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Supervisor Malia Cohen
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Release and Repurposing of Funding on Budget and Finance Reserve

Dear Supervisor Cohen,

The Police Department respectfully requests that the Budget and Finance Committee release \$800,000 in reserves placed on the department's budget for fiscal year 2016-17. The Budget and Finance Committee placed \$800,000 of the Police Department's officer involved shooting investigations budget on reserves as part of the fiscal year 2016-17 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. The Budget Analyst recommended the reserve until an MOU with the State Attorney General was adopted.

The Mayor, District Attorney and Chief of Police discussed a process and scope of work for the District Attorney to handle these investigations. Further, the Mayor, with approval from the Board of Supervisors, has funded this function at the District Attorney. As a result, the Police Department has no need for these funds in the current year for this purpose.

However, given the breadth and depth of the recent recommendations issued by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Collaborative Review Initiative, the Department has identified a series of needs with which these funds could, with your approval, assist. The DOJ recommended a number of improvements for which the Department is seeking external assistance from independent subject matter experts, such as an in-depth, academic analysis of bias (operationally and in the hiring and training process), support surrounding engaging the community and rebuilding trust, surveying the community regarding perceptions of and interactions with Police, or assisting with strategic visioning and planning. Currently, SFPD does not have funding available to engage external experts to assist in any of these efforts.

Releasing the reserve funds and permitting this one-time use for a different, reform-related purpose will ensure the Police Department's ability to make expeditious progress on the implementation of recommendations from the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,

William Scott
Chief of Police

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