

File No. 170095

Committee Item No. 2

Board Item No. 13

### COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Date: October 31, 2017

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Date: October 26, 2017

1 [Urging the Chief of Police to Create a Comprehensive Plan and to Implement a Citywide  
2 Strategy on Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime with  
3 Focused Staffing at District Stations]

4 **Resolution urging the Chief of Police to create a Comprehensive Plan and to Implement**  
5 **a Citywide Strategy on Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and**  
6 **Property Crime with Focused Staffing at District Stations; and urging the Chief of**  
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4 ~~Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in Police Department]~~

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9 ~~Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Automobile~~  
10 ~~Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units at district stations in the Police~~  
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Supervisors Yee; Ronen, Fewer, Sheehy  
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*\*Proposed amendments offered by  
Supervisor Yee  
\*Moved by Chair Ronen  
\*Accepted by Public Safety and  
Neighborhood Services Committee  
- October 25, 2017*

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. ~~The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Sections 2A.84 1 through 2A.84 5, to read as follows:~~

~~SECTION 2A.84: NEIGHBORHOOD AUTOMOBILE BREAK INS, BICYCLE THEFT, AND PROPERTY CRIME UNITS~~

~~SEC. 2A.84 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT.~~

~~The purpose of Section 2A.84 1 et seq. is to do all of the following:~~

~~(a) Strengthen existing structures within the Police Department to bolster the Department's efforts to combat automobile break ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crime and improve coordination among different police districts and different divisions of the Department, including but not limited to the Crime Analysis Unit.~~

~~(b) Create a Neighborhood Automobile Break Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Unit in each police district, and task those Units with proactively and comprehensively investigating automobile break ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crime and enforcing laws to deter~~

1 neighborhood property crime, and to assist with responding to 911 and 311 calls for service related to  
2 automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crime.

3 (c) Create transparency and accountability data metrics for automobile break-ins, bicycle  
4 theft, and other neighborhood property crime and for the Police Department's efforts to combat such  
5 crime, with required reports to the Police Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

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7 **SEC. 2A.84-2. CREATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AUTOMOBILE BREAK-INS,**  
8 **BICYCLE THEFT, AND PROPERTY CRIME UNITS; DUTIES OF UNITS.**

9 (a) There shall be a Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime  
10 Unit (referred to in Sections 2A.84-2 through 2A.84-5 as "Units") within each police district in the  
11 Police Department.

12 (b) The Units shall be responsible for proactive and comprehensive deterrence and  
13 investigation of property crime throughout the respective neighborhoods within their district  
14 boundaries through the use of data-driven, innovative investigative techniques, neighborhood foot  
15 patrols, and community crime prevention, among other tactics to prevent and address auto break-ins,  
16 bike theft, and other property crimes.

17 (c) The Units may encompass several existing Police Department functions, at the discretion of  
18 the Chief of Police and District Captains as delegated by the Chief, including but not limited to: the  
19 Crime Analysis Unit, School Resource Officers, and the Special Projects Unit. This Section 2A.84-2 is  
20 not intended to preclude officers who are not in a Unit from performing necessary or appropriate law  
21 enforcement functions not inconsistent with this Section in accordance with the policies of the Police  
22 Department.

23 (d) The Units shall actively coordinate with each other and with other City departments under  
24 the direction of the Chief of Police.

1 (e) Officers assigned to the Units shall be responsible for curtailing and investigating  
2 automobile break ins, bicycle theft, and other neighborhood property crimes whose nature, frequency,  
3 or pervasiveness impairs the sense of security and quality of life of those who live or work in affected  
4 neighborhoods. Such crimes include but are not limited to California Penal Code Sections 211  
5 (Robbery), 459 (Auto Burglary and Residential/Commercial Burglary), 484, 487, and 488 (Theft of  
6 Property, including bicycle thefts). All activities of each Unit shall be consistent with the  
7 Comprehensive Automobile Break In, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Plan adopted under Section  
8 2A.84 4(a) and the strategic plan for the Unit adopted under Section 2A.84 4(b).

9 (f) Section 2A.84 1 et seq. are not intended to affect the existing discretion of the Chief of  
10 Police to make decisions regarding staffing levels of the Police Department.

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12 **SEC. 2A.84 3. STAFFING OF UNITS.**

13 Each year with the proposed annual budget for the Police Department, the Chief of Police shall  
14 propose to the Police Commission a budget and level of staffing for each Neighborhood Property  
15 Crime Unit. The Board of Supervisors urges the Chief of Police to assign at least one officer at each  
16 police district exclusively to the Unit for that district, and to assign additional officers and staff to each  
17 Unit in proportion to the frequency of automobile break ins, bicycle theft, and other property crime in  
18 the district.

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20 **SEC. 2A.84 4. COMPREHENSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD AUTOMOBILE BREAK INS,**  
21 **BICYCLE THEFT, AND PROPERTY CRIME PLAN AND NEIGHBORHOOD UNIT**  
22 **STRATEGIC PLANS.**

23 (a) Within six months of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 170095, the  
24 Police Commission shall adopt a Comprehensive Neighborhood Automobile Break Ins, Bicycle Theft,  
25 and Property Crime Plan to address automobile break ins, bicycle theft, and other property crime in

1 neighborhoods throughout the City. The Plan shall emphasize strategies for reducing automobile  
2 break-ins and bicycle theft and include, at a minimum, strategies for (1) encouraging full and open  
3 communication and collaboration among officers in Units and community members; (2) development of  
4 neighborhood-specific priorities and strategies to reduce automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other  
5 property crimes; (3) the assignment of officers in Units to foot patrols; (4) ensuring productive  
6 coordination among the Units in different police districts in the City; and (5) sharing property crime  
7 data with other City departments responsible for law enforcement, including the District Attorney's  
8 Office. In addition, the Plan may set or recommend minimum dedicated staffing levels for specific  
9 Units, and may include strategies for increasing staffing in those Units to recommended levels. The  
10 Commission shall review the Plan at least once each fiscal year and may make changes that the  
11 Commission deems appropriate, as long as the initial Plan provides an emphasized focus on  
12 automobile break-ins and bicycle thefts.

