Department
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Master Report

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File Number: 260288 **File Type:** Resolution **Status:** Pending Committee Action

Enacted: _____ **Effective:** _____

Version: 1 **In Control:** Rules Committee

File Name: Affirming the Importance of Independent Civilian Oversight of the San Francisco Police Commission **Date Introduced:** 03/17/2026

Requester: _____ **Cost:** _____ **Final Action:** _____

Comment: _____ **Title:** Resolution affirming the importance of keeping the independent civilian oversight of the San Francisco Police Commission.

Sponsors: Walton; Fielder and Chen

History of Legislative File 260288

Ver	Acting Body	Date	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Result
1	President	03/17/2026	RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED	Rules Committee		

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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):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

From: [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Ferrigno, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#); [Prager, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: [D10] Walton - Introduction - Reso on Independent Oversight of Police Commission
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 2:31:02 PM
Attachments: [Walton - Introduction Form - Independent Oversight.pdf](#)
[Walton - Reso - Independent Police Commission.doc](#)

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From: [Marie, Sophie \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Mathewson, Melanie \(BOS\)](#); [Huang, Grace \(BOS\)](#); [Bejoy, Renil \(BOS\)](#); [RUSSE, BRAD \(CAT\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#); [Hickey, Jacqueline \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Draft Legislation Introduced - March 17, 2026
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026 9:30:43 AM

Good morning Arthur,

Can you please move the following files off of the FAWCR and assign them to the following committees?

- File 260284: Urging MOHCD and SFMTA to Prioritize Affordable Housing Commitments at the Potrero Yard Modernization Project
 - To be assigned to the Land Use and Transportation Committee
- File 260288: Urging Independent Civilian Oversight of the San Francisco Police Commission
 - To be assigned to the Rules Committee

Everything else looks good. Thank you!

Best,

Sophie Marie

Legislative Aide

Office of Board President Mandelman, District 8

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From: BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 7:42 PM
To: Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org>
Cc: Mathewson, Melanie (BOS) <melanie.mathewson@sfgov.org>; Marie, Sophie (BOS) <sophie.marie@sfgov.org>; Huang, Grace (BOS) <Grace.ly.Huang@sfgov.org>; Bejoy, Renil (BOS) <renil.bejoy@sfgov.org>; RUSSE, BRAD (CAT) <Brad.Russi@sfcityatty.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>; Mchugh, Eileen (BOS) <eileen.e.mchugh@sfgov.org>; Hickey, Jacqueline (BOS) <jacqueline.hickey@sfgov.org>; BOS Legislation, (BOS) <bos.legislation@sfgov.org>
Subject: Draft Legislation Introduced - March 17, 2026

Hello President Mandelman,

Attached is the Draft Legislation Introduced for March 17, 2026, for your review and approval. No matters were requested for a particular committee this week.

Please provide your changes, if any, by 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 19, 2026. Thank you.

Regards,

Arthur Khoo

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To: [Gee, Natalie \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: [D10] Walton - Introduction - Reso on Independent Oversight of Police Commission
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 2:40:13 PM

Confirming for Supervisor Chen.

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Cc: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Prager, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: [D10] Walton - Introduction - Reso on Independent Oversight of Police Commission
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2026 3:01:57 PM

Confirming for Supervisor Fielder!

Take care,

Jen

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Subject: Re: [D10] Walton - Introduction - Reso on Independent Oversight of Police Commission
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 11:47:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Jocelyn. We are good with these clerical updates.

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Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 10:52 AM

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Subject: RE: [D10] Walton - Introduction - Reso on Independent Oversight of Police Commission

Apologies. Found Jackie's confirmation for Supervisor Chen. Please see attached for clerical updates and added co-sponsorship. Thank you.

Best regards,

Jocelyn Wong

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Hi Natalie,

Please review the clerical edits made to the Resolution and confirm if these edits are acceptable. We are also seeking the confirmation from Supervisor Chen's office to process the co-sponsorship. Thank you.

Best regards,

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