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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.