Member, Board of Supervisors
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City and County of San Francisco

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Supervisor Malia Cohen Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

Dear Chair Cohen,

Thank you for your leadership as Chair of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee, and for putting together an initial spending plan for review. I truly appreciate the transparency you have brought to the process and also commend your legislative aide Sophia Kittler for her responsiveness, clarity and accessibility throughout this entire budget process.

As per your request, here is my response to your initial spending plan, based on the anticipated increase in revenue.

First, I would like to see the Board of Supervisors work together to further invest in addressing homelessness and mental health needs. Once we have received an updated budget from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, I look forward to partnering with our colleagues to identify what additional services we can include to respond to these two critical issues.

Furthermore, there are other critical program areas that I hope we can include in this budget as well, such as increased funding for domestic violence and sexual assault community-based programming.

I hope to partner with you and the Budget Committee members in your efforts to identify cost savings in City Departments.

Respectfully yours,

Supervisor Hillary Ronen

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