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# City and County of San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission

William P. Siffermann Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

March 11, 2013

Supervisor David Campos, Chair Supervisor Eric Mar, Vice Chair Supervisor Norman Yee, Member Board of Supervisors, Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B, Goodlett Place San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Addressing Concerns for Public and Juvenile Probation Officer Safety

Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee:

It is my understanding that the Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing, on March 21, 2013, in response to concerns about escalating gun violence that threatens the public as well as juvenile probation and other law enforcement officers in our City. It is anticipated that the Juvenile Probation Department will be presenting those concerns at your upcoming meeting.

Please be assured that the Chief Probation Officer, William P. Siffermann, has already informed the Juvenile Probation Commission of his growing concerns regarding the gun violence in San Francisco and the threat posed, not only to residents and visitors, but also to juvenile probation officers. The Commission is taking this issue seriously and is responding with the deliberateness that such an issue requires.

The topic "Report on JPD's Field Safety and Monitoring Compliance with High-Risk Probationers and DJJ Parolees" was placed on the agenda of the January 9, 2013 Juvenile Probation Commission's meeting at the request of Chief Siffermann. It included a comprehensive discussion regarding specific violent threats to juvenile probation officer safety, including gun violence as well as other violent offenses committed by high-risk juvenile and young adult probationers and parolees. In response to the issues presented and the need to enhance probation officer and public safety, the Commission has requested the Juvenile Probation Department to research strategies and practices being used by probation departments in other jurisdictions that supervise high-risk offenders. The Department is scheduled to return to the Juvenile Probation Commission, at its April 10, 2013 meeting, with a follow-up report on the findings.

The Juvenile Probation Commission recognizes its responsibility to help guide the Department in its efforts to develop thoughtful policies that enhance the safety of probation officers while at the same time improving the effectiveness of services to the public. This Commission welcomes the continued input from the public as we explore the various aspects of public and juvenile probation officer safety.

As President of the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Commission, I look forward to a transparent, thorough, and deliberate process toward developing an informed understanding of the risks, challenges, and options to address the concerns. I welcome the opportunity to coordinate our efforts with the efforts of the Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee.

Sincerely,

Dirk J. Beijen, President

Juvenile Probation Commission

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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January 24, 2013

Ms. Rana Calonsag, Assistant Committee Clerk Public Safety Committee Board of Supervisors City Hall, Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4694

Dear Ms. Calonsag:

RE: File No. 130026 - Hearing Request

The San Francisco Police Department recognizes the concerns the San Francisco Probation Department has about the safety of their officers in the field officers as the nature and characteristics of juvenile probation work has changed.

State laws have changed, resulting in young adults returning to juvenile probation caseloads for active supervision. The prevalence of guns and other weapons in the hands of youthful and adult offenders is devastating to our neighborhoods, as evidenced in many areas of our city including Visitation Valley, Bayview Hunters Point, Mission, and Western Addition.

While the majority of local youth is compliant with the law and orders of probation, a small number of high-risk offenders with histories of serious, chronic, and violent offenses is responsible for the most significant risk and harm. High-risk juveniles and young adults frequently associate with chronic, serious, and violent adult offenders, which make community supervision dangerous and dramatically compromises public safety.

Officials within the Juvenile Probation Department have begun a thorough review of its current practices relative to effective community supervision of high-risk offenders in an effort to determine the most practical tools and practices needed to increase field officer safety, enhance public safety, and maintain the safety and protection of juveniles in custody during high profile transports.

The San Francisco Police Department continues to rely upon and support the partnership it enjoys with the Juvenile Probation Department and will assist its efforts to examine its current practices in considering all best practices and lawful options available to protect their safety and the safety of the members of the employees of the Juvenile Probation Department.

If I can be of further assistance, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

GREGORY P. SUHR

Chief of Police

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### MEMORANDUM

TO:

William P. Siffermann, Juvenile Probation Department

Chief Greg Suhr, Police Department

FROM:

Rana Calonsag, Assistant Committee Clerk

DATE:

January 15, 2013

SUBJECT:

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee has received the following proposed legislation, which is being referred to your department for informational purposes.

### File No. 130026

Hearing to review the Juvenile Probation Department's field safety policies, the possibility of arming Juvenile Probation Department's Officers with firearms, and how Juvenile Probation Department's officers participate in the operations with the San Francisco Police Department.

If you wish to submit any comments or reports, please forward those to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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## **Introduction Form**

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