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March 6, 2017

Malia Cohen, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
Norman Yee, Vice Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee
Katy Tang, Member of the Budget and Finance Committee
Sandra Fewer, Member of the Board of Supervisors

RE: Update on Budget and Finance Committee March 2, 2017

Dear Chair Cohen, Vice Chair Yee and Supervisors Tang and Fewer:

Last week at Budget and Finance Committee, I confirmed that the Mayor is supportive of the Public Defender's Office using existing current year savings identified in the Controller's Office Six-Month report to fund two attorneys and one legal assistant.

Since the committee meeting, I have discussed this issue with the Mayor and he is supportive of a third additional staff Attorney position. As soon as these three staff Attorney positions and one Legal Assistant are requested from the Public Defender, I will approve them.

We look forward to working with the committee on the upcoming budget process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Whitehouse".

Melissa Whitehouse
Budget Director
Mayor's Office of Public Policy and Finance

CC: Jeff Adachi, Public Defender
Ben Rosenfield, Controller
Harvey Rose, Budget and Legislative Analyst's Office