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MEMORANDUM

TO: William Scott, Police Chief
Paul Miyamoto, Sheriff
Chesa Boudin, District Attorney
Karen L. Fletcher, Chief Adult Probation Officer, Adult Probation Department
Chief Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation Department

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

DATE: January 13, 2021

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Stefani on January 5, 2021:

File No. 210021

Hearing on the statistics, policies, and agency responsibilities regarding parolees, instances of rearrest, and responses to data requests in the Letter of Inquiry; and requesting the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Adult Probation, and Juvenile Probation to report.

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.

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Member, Board of Supervisors
District 2



City and County of San Francisco

CATHERINE STEFANI

January 5, 2021

Dear District Attorney Boudin, Chief Scott, Sheriff Miyamoto, Chief Fletcher, and Chief Miller:

I am writing to you all in response to recent reports of serial repeat offenders whose release from custody precipitated dangerous incidents in which innocent bystanders were killed.

In the most egregious example, this past New Year's Eve, Hanako Abe and Elizabeth Platt were struck and killed by an individual who was arrested for serious offenses in April, June, August, October, November, and December of last year.

The District Attorney has indicated that the suspect in this case was referred to parole, rather than being charged with additional offenses, because that was reportedly the most likely avenue for intervention to occur, yet the individual appears to have been referred to parole several times in the past year without intervention.

The public needs to understand exactly what happens when an individual on parole is arrested for new offenses. I am formally requesting data on the number of individuals who are arrested while on parole and whether any charges were filed for these individuals over the past three years. I would also like to better understand what policies or recent policy changes have governed these decisions.

In June, Kelvin Chew was shot and killed during an attempted robbery. During the preceding months, his assailant was arrested and booked on a number of serious firearms charges before being released.

I would also like to formally request data on the rearrest rates in San Francisco. Of all arrests that have been made over the past three years, how many individuals had previously been arrested? Additionally, what percentage of the individuals involved in these arrests resided outside of San Francisco? I would like this information to include burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, drug sales, and drug possession for sales.

Each of you, as leaders of our public safety departments, has a part in collecting and maintaining this information and, more importantly, in working together to advance the goals of public safety, including equity, fairness, and transparency. The lack of clarity around these cases and who is ultimately responsible for their outcomes has undermined public confidence in our ability to meaningfully preserve San Franciscans' health and safety. Those responsible for violence should be held accountable to the fullest extent of the law.

In addition to this letter, I have called for a hearing at the Board of Supervisors to review and discuss your responses publicly, and I will likewise invite the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to present or provide a response.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Stefani".

Catherine Stefani
Member, Board of Supervisors

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 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.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic 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
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Sponsor(s):

Stefani; Mandelman

Subject:

Public Safety Statistics and Policies on Parole, Rearrest, and Interagency Responsibilities

The text is listed:

Hearing on the statistics, policies, and agency responsibilities regarding parolees, instances of rearrest, and the responses to the data requests in the attached Letter of Inquiry, and asking the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Adult Probation, and Juvenile Probation to report.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Catherine Stefani

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