13 (b) — The Police Department shall develop a strategic plan for each Unit in the City. Each  
14 plan shall be consistent with the Comprehensive Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft,  
15 and Property Crime Plan, and shall, at a minimum, identify:

16 — (1) Procedures for officers assigned to the Unit.

17 — (2) A list of Penal Code and Police Code sections on which the Unit will focus. With  
18 input from community members and organizations, the Department shall update the list from time to  
19 time so that it remains consistent with the purpose of the Unit.

20 — (3) A plan to monitor training and tactics related to enforcement strategy.

21 Within 12 months of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. 170095, the Police  
22 Department shall submit these Plans to the Police Commission for the Commission's consideration and  
23 approval.

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SEC. 2A.84 5. ANNUAL REPORTS.

By no later than 18 months after the Police Commission's adoption of the Comprehensive Neighborhood Automobile Break Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Plan required by Section 2A.84 5, and once a year between June 1 and July 1 thereafter, the Police Department shall submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Police Commission a report on the Department's progress preventing and enforcing automobile break-ins, bicycle theft, and other property crime in the City, including data and metrics stemming from each Unit's work including work coordinated with other City departments, with a particular focus on the disparate impacts in approaches, citations, and arrests in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, and neighborhood or other geographic measures.

~~Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.~~

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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# San Francisco Police Department



## Strategic Approach to Property Crime

William Scott, Chief of Police  
October 4, 2017



## Property Crime Concerns

- San Francisco experienced an increase in property crime in 2015, predominantly due to the rising number of auto burglaries.
- Auto burglaries rose from 12,336 in 2012 to 26,040 in 2015.
- In 2016, there were 24,235 reported auto burglaries and 4,978 burglaries.
- Comparing year-to-date 2016 to 2017:
  - Auto burglaries have increased 25% - from 15,934 to 19,975 reported incidents.
  - Burglaries have decreased 5% - from 3,411 to 3,252 reported incidents.



## Contributing Factors

- Non-violent crimes of opportunity occur within seconds.
- The City has many target-rich environments (neighborhoods, businesses, tourist areas).
- Recent trends indicate offenders are moving from committing violent crimes to property crime to avoid prosecution.
- Small electronic items commonly left in vehicles, such as laptops, tablets, smart phones, GPS, and digital cameras, have strong resale value on the black market.



## Community Outreach

- The Department continues to engage in community outreach efforts and public education campaigns directly and through partnerships including:
  - Park Smart Campaign
  - District Community Police Advisory Boards (CPABs)
  - Local community groups
  - The Ambassador Program
  - SF Safety Awareness for Everyone (SF SAFE)
  - Collaboration with other City agencies to identify and place signage in hot spot areas
  - Evaluate environmental design in neighborhoods to reduce/eliminate potential target areas
  - Robust information provided to the community by District Captains through newsletters to include crime analysis data, offender information, and prevention techniques



## Redeployment of Resources

- Redeployment of centralized personnel back to district stations to increase uniform presence in various assignments (foot beats, patrol officers in vehicles and bicycles, etc.).
- A visible police uniform presence focuses on locations which have experienced an increase in property crime
- With plainclothes and undercover experience, redeployed staff have specialized training and skills to share with patrol officers.
- Focused cross and multi-district operations with plainclothes officers serves as a force multiplier.



## Support and Resources

- The Investigations Division will provide additional support and resources for the investigation and prevention of property crimes including:
  - A restructure of the Crime Analysis Unit into the Strategic Operations Section will enhance communication and the sharing of specific crime information directly to the district stations, as well as centralized staff and the District Attorney's Office.
  - Centralize investigators will provide enhanced support to district investigators on serial cases.
  - Station investigators will investigate and specialize in neighborhood crime issues.



## Repeat Offenders Strategies

- Focused efforts on known repeat property crime offenders .
- Develop strategies to apprehend repeat and known offenders including surveillance and search warrants leading to arrests.
- Network with the District Attorney's Office, including their Crime Strategies Unit, to enhance information developed by our Crime Analysts to support stronger prosecution following arrest.
- Investigations have led to the recovery of stolen property further strengthening the prosecution of repeat offenders.



# Questions



**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 9:25 AM  
**To:** 'Nicholas Conti'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095

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**From:** Nicholas Conti [<mailto:nicholasaconti@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 10:50 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

I've had two bikes stolen in the last three years. Each time they were my only vehicles. Please take a look at the reasonable actions the Portland Police have done. Thanks for your work and the consideration.

Nick

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** 'Jenna Newgard'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
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**From:** Jenna Newgard [mailto:jennanewgard@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:44 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

With limited and crowded public transportation in much of SF, bike commuting is crucial for many of us to get to and from work daily. Bike theft can limit people's ability to get to and from work. Please consider doing more to prevent bike theft for both commuters and recreational cyclists.

Jenna Newgard

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** 'Frances James'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Janice Li  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.11 - PSNS


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**From:** Frances James [<mailto:francesjames@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** Janice Li <[janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear Chair Ronen and Supervisors,

I'm writing to express support for your proposed legislation creating property crime units at each district police station. I feel that there hasn't been enough done yet to address the epidemic of bicycle theft in our city, and I believe this legislation would be an important step in that direction.

My husband and I have suffered multiple bike thefts throughout the years, both when bikes were locked on the streets of our city, and most egregiously when our garage in the mission was broken into five times over the

course of a few months in 2013 and 9 bikes (some belonging to ours, some to our neighbors) total were stolen. We filed police reports every time and had SFPD come out, and during the last few break-ins we had security camera footage of the same perpetrator breaking into the garage each time, and nothing ever happened.

We continue to feel that the city hasn't done enough to address bike theft in the city, and feel it's really important to put efforts towards addressing this to make our city a safe place to bike and live. As a city at the forefront of technology and innovation, we should be leading the world in supporting environmentally friendly and healthy transportation like bicycling.

