

File No. 150628

Committee Item No. 2

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1 [Establishing a Population-Based Police Staffing Policy]

2 **Resolution establishing a Board of Supervisors policy that police staffing levels be**
3 **adjusted to account for population and neighborhood growth.**
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5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department is charged with preserving the
6 public peace, preventing and detecting crime, and protecting the rights of persons and
7 properties by enforcing the laws of the United States, the State of California and the City and
8 County of San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department has 1,730 sworn active duty
10 officers down from 1,951 sworn active duty officers in May 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors approves the annual budget, that
12 sets the appropriation for the budget for the Police Department, which includes determining
13 the number and size of annual Police academy classes; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1994, the voters of San Francisco passed Proposition D, a Charter
15 amendment that established a police staffing level of not fewer than 1,971 full duty sworn
16 officers; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1994, the population of San Francisco was 742,316; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2014, the population of San Francisco was estimated to be 841,138,
19 which is an increase of 98,822 since 1994, or 13.3%; and

20 WHEREAS, An increase of 13.3% from 1,971 full duty sworn officers would add 262
21 officers to the Charter-mandated staffing minimum for a total of 2,233; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2008, the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) published a report
23 in which it developed a Vision Statement for the city's Police Department and
24 recommendations to implement this Vision Statement, which included an emphasis on
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1 community policing and problem-solving policing in the department's approach to crime-
2 fighting; and

3 WHEREAS, The PERF report's recommendations to achieve the goals of this vision
4 statement included a range of staffing levels for sworn personnel of up to 2,254 officers, when
5 San Francisco's population was 798,680; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco's police staffing goals should reflect its current and future
7 needs, not the needs of the city from 20 years ago; and

8 WHEREAS, A report by the San Francisco Controller in 2015 found that from 2004 to
9 2014, the sworn police staffing per 100,000 residents in San Francisco has decreased by 13
10 percent; and

11 WHEREAS, In a comparison with peer cities, San Francisco was found to have the
12 second highest total crime per 100,000 residents, trailing only Oakland, and also was found to
13 trail several jurisdictions, including Washington DC, Chicago, Philadelphia, Newark, and
14 Boston, in the ratio of sworn and civilian police staffing per 100,000 for both residents and
15 daytime population; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a dynamic urban environment with evolving needs and a
17 growing population; and

18 WHEREAS, New neighborhoods have been built or are in the process of being built in
19 previously non-residential or low density areas, including but not limited to Treasure Island,
20 Candlestick Point, the Hunters Point Shipyard, and Visitacion Valley; and

21 WHEREAS, These new neighborhoods will require more city services, including police
22 patrols and response commensurate to those required by existing neighborhoods; and

23 WHEREAS, To rely on a static minimum staffing number disregards the changing
24 needs of an evolving urban environment; and

1 WHEREAS, A minimum police staffing threshold serves as a clear baseline for making
2 budgeting decisions and planning for the future of the city; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, The Board finds the Charter-mandated number of 1,971 full duty sworn
4 officers to be an outdated and inadequate number of officers to fully serve the City; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board recognizes that a police staffing policy goal should
6 be based on current population and need, and on projected city and population growth; and,
7 be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board determines that police staffing goals should
9 exceed 2,200 full duty sworn officers, which would bring the voter-approved minimum into line
10 with San Francisco's current population; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board commits to fully funding police academy
12 classes in exceed this goal of 2,200 full duty sworn officers.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Suhr, Chief, Police Department
Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM: Andrea Ausberry, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee,
Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 11, 2015

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following legislation, introduced by Supervisor Wiener on June 9, 2015:

File No. 150628

Resolution establishing a Board of Supervisors policy that police staffing levels be adjusted to account for population and neighborhood growth.

If you have any additional comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Christine Fountain, Office Manager
John Monroe, Secretary, Police Commission
Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion, or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor [] inquires"
- 5. City Attorney request.
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on []

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission

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Sponsor(s):

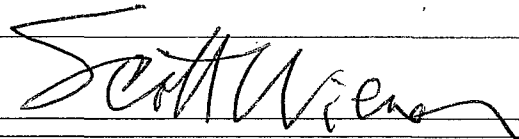
Wiener; Cohen , Farrell

Subject:

Resolution Establishing a Population-based Police Staffing Policy

The text is listed below or attached:

Resolution establishing a Board of Supervisors policy that police staffing levels be adjusted to account for population and neighborhood growth.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 

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