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Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

November 9, 2023

RE: File 231097 – Police Department Policies and Procedures and Use of Technology

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed initiative ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, in and of itself it would not affect the cost of government. Depending on the operational decisions made by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD), there may be cost savings due to decreased administrative duties for officers, although at a level that cannot be determined.

The proposed initiative ordinance would require that the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) give public notice and solicit community input on proposed policy changes, with at least one community meeting at each of the ten district stations.

The proposed initiative ordinance modifies SFPD's existing use of force and vehicle pursuit policies and allows body-worn cameras and drones under certain circumstances. If the ordinance is approved, officers will only be required to write written reports if a use of force results in injury, complaint of injury, or if a firearm is brandished. Otherwise, use of force reporting requirements will be met through body camera footage.

Additionally, if approved, the ordinance would change the process to install public safety cameras. Additional reliance on body-worn cameras, public safety cameras and drones may increase the SFPD's need for technology equipment.

Sincerely,

*Janice Levy* FOR  
Ben Rosenfield  
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.