I look forward to seeing your hard work in this area across San Francisco.

Thank you,  
Frances James  
752 S Van Ness Ave, 94110

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:44 PM  
**To:** 'Lisa Mandelstein'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.11 - PSNS


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**From:** Lisa Mandelstein [mailto:[lmandels@aol.com](mailto:lmandels@aol.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 7:45 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** [janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

10/7/17

Greetings,

I am writing to add my voice to the discussion on bicycle theft in the city. As of last week, my bicycle has been stolen, out of my garage, for a 3rd time. When I report it, I basically get the idea that there won't be much follow-up and I should just write it off, file my renter's insurance claim and move on.

I wish the police dept. had more funds to pursue these cases. In a recent news report, I heard that bike 'brokers' are lining up on Mission district streets, openly waiting for thieves to bring in bikes so they can load them up, take them out of the city and sell them at flea markets.

I would like to see the police come and arrest these van/truck drivers; do a sting operation to trace where the bikes are heading, and do more to cut off the ease with which our bikes are disappearing.

I am a school teacher, a renter, a city constituent that doesn't have a lot of money to keep replacing bike after bike. I love to ride in the city, but between theft and the need to basically strip my bike every time I leave it locked somewhere, it becomes much less feasible and definitely less enjoyable. I used to keep my bike in my upstairs apartment, but as I got older, I had to stop because of knee and balance issues. My only alternative was to keep it in the shared garage which is open in the back, surrounded by fences.

I have some ideas that would be great for the city to explore:

1. are there different kinds of bike racks that would make it harder to steal a bike and allow riders to not have to strip so much off their bike when leaving to shop for a moment?
2. give \$ incentives for landlords who add protected (or any) bicycle parking in their buildings
3. The sting operation I mentioned above to shut down the bicycle theft factories

Thanks for hearing me out. I have so appreciated all the bike lanes and safety ideas the city has backed. Sunday Streets are wonderful community building events. But, if I can't actually keep a bike, then I can't use any of them. I'm so frustrated with the state of the world these days. And, I'm so sad to lose my bike, my exercise, my fresh air transport, and a major source of daily joy.

Sincerely, Lisa Mandelstein

Lisa Mandelstein  
singer/songs/piano/guitar  
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## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:43 PM  
**To:** 'Brian McHugh'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.11 - PSNS


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**From:** Brian McHugh [<mailto:bmchugh@credomobile.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 9:41 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear Supervisors,

Please support the Neighborhood Property crime legislation being promoted by my advocates at the Bicycle coalition. I was a victim of a break-in early this spring. I lost 2 bicycles from my garage that had been registered with SAFE. They were never recovered.

Because breaking and entering was involved, I couldn't report the theft on-line and had to call Mission station. The officers needed to see the scene. I discovered the break-in on the morning after it occurred. The crime was not a high

priority, which I kind of understand. Unfortunately, it was 2 days before the police came by my house to take a report, which I don't understand. By the time my report was filed, the bicycles were long gone.

It's distressing to wander the City, and to see so many obvious chop-shops and to see some many bicycle remnants still chained to bike racks and other posts.

I strongly encourage the City to put more emphasis on preventing and reacting to these crimes.

Thank you,

Brian McHugh  
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## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** 'Eric Thorne'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.11 - PSNS

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**From:** Eric Thorne [mailto:ricehornet@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 07, 2017 2:02 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear SF Board of Supervisors,

My name is Eric Thorne, and I am writing in support of the measures proposed by the SF Bike Coalition to combat bike theft. I am a commuter from Glen Park to SoMA for work, and I also choose to ride my bike for personal trips whenever possible.

If my office did not offer bike parking, then I would be much less willing to ride my bike out of fear of theft. I see disassembled bikes all over the neighborhood I work and one of my coworkers had her bike stolen right outside the office. If we had effective laws and examples to punish thieves, then I think they would be dissuaded to steal.

This would lead to safer and less congested streets in San Francisco, not to mention cleaner San Francisco air! :)

I would appreciate your action on this issue,

Eric

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:58 AM  
**To:** 'Adam Heckaman'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095

Thanks for your comment letter.

The ordinance is on agenda for consideration by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on October 11, 2017. The following link is to the agenda for the meeting:

[PSNS Agenda - October 11, 2017](#)

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**From:** Adam Heckaman [<mailto:adamheckaman@icloud.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Interested in speaking on behalf of theft

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** 'Adam Hodes'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
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**Categories:** 170095

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**From:** Adam Hodes [mailto:ahodes@wsandco.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 11:47 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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Hello,

I had my bike stolen out of the office building garage I work in. There was no security so anybody could walk down the ramp and do anything to the bikes stored there. No cameras, nothing. The garage attendants park cars for a living and have nothing to do with bikes, no concern, etc. This happened in Summer 2016. My bike wasn't worth more than \$400, but it ran like a dream and I rode it every day to work. Think of it as a used car with 100,000 miles but runs perfectly fine

with very minimal upkeep. Totally unique paint scheme from the 90's that has probably been repainted by now. I see homeless folks every day taking apart bikes. I filed a police report, met with officers, and was never contacted again. Heartbreaking. I want you to do something about bike theft. Feel free to contact me.

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**Adam Hodes**

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## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Jim Sweet <scruffyboy0001@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:32 AM  
**To:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Subject:** Re: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)  
**Categories:** 170095

Mr. Carroll,

Thank You for the quick response.

While I have compassion for anyone in San Francisco that is just trying to survive, I have no problem with the San Francisco Police Department targeting "professional" bike thieves and bringing them to justice by any means possible.

To that end, I fully support the SFPD and the board of supervisors.

Regards,

Jim Sweet

On October 5, 2017, at 9:10 AM, "Carroll, John (BOS)" <john.carroll@sfgov.org> wrote:

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Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 9:08 AM

To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>

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Subject: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Hey John, Janice,

We've all seen them; bicycle ""chop shops"" lining the streets amongst the homeless encampments. It's a frustrating issue with no easy answer.

