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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 231101 – Community Policing and Foot and Bike Patrols

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.

The proposed initiative ordinance specifies that the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) will establish policies regarding community policing as well as foot and bike patrols, subject to SFPD's regular public hearing processes. If approved, the ordinance would require the Chief of Police to recommend staffing levels for foot and bike patrol assignments in accordance with the bi-annual staffing study and as part of the regular City budget process.

As of June 2023, SFPD had 48 officers assigned to foot or bike patrols. To the extent the implementation of this ordinance would require future additional foot and bike patrol officers beyond the current number of officers, it may increase the cost to government. These costs will vary considerably depending on the operational decisions made by the SFPD and decisions made by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors through the normal budget process as an ordinance cannot bind future Mayors or Boards of Supervisors to provide funding.

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.