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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
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Re: Supporting the Use of Sheriffs for Retail Theft Deterrent

Dear Supervisors:

Commercial retail theft negatively affects every aspect of San Francisco's brand. Many union employers are greatly impacted by this and are reducing hours and closing stores because they are losing merchandise daily to organized retail crime. This is happening despite additional investments in cameras, security, and the addition of theft deterrent devices on high ticket items.

We have all seen the video of a thief on a bicycle clearing the shelves of the Walgreens on Gough Street. Beyond rampant theft, workers are being threatened and physically attacked inside of our San Francisco establishments during their shifts. There have been countless cases in which our union members are put into harm's way because of this epidemic of retail theft.

The pandemic only exacerbated the problem of retail theft and many workers do not feel safe going into their workplaces because of the constant fear of falling victim to these criminal activities. Stores are not properly staffed to deter this behavior and there is very little security to act as a deterrent. Supervisor Safai has proposed using the Sheriff's as a deterrent, the Teamsters stand firmly behind this proposal. The health and safety of our members in San Francisco is of utmost importance to our union. The Sheriff's presence at these businesses shows San Francisco is willing to support its businesses and renews San Francisco's commitment to keep its community members safe.

The Teamsters urge you to support Supervisor Safai's implementation of the 10-A program for San Francisco Sheriffs. The Teamsters feel this is a part of finding an effective solution to one of the largest problems slowing the recovery and growth of San Francisco's economy.

Sincerely,

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