In addressing Bike Theft, I don't believe there is going to be any "one size fits all" solution.

One part of the problem is that bicycles are viewed as low risk, easy pickins amongst the transient/homeless communities.

Oftentimes, these are individuals that feel they have no other options and are simply trying to survive.

Many have been priced out of housing, lost jobs through no fault of their own or have health, mental health or addiction issues that have not been addressed.

Unless and until greater efforts are made to feed, house and address the issues of \*OUR\* homeless population in San Francisco, property crimes, including Bike Theft, will continue to be an issue.

Simply incarcerating individuals that are down on their luck or running them through an already overloaded court system is NOT a sustainable answer.

Offering viable, humane alternatives for these PEOPLE who are our neighbors and members of OUR community, would very likely go a long way towards reducing Bike Theft and other property crimes.

Sincerely;

James Sweet

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** 'John Schlag'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood property crime unit legislation

**Categories:** 170095

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**From:** John Schlag [<mailto:jschlag.me@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood property crime unit legislation

Greetings, BoS -

Bike theft in San Francisco is completely out of control. I've had two stolen. Please do what you can to see that the issue is given the resources it deserves. Bikes aren't just for spandex warriors. Many of us ride them around for commuting, shopping, visiting and pleasure.

Best Regards,

John Schlag  
Sausalito, CA



## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** 'Theodore'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Theodore Randolph [mailto:t@theodr.net] On Behalf Of Theodore  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 1:40 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

I know this is a bit late, but:

This very Sunday, 3 days before the meeting of the PSNS Committee, my bike was stolen. I had it chained to a pole on West Portal Avenue near Vicente, in broad daylight, but no matter. The thief broke the chain and took the bike.

The sad thing is that I am the least perturbed by it. My companions were upset, but I was resigned. Cheap bike, expensive bike, all of them have been stolen from me. This antisocial behavior has been normalized, and that is an indictment on this city.

I don't know what it will take to solve this problem, but I think it will involve much more proactive enforcement of laws against the chop shops.

Theodore Randolph

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:11 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); 'drjohn@mcbirney.com'  
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**To:** BOS-Supervisors <[bos-supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:bos-supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**From:** John B. McBirney, D.D.S. [<mailto:drjohn@mcbirney.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2017 4:18 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** [janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Honorable and generous Supervisors:

**I strongly support the establishment of neighborhood crime units, specifically to combat bicycle theft.**

My wife live in Hayes Valley, at 233 Franklin Street, and cycling provides 90% of our transportation within the city.

We must lug ridiculously heavy locks and chains with us, spending up to 5 minutes finding a secure site and applying all of the locks and chains, as well as removing anything thieves could unscrew, cut or pull off. It's as bad as Manhattan!

I know many people who refuse to bicycle in the City because of fear of theft.

Thanks very much!

John McBirney

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:10 AM  
**To:** 'Amy Laverdiere'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS) - bike theft

**Categories:** 170095

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**From:** Amy Laverdiere [mailto:amy.laverdiere@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2017 7:58 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS) - bike theft

I'm writing about bike theft.

I've had 2 of my 3 bikes stolen in SF. One was locked using a kryptonite u-lock outside Water Bar in a heavily trafficked area during broad daylight on a Saturday afternoon. It was there for 45 at the most. The entire bike rack was cleaned out, including a motorized scooter that also locked there.

My second bike was stolen from the inside of my car where it was under some boxes (I was in the middle of moving). I parked in a locked, attended garage hoping I had a better chance of protection. No luck...

I now only use my bike when I know I will be able to keep an eye on it even when locked. This leaves me using Lyft or driving much more than is necessary. The muni route that serves my area takes an hour to get anywhere useful while a bike would take 20 min and a car takes 10min. I'd love to use my bike, but I know it will be stolen.

Thanks for reading.

Amy

Sent from my Powerful Pocket Computer

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:10 AM  
**To:** 'Alyssa Garcia'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Alyssa Garcia [mailto:aggarcia353@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 9:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I have nothing but love for my city, but am constantly saddened by the petty crime I see each and every day. Bike theft is an image of the city, and petty crime such as bike theft then will instill a larger perception of crime. I have myself been a victim of bike theft. My bike was stole in the middle of the day right on 3rd street near the AIC building. I truly hope that there is some action put towards preventing petty crime such as bike theft in our city. Please step up and take action!

Sincerely,  
Alyssa Garcia



## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 9:10 AM  
**To:** 'Denise Greenberg'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Denise Greenberg [mailto:denise.greenberg@targetrightmarketing.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:18 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear Supervisors,

I want to express my support for the Bicycle Coalition's letter of 9/28/17 urging the city to do more to prevent and investigate bike theft. I ride my bicycle nearly every day – for exercise. I almost *never* use it for errands or transportation because I the risk of it getting stolen if I leave it locked somewhere is so high.

While I recognize this is not an easy problem to solve, given that San Francisco is attempting to encourage the expanded use of bicycle use, it is an important one.

Sincerely,

**Denise Greenberg**  
Marketo Certified Expert  
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Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association  
P.O. Box 27608  
San Francisco, CA 94127-0608

Honorable Supervisors:

The Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association, 482 members strong, urges you to pass the Neighborhood Property Crime Units ordinance.

San Francisco is suffering from an epidemic of burglaries and car break-ins. Establishing a unit in each police district to coordinate and implement campaigns to prevent, deter and investigate such crimes should be a priority. But this legislation goes beyond that. It explicitly mandates creation of accountability data metrics for car break-ins and other neighborhood property crime.

This legislation does not tell the Police Department how to do its job, but rather it sets a standard for the City to provide transparent data to its citizens. How many car break-ins are there in District X in a period of time, and what happens with these cases? How many arrests are there, how many convictions, how often are charges dropped, what happens to the convicted felons, what happens on probation, what is done to prevent repeat offenses?

