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FILE NO. 251173 RESOLUTION NO.

[Statement of Purpose - Police Commission]

Resolution approving the Police Commission's Statement of Purpose, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.102(2).

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 4.109, establishes and sets forth the composition, powers, and duties of the Police Commission (Commission) for the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Charter, Section 4.102(2), requires Charter commissions to develop and keep current a Statement of Purpose that outlines its areas of jurisdiction, authorities, purpose and goals, subject to review and approval by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Statements of Purpose, as required by Charter, Section 4.102(2), are typically incorporated into the annual budget appropriations Ordinance, and approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, On November 19, 2025, the Commission approved Resolution No. 25-90, which directed the Commission's Statement of Purpose be forwarded to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for approval, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Board File No. 251173; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby approves the Statement of Purpose submitted by the Police Commission, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.102(2)

The Police Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary

November 20, 2025

Honorable Mayor Lurie and Board of Supervisors
City Hall
#1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Honorable Mayor Lurie and Supervisors:

At the meeting of the Police Commission on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-90

APPROVAL TO FORWARD THE POLICE COMMISSION'S "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE" TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL;

RESOLVED, that pursuant to San Francisco Charter Section 4.102 the Police Commission hereby approves forwarding the Commission's "Statement of Purpose" to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for approval.

AYES: Commissioners Tekkey, Scott, Leung, Yee, Vice President Benedicto and President Clay

EXCUSED: Commissioner Elias

Very truly yours,

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
THE POLICE COMMISSION

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cc: Principal Analyst Carl Nicita/Government Affairs

Statement of Purpose and Jurisdiction

San Francisco Police Commission

Who We Are and What We Do

The San Francisco Police Commission (Commission) is an appointed seven-member citizen agency tasked with overseeing the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and the Department of Police Accountability (DPA). As to SFPD, the Commission has three main powers. The first is to promulgate regulations, known as Department General Orders (DGOs), that set forth policies governing the conduct of officers in the field as well as SFPD's institutional obligations. Second, it adjudicates cases of officer discipline. Third, it assesses the performance of the Chief of Police. As to this last power, the Commission may remove the Chief by majority vote (the Mayor, acting unilaterally, may also remove the Chief). In the case of a Chief of Police vacancy, the Commission proposes at least three potential candidates from which the Mayor may select a nominee for the job. The Commission does not have power over hiring decisions, officer deployment, or other day-to-day departmental operations. Those powers reside with the Chief of Police.

Four of the Commission's seven members are nominated by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, while three are selected by the Board of Supervisors. Commission meetings are open to the public and are generally held on the first three Wednesdays of the month at City Hall.

Our Goals & Principles

1. To enhance the quality of life and level of public safety in San Francisco.
2. To enact policies that reflect evidence-based best practices as well as input from the community at large and the officers who will be tasked with carrying out the policy in question.
3. To promote accountability and transparency at SFPD, including holding hearings on matters of public interest, and by requesting and reviewing documents and data from SFPD and DPA.
4. To ensure that DPA has access to the documents and data necessary to provide policy recommendations and to conduct audits of SFPD.
5. To educate the public about matters of public safety and police oversight, and to solicit public feedback and criticism.
6. To interpret the meaning of any DGO in the event that there is a need for clarity.
7. To serve the public interest with integrity, transparency, and independence.

8. To understand and balance the purported benefits of rules and policies against the cost of implementation.

Jurisdiction and Authority

The Commission's general authority is set forth in Sec. 4.102, 4.104, and 4.109 of the City Charter. There, the Commission is authorized to set policies consistent with the overall objectives of the City and County (Sec. 4.102); and to adopt rules consistent with the City Charter (4.104) and rules necessary to provide for the efficiency of the Department (Sec.4.109). Sec. 4.136 of the City Charter establishes the Department of Police Accountability under the authority of the Police Commission.