

1 [Committee of the Whole - Findings and Recommendations Regarding Law Enforcement
2 Practices - October 22, 2019]

3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to schedule a Committee of the**
4 **Whole hearing on October 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., for the Members of the Board of**
5 **Supervisors to hear and receive updates on the progress and implementation status of**
6 **the United States Department of Justice recommendations regarding reforms within**
7 **the Police Department.**

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9 WHEREAS, After a series of officer involved shootings, the Police Department (PD)
10 partnered with the United States Department of Justice’s Office of Community Oriented
11 Policing Services (DOJ/COPS) to conduct an independent assessment through the
12 Collaborative Reform Initiative for Technical Assistance (CRI-TA); and

13 Whereas, In February 2016, the DOJ/COPS launched a six-month comprehensive
14 review of the SFPD, with the goal to improve on the implementation of the principles of
15 community oriented policing practices, transparency, professionalism, and accountability; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 12, 2016, the DOJ/COPS released its initial assessment and
17 provided 272 recommendations for improvement within the department; the areas of review
18 included Use of Force, Bias, Community Policing, Accountability, and Hiring and Personnel
19 Practices; and

20 WHEREAS, On September 15, 2017, the Department of Justice announced its
21 withdrawal from the Collaborative Reform Process, and on February 5, 2018, the California
22 Department of Justice announced its agreement to publicly evaluate and report on the
23 implementation of the U.S. DOJ recommendations; and

24 WHEREAS, On October 18, 2016, the Board of Supervisors adopted Motion
25 No. M16-141, scheduling the Board to sit as a Committee of the Whole on

1 November 15, 2016, in a joint meeting with the Police Commission, to hold a public hearing to
2 consider the findings and recommendations of the Department of Justice Initial Assessment
3 Report of the San Francisco Police Department; the President's Task Force on 21st Century
4 Policing; the Civil Grand Jury's report, entitled "Into the Open: Opportunities for More Timely
5 and Transparent Investigations of Fatal San Francisco Police Department Officer-Involved
6 Shootings;" and the Blue Ribbon Panel on Transparency, Accountability, and Fairness in Law
7 Enforcement (the "Blue Ribbon Panel"); and

8 WHEREAS, On October 18, 2016, the Board also adopted Motion No. M16-142,
9 scheduling quarterly Committees of the Whole hearings regarding the final report, findings,
10 and recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel, beginning in February 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, The Board held three such Committee of the Whole hearings in 2017, with
12 the last being held on September 26, 2017; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board has not received a comprehensive update regarding the
14 progress and implementation status of the 272 DOJ recommendations since the September
15 2017 Committee of the Whole; and

16 WHEREAS, In May of 2019, the California Department of Justice issued a progress
17 report regarding the collaborative reform initiative between the City and County of San
18 Francisco, the San Francisco Police Department, and the California Department of Justice;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall schedule a Committee of the Whole
21 hearing on October 22, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., for the Members of the Board of Supervisors to
22 hear and receive an update on the progress and implementation status of the Department of
23 Justice recommendations for reform within the Police Department.

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