This kind of accountability is your job on the Board of Supervisors, because it's not solely the job of the SFPD, the DA, the Sheriff or the Probation Department. This legislation does not tell the Police Department how to do its job, but leaves it to the SFPD to determine "strategies most appropriate for its district."

This legislation does not tell the Police Department how to do its job, but rather it mandates that the Police Commission come up with a plan to address property crime.

Lastly, I want to provide some examples from my neighborhood: One of the board members of our neighborhood association experienced an attempted home break-in last December. Within 100 feet of her house two cars and one other house have been broken into this year, and was also an attempted break-in at another house.

Entire neighborhoods are living in fear of having their homes violated and their means of transportation attacked. And the auto break-in and property crime rate is going up. So we urge you to take appropriate action.

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** 'David Lehr'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** RE: Legislation on Auto Break-Ins, Bike Theft .and Neighborhood Property Crime  
**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.04 - PSNS

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Legislation on Auto Break-Ins, Bike Theft .and Neighborhood Property Crime

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of this legislation. I have had 2 bicycles stolen in San Francisco; one out of my garage and one from the front rack of Muni.

I don't own a car and am really committed to a transit first lifestyle, but it is incredibly hard and costly to do this when my bike keeps gettings stolen.

I urge you to support the Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units district stations in the Police Department as revised on Sept 19th.

Will you?

Thanks, Dave Lehr, 1380 Francisco St, SF, 94123

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:11 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); 'Beth Williams'  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**Subject:** FW: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Beth Williams [mailto:bethwilliams123@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 1:50 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

I support all efforts to clear our sidewalks of tents and debris/piles of bicycles that endanger public safety. I actually do not know why new legislation is needed to remove tents and chop shops from our sidewalks. How can it be legal to force pedestrians, some with canes or walkers, some with strollers and children, into the street to get where they are going? The Chronicle recently showcased a photo of a man "repairing a tire" who was obviously running a chop shop. Even if these bikes were not stolen, I believe it is illegal to be doing business in this way.

I am a family physician and concerned about the public health impact of tent encampments both to those living in them and those not. Do they inhibit people--San Franciscans and tourists--from walking and biking? When will a pedestrian be struck by a vehicle because they were literally forced into the street? There has been a hepatitis outbreak that is traces to an encampment. I was spend a lot of time in NYC, walking all over, and I have yet to see a single tent much less encampment.

I have to think that we would see more action in solving this difficult problem if Pacific Hts were impacted. Or if the Mayor was in town long enough to know the problem first hand.

We have the resources to house the homeless. They deserve it, and by tolerating the tents we are creating a public health crisis. The chop shops would not thrive without the tents.

I call on all of you to walk from Potrero Hill to Opera Plaza or Union Square and see the problem first hand. There is no route that does not require zigzagging to avoid encampments.

Elizabeth Williams, MD, MPH

Sent from my iPhone

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'Matt Hoebet'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org; Tal Princess Klein  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org; Tal Princess Klein <[talkleinsf@gmail.com](mailto:talkleinsf@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Please do something to deter theft. It's out of control in this city and for me and my wife the threat of bike theft has made us take fewer trips by bike - and more by car. Both of us had bicycles stolen recently. On both occasions the bikes were locked and it was the middle of the day. Neither was a particularly expensive bike (approx \$500/each). In both cases, we filed police reports but we knew the chances of recovery were slim.

Theses crimes are rampant and they go unpunished. Please do something.



Thanks

Matt Hoebet

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'Marcy Fraser'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Bicycle chop shops and common sense hygiene!

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.04 - PSNS


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**From:** Marcy Fraser [mailto:marcyfraser@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 2:11 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Bicycle chop shops and common sense hygiene!

Supervisors,

My bicycle was stolen out of my garage. The thief broke the lock, opened the door and stole my bike. I had owned it for less than a week. My street has been a battle ground of homeless camps and bike chop shops. My neighbors and their children have to walk around giant snarls of bike parts and human excrement. I am well aware that 'homeless' is a category inclusive of many kinds of people in our city. I urge you to make the chop shops a crime; protect us from exploding meth cookers; bring toilets and clean water to the camps, and provide regular garbage pick up from the camps and surrounding streets.

Thank you

Marcy Fraser, RN  
Potrero Hill

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:10 PM  
**To:** 'Beth Williams'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood.Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

I support all efforts to clear our sidewalks of tents and debris/piles of bicycles that endanger public safety. I actually do not know why new legislation is needed to remove tents and chop shops from our sidewalks. How can it be legal to force pedestrians, some with canes or walkers, some with strollers and children, into the street to get where they are going? The Chronicle recently showcased a photo of a man "repairing a tire" who was obviously running a chop shop. Even if these bikes were not stolen, I believe it is illegal to be doing business in this way.

I am a family physician and concerned about the public health impact of tent encampments both to those living in them and those not. Do they inhibit people—San Franciscans and tourists—from walking and biking? When will a pedestrian be

struck by a vehicle because they were literally forced into the street? There has been a hepatitis outbreak that is traces to an encampment. I was spend a lot of time in NYC, walking all over, and I have yet to see a single tent much less encampment.

I have to think that we would see more action in solving this difficult problem if Pacific Hts were impacted. Or if the Mayor was in town long enough to know the problem first hand.

We have the resources to house the homeless. They deserve it, and by tolerating the tents we are creating a public health crisis. The chop shops would not thrive without the tents.

I call on all of you to walk from Potrero Hill to Opera Plaza or Union Square and see the problem first hand. There is no route that does not require zigzagging to avoid encampments.

Elizabeth Williams, MD, MPH

Sent from my iPhone

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:09 PM  
**To:** 'Lee Magnusson'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Subject:** RE: Bicycle theft

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.04 - PSNS


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**From:** Lee Magnusson [<mailto:leemagnusson@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 1:22 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Bicycle theft

I'm writing to urge you to consider legislation to reduce bicycle theft. I've had my bicycle stolen and almost everyone I know in SF that bikes has had one or more bicycles stolen. I did file a report online but I knew that would go nowhere. I am limited in the places I will ride a bike to based on the security of locking. I think that this problem could be greatly reduce and quality of life in the city would go up with police directly tasked with working to break up the bicycle theft rings.

