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Reference: 2020-125

The Honorable Sandra Fewer
Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco
Budget and Appropriations Committee
City Hall, Room 244

Re: Fiscal Year 2020-21 3-Month Budget Status

I am writing to address questions that arose the November 18, 2020 at the Budget and Appropriations Committee regarding the \$11.5M projected deficit for the Sheriff's Office reported in the 3 Month Report.

The Controller's 3-month report, showing an operating deficit of \$11.5 million, reflects the fiscal year projection should no mitigating action be taken. However, my office is actively working with staff from both the Controller's Office and Mayor's Office to eliminate this deficit.

This deficit falls into two categories; workorder (\$3.3 million) and non-workorder (\$8.2 million). Delays in budgeting for COVID mitigation activities contributed to the workorder deficit. However, this will be addressed before the end of the calendar year.

For non-workorder activities, the primary driver is the City's determination to grant additional Covid-related sick leave. As soon as that leave came onto the books, SHF sick time increased by 150 percent and has yet to return to pre-Covid levels. This cost of this additional sick leave is approximately \$11 million.

Increased sick leave notwithstanding, we are working on multiple initiatives to reduce the projected deficit. These initiatives all involve reductions in levels of service which will, in turn, reduce the need for staffing. These initiatives include:

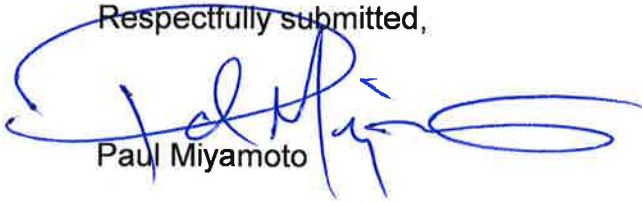
1. Eliminating all but one active entrance at City Hall
2. Eliminating evening & weekend coverage at the Hall of Justice
3. Outsourcing jail meal preparation until completion of the County Jail 2 kitchen
4. Reducing staffing levels at County Jails 2 and 3.

When I received budget instructions earlier this year, I understood that City departments were equally challenged with spending reductions. However, a review of

the adopted budget shows that the Sheriff's Office reduction is more than four times the average for the City's public safety departments.

Nonetheless, my office is working to manage these challenges within the approved budget for the current fiscal year. We believe we have identified cuts that will allow us substantially to achieve this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Miyamoto", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Paul Miyamoto

Sheriff

Cc: President N. Yee, Supervisors S. Walton, R. Mandelman, H. Ronen