Sincerely,  
Lee Magnusson

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:09 PM  
**To:** 'Tom Van Pelt'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Janice Li  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 170095, 2017.10.04 - PSNS

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**From:** Tom Van Pelt [<mailto:vanpelttom@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 1:18 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** Janice Li <[janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS) amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units at district stations in the Police Department.

Property crimes in San Francisco are nothing short of an epidemic. We need stronger police deterrence, monitoring, investigation and enforcement to keep all San Franciscan's property unmolested.

If you have any doubts about the prevalence of property crimes, I would encourage you to walk the streets of San Francisco and observe the massive quantities of broken window glass littering our streets. Or alternatively, look at almost any public bike rack to find peoples bikes stripped of parts.

I believe the Neighborhood Property Crime Units will help make our neighborhoods more safe and secure and encourage you to pass the PSNS legislation.

Sincerely,

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**Tom Van Pelt**

San Francisco Resident



**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:09 PM  
**To:** 'Maria Sedova'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

To Chair Ronen and Supervisors:

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition has repeatedly called for effective solutions to the epidemic of bicycle theft in our city, and we believe that your proposed legislation creating property crime units at each district police station can be an important step towards that end.

Bicycle theft remains a serious and growing problem in San Francisco. It is the second most-commonly cited reason for not riding a bicycle in our city after safety concerns. We have heard countless stories from our 10,000-plus members and

others about how the theft of a bicycle has negatively impacted their lives, in some cases threatening their ability to remain in the city amid the rising cost of living.

Prevention of theft remains the most cost-effective way to combat bicycle theft. People who bike in San Francisco need more sidewalk racks as well as attended bike parking at transit stations and City-owned garages. While prevention is important, resources must also be dedicated to the investigation and recovery of stolen bicycles.

In a 2013 memo to then-Supervisor Eric Mar, the City Budget and Legislative Analyst wrote "there is no central SFPD approach to bicycle theft. While individual SFPD stations devote staff and resources to investigating bicycle theft as well as attempting to reconnect recovered bicycles with their owner, other stations devote little to no time investigating such cases." With Police Chief Scott announcing recently that SFPD is dissolving its centralized unit dedicated to property crimes, it is clear that a new approach and additional resources are still needed four years later.

Through anecdote, we know that the market for stolen bicycles functions differently in different parts of our city. In SoMa and the Mission, vans and trucks park at night to buy stolen bicycles off the street and then re-sell them online or at flea markets in other counties. Bicycles stolen from garages in other neighborhoods may end up directly in a vehicle headed north, east or south. If the city can take a different approach to investigating and prosecuting those responsible for buying and re-selling stolen bicycles, our hope is that we can reduce theft by diminishing the market. At a minimum, we should have more data to understand the problem and allocate scarce policing resources more effectively.

It is clear that if we wish to continue growing the number of trips made by bicycle in our city, we must address the issue of theft. The SF Bicycle Coalition remains dedicated to educating thousands every year on proper locking technique and theft prevention, as well as advocating for increased secure parking. We look to City leaders to smartly use our investigative resources to help decrease the market for stolen bicycles and increase the number of bicycles recovered and reunited with their owners.

Best,  
Maria Sedova

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** 'Mitchel Pariani'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Mitchel Pariani [mailto:mjpariani@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 1:11 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear board of supervisors,

I encourage you to pass the current legislation to help curb bike thefts. I bike daily as my primary mode of transportation and have been a victim myself. There are many problems in the city right now, and this one is dear to me.

Please help us prosecute people who steal bikes and operate chop shops. Growing up in Martinez, CA, I'd always envisioned living in the city. Now that I do, I've been completely disheartened by the lack of support the cycling community has been receiving on this topic.

Sincerely,

Mitchel Pariani  
Castro Resident

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 4:08 PM  
**To:** 'Karen Dana'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
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**From:** Karen Dana [<mailto:karenmdana@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 7:00 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

My husband and I both support efforts to focus more police resources on bicycle thefts.

We believe that by bringing more resources to this issue, bicycle thefts will be reduced in the City. We'll be purchasing new e-bikes in the next few months and want to be able to enjoy riding these in the City without constantly worrying about having them stolen.

Sincerely,

Karen Dana and Joe Massana  
724 Head Street  
San Francisco, CA 94132

Sent from my iPad

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 3:11 PM  
**To:** 'Mike Doherty'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Mike Doherty [mailto:mike@mikedoherty.ca]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

It is critical that you devote additional resources to combatting the ongoing endemic bicycle theft in San Francisco. It is not hard to find the enormous gang-run chop shops under the 101 for example, but police in this city apparently don't give a damn. Nearly every day I see some evidence of bike theft: busted locks, criminals transporting freshly stolen bikes, piles of parts. I'm not even trying, so I don't understand how the police can fail so manifestly at their job. Meanwhile, the flow of stolen bikes and parts fuels the drug trade. We're not talking about those mythical homeless bicycle enthusiasts, this is organized crime turning bikes stolen from the people of San Francisco into drugs. Huge piles of stolen bikes under tarps and hidden in tents should already be enough to get police interested. But if you want new laws targeting chop shops, that's fine too. Just get the job done.

-Mike Doherty



## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** 'David Marwick'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Janice Li  
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**From:** David Marwick [mailto:[dmarwick@gmail.com](mailto:dmarwick@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** Janice Li <[janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Good morning Supervisors,

I was just reading about "File No. 170095 – Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in the Police Department" thanks to SF Bike Coalition, of which I'm a member.

I'm also a property owner, taxpayer, parent, resident of San Francisco for 16 years, and a daily bicycle rider.

I urge you to dedicate additional resource to bicycle theft. We need more officers and resources like [@SFPDBikeTheft](#) to cut down on bicycle chop shops and illegal bike sales that have become a standard feature of the city, especially in Mission and SOMA.

Over the years I've become all too used to bike theft in SF. Once I went to a movie at the Century, leaving my bike locked up on the street outside Bloomingdales. I rode home standing on my pedals because someone stole the seat.

I pay \$9K a year in property taxes and a very high overall cost of living to live and raise a family in San Francisco. I expect my elected officials to take decisive action against the rampant bicycle theft that lowers our quality of living.

Thanks and best regards,  
David Marwick  
District 9

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** 'Leigh McCulloch'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** Janice Li  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)


Thanks for your comment letter.

I have added your message to the official file for the ordinance.

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[Board of Supervisors File No. 170095](#)

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**From:** Leigh McCulloch [<mailto:leighmcc@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 8:16 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** Janice Li <[janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Hi,

Bicycle theft is a massive problem in this city. Having personally had my bicycle stolen from my apartment buildings garage, and knowing many others who have lost whole bikes and parts like bike seats, I've seen first hand how prevalent it is and the impact it has on our view of this city. This is in stark contrast to many other places in the world where members of the public can safely leave their bikes outside without locks. Please take bicycle theft seriously. Please take action.

Regards,  
Leigh

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 02, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** 'Ralph Goldsticker'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)


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**From:** Ralph Goldsticker [mailto:[ralph.goldsticker@gmail.com](mailto:ralph.goldsticker@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 6:05 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <[aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee members:

My wife's bicycle was stolen out of our garage, and subsequently purchased and resold as a used bike by Columbus Cyclery.

I won't go into the details about how we discovered this, but when I asked the store owner about how he ended up with a stolen bicycle, his response was that all his is required to do is to look at the seller's ID.

It seems to me that we need to do more to prevent bike shops from being fences for stolen bikes. It would be easy to create a database of serial numbers of stolen bikes reported to the police, and require buyers of used bikes to check it before purchasing a bike.

Banning the purchase of used bikes with missing or altered serial numbers seems reasonable to me. Requiring the shops to report the serial numbers and descriptions of bikes they purchase may be too onerous.

Lastly, requiring stores to take a photo of the seller with the bike and ID would help the police to identify bike thieves. It would be helpful in a case like ours where we found the bike, or in other cases where a thief sells multiple bikes.

These steps won't solve the problem of bike theft, but it may make stealing bikes less attractive.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ralph Goldsticker

101 Lombard St.

San Francisco, CA 94111

## **Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 2017.10.04 - PSNS, 170095

This one too.

**From:** Donna McCulloch [mailto:donnaeamcculloch@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 3:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I have had both of our bicycles stolen this year. They were locked as securely as they could be in the garage of the small unit building we live in. Bicycle theft has touched nearly every person who cycles in SF that I know. This is a real problem and needs to be stemmed. Not purchasing second hand bikes from the likes of Craigslist is clearly not making enough of a dent in this problem. Police resources need to be looking into this problem. Not only will this help stem crime, but it will also have people feeling safer on the streets with their bikes and encourage more people to cycle. Being able to securely lock my bike somewhere is one of my biggest concerns when I'm heading somewhere.

Your help regarding this matter is always appreciated and I believe it will go a long way.

Best Regards,  
Donna McCulloch

**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 2017.10.04 - PSNS, 170095

I sent this to the Board members.

**From:** Robert Parker [mailto:robertmparker@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Janice Li <janice@sfbike.org>  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

I bike to work everyday, and I ride ~2k miles in SF every year. When I'm at home my bike is locked up inside securely. When I'm at work, they provide secure bike storage.

But for other trips around the city, I am very uncomfortable with leaving my bike locked up outside. I live in the Mission, and I see the aftermath of bike thefts everyday. The chopshops and piles of bikes are always around if you know where to look. It feels like nothing is being done about this issue. And from what I read online, it is pretty much confirmed that the SFPD doesn't have any officers that are working on this issue. Between all of the bike thefts and the car burglaries, I'm not really sure what the SFPD really does in my neighborhood.

Thanks for your time.

## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 1:55 PM  
**To:** 'Brett Thurber'; Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

**Categories:** 2017.10.04 - PSNS, 170095


Thanks for your message.

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**From:** Brett Thurber [<mailto:brett@newwheel.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 1:28 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** janice@sfbike.org  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Hello,

I am emailing to voice my support for the Property Crime Unit legislation that is being considered. My wife and I own an electric bike shop in Bernal Heights and are seeing our business directly impacted by skyrocketing bicycle theft. On a weekly basis our customers are having their bicycles stolen, and they are very often finding that the theft of their means of transportation is treated as a low priority, even though in most cases the property crime they experience is grand theft in that the value of their bicycles are over \$3000.



The larger context of this increase in property crime is that it is not only a violation of San Franciscans security and property, but it is increasingly having a detrimental impact on larger civic goals including sustainability initiatives, bicycle mode share, affordability, and small business growth.

Regards,  
Brett Thurber

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## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 11:41 AM  
**To:** Eric Tuvel (AIR)  
**Subject:** RE: Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

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**From:** Eric Tuvel (AIR)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 10:09 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <[board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto:board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org)>; Carroll, John (BOS) <[john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)>  
**Cc:** [janice@sfbike.org](mailto:janice@sfbike.org)  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Property Crime Unit Legislation (PSNS)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you to ask for your support in providing the SFPD and other agencies to address bicycle theft in our city. I have been a city employee for over two years as well as a person who commutes by bicycle and public transit. Prior to my time at SFO, I worked for the SFMTA where I managed the Bicycle Parking program and helped to install over 700 racks citywide to provide safe and secure locations for people to park their bikes when they shop, work, and recreate in San Francisco. I have worked as a bicycle educator to teach people how to safely commute around the city as well as properly secure their bicycles to avoid theft. I have heard many stories from friends and coworkers about their bikes being stolen, dismantled, or damaged all over the city. Just a little over two weeks ago, I had my first bike stolen when I leant my bike to a friend visiting from

Montreal. They did everything correct, using more than one hardened steel lock to secure the bike and it was still stolen within minutes of them being inside the store.

This is a serious problem for people considering to start biking as a way to get around the city, which is the most affordable and sustainable transportation option we have. As our city strives to reach its goals of sustainable transportation, we need to make sure people feel safe riding their bikes on our streets and locking them at their destination. In addition to providing the City with the resources to address this issue, we also need to look at the causes for why people turn to stealing bikes in the first place. I also volunteer to feed the homeless in the city and many of these encampments have bicycles and bicycle parts. We need to be innovative in how we help this community living on the street and providing them with opportunities to find permanent housing and jobs to support themselves and families so they have more choices than to turn to crime in order to support themselves.

I know this is not an easy problem to solve but I hope you can work together with our city departments, advocacy organizations, and direct service providers to develop innovative solutions that are sensitive to the communities you serve.

Thank you,



**Eric Tuvel**

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## Carroll, John (BOS)

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**From:** Carroll, John (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 11:40 AM  
**To:** 'Brian Wiedenmeier'  
**Subject:** RE: File No. 170095 – Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in the Police Department.

Thanks for your message.

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**From:** Brian Wiedenmeier [mailto:[brian@sfbike.org](mailto:brian@sfbike.org)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** Ronen, Hillary <[hillary.ronen@sfgov.org](mailto:hillary.ronen@sfgov.org)>; Sheehy, Jeff (BOS) <[jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org](mailto:jeff.sheehy@sfgov.org)>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: File No. 170095 – Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in the Police Department.

Dear Chair Ronen and Supervisors,

Attached, please find our letter in support of File No. 170095 – Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in the Police Department.

Thank you for taking steps to address the important issue of bicycle theft, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues as this legislation progresses.

Sincerely,

**Brian Wiedenmeier**  
Executive Director

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: File No. 170095 – Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in the Police Department**

To Chair Ronen and Supervisors:

The San Francisco Bicycle Coalition has repeatedly called for effective solutions to the epidemic of bicycle theft in our city, and we believe that your proposed legislation creating property crime units at each district police station can be an important step towards that end.

Bicycle theft remains a serious and growing problem in San Francisco. It is the second most-commonly cited reason for not riding a bicycle in our city after safety concerns. We have heard countless stories from our 10,000-plus members and others about how the theft of a bicycle has negatively impacted their lives, in some cases threatening their ability to remain in the city amid the rising cost of living.

Prevention of theft remains the most cost-effective way to combat bicycle theft. People who bike in San Francisco need more sidewalk racks as well as attended bike parking at transit stations and City-owned garages. While prevention is important, resources must also be dedicated to the investigation and recovery of stolen bicycles.

In a 2013 memo to then-Supervisor Eric Mar, the City Budget and Legislative Analyst wrote "there is no central SFPD approach to bicycle theft. While individual SFPD stations devote staff and resources to investigating bicycle theft as well as attempting to reconnect recovered bicycles with their owner, other stations devote little to no time investigating such cases." With Police Chief Scott announcing recently that SFPD is dissolving its centralized unit dedicated to property crimes, it is clear that a new approach and additional resources are still needed four years later.

Through anecdote, we know that the market for stolen bicycles functions differently in different parts of our city. In SoMa and the Mission, vans and trucks park at night to buy stolen bicycles off the street and then re-sell them online or at flea markets in other counties. Bicycles stolen from garages in other neighborhoods may end up directly in a vehicle headed north, east or south. If the city can take a different approach to investigating and prosecuting those responsible for buying and re-selling stolen bicycles, our hope is that we can reduce theft by diminishing the market. At a minimum, we should have more data to understand the problem and allocate scarce policing resources more effectively.

It is clear that if we wish to continue growing the number of trips made by bicycle in our city, we must address the issue of theft. The SF Bicycle Coalition remains dedicated to educating thousands every year on proper locking technique and theft prevention, as well as advocating for increased secure parking. We look to City leaders to smartly use our investigative resources to help decrease the market for stolen bicycles and increase the number of bicycles recovered and reunited with their owners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Wiedenmeier".

Brian Wiedenmeier  
Executive Director

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: William Scott, Police Chief, Police Department  
Sergeant Rachael Kilshaw, Police Commission  
Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller  
Nancy Alfaro, Director, 311  
Anne Kronenberg, Executive Director, Department of Emergency  
Management  
Trent Rhorer, Executive Director, Human Services Agency  
Jeff Kositsky, Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive  
Housing

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services  
Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: September 25, 2017

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced as a substitute by Supervisor Yee on September 19, 2017:

**File No. 170095**

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units at district stations in the Police Department.**

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c:  
Rowena Carr, Police Department  
Kristine Demafeliz, Police Department  
Todd Rydstrom, Office of the Controller  
Peg Stevenson, Office of the Controller  
Andy Maimoni, 311  
Krista Ballard, Human Services Agency  
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Jeff Kositsky, Director, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: January 31, 2017

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Yee on January 24, 2017:

**File No. 170095**

**Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Property Crime Units at district stations in the Police Department.**

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c:  
Rowena Carr, Police Department  
Kristine Demafeliz, Police Department  
Todd Rydstrom, Office of the Controller  
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# Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor [ ] inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. [ ] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [170095]
- 9. Reactivate File No. [ ]
- 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on [ ]

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.**

Sponsor(s):

Supervisors Yee, Ronen, Fewer

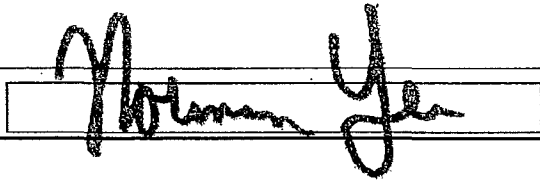
Subject:

Administrative Code - Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units in Police Department

The text is listed:

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create Neighborhood Automobile Break-Ins, Bicycle Theft, and Property Crime Units at district stations in the Police Department.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:



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