

1 [Urging Completion of the 2016 Department Of Justice Recommendations and Compliance
2 Measures]

3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to complete the United**
4 **States Department of Justice’s (DOJ) 272 Recommendations and 996 California State**
5 **Compliance Measures related to the DOJ Recommendations; urging the SFPD to report**
6 **to the Board of Supervisors its progress in meeting the Recommendations and**
7 **Compliance Measures; and urging SFPD to identify projected completion dates and**
8 **obstacles that may prohibit completion.**

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10 WHEREAS, In October 2016, the United States Department of Justice’s Community
11 Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office released an assessment of the San Francisco
12 Police Department (SFPD) at the request of then Mayor Ed Lee, Police Commission President
13 Suzy Loftus, and Chief of Police Greg Suhr in response to high-profile officer-involved
14 shootings and other public events that weakened the public trust of community towards
15 SFPD; and

16 WHEREAS, The COPS Office report found disparities in traffic stops, post-searches,
17 and use of deadly force against African American and Latinx communities; and

18 WHEREAS, The COPS Office report made 272 Recommendations, based on 94
19 findings that were organized into five Collaborative Reform Initiative Categories: (1)
20 Accountability, (2) Bias, (3) Community Policing, (4) Recruitment, Hiring, and Personnel
21 Practices, and (5) Use of Force; and

22 WHEREAS, In January 2017, the City and County of San Francisco appointed a new
23 Chief of Police, William “Bill” Scott, with reform experience, and under Chief Scott’s
24 leadership, SFPD requested Compliance Measures be added to provide clarification to the
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1 California Department of Justice’s 272 Recommendations offered in the COPS Office report;
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3 WHEREAS, In January 2019, the California Department of Justice developed 996
4 Compliance Measures in partnership with SFPD and community key stakeholders to
5 successfully implement key reforms; and

6 WHEREAS, 2020 was a tumultuous year for the United States of America, with the
7 tragic deaths of George Floyd in Minnesota and Breonna Taylor in Kentucky by local police
8 officers; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of San Franciscans marched in support of the national outcry
10 on revisioning and reimagining policing to make all police departments equitable, just, and to
11 create sustainable reform in which all communities, especially the Black and Latinx
12 communities, could feel safe and a have a sense of public trust in our local police
13 departments; and

14 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, through the leadership of Mayor
15 London N. Breed and the Board of Supervisors, has made a substantial investment into police
16 reforms and steps to correct past injustices felt by the City’s Black and Latinx communities
17 and communities of color; and

18 WHEREAS, Those investments are just one step towards building community
19 relationships with SFPD and the Board seeks to have a more active role in seeing that the
20 remaining Compliance Measures are completed within the next 24 months; and

21 WHEREAS, This Resolution seeks to urge SFPD to biannually report to the Board of
22 Supervisors on their progress in addressing the remaining Compliance Measures as it relates
23 to the DOJ’s 272 Recommendations and to inform the Board of any obstacles that may be
24 prohibiting SFPD from completing the remaining Recommendations; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors seeks to urge SFPD to provide an update plan
2 within 45 days on how SFPD plans to meet 60 percent of the 272 Recommendations by
3 December 31, 2021, and the SFPD should provide a plan to the Police Commission on the
4 remaining Recommendations and Compliance Measures for 2022; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Police
6 Department (SFPD) to complete the 272 Recommendations set forth by the US Department
7 of Justice’s Community Oriented Policing Services Office; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board urges SFPD to report to the Board on its progress
9 during March and September of each year starting in 2021, and until all recommendations are
10 completed; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board supports the established agreement between the
12 California Department of Justice and SFPD to complete the 272 Recommendations; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board seeks to resolve any obstacles and
14 impediments that may prohibit the completion of the 272 Recommendations and
15 remaining 332 Compliance Measures; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the San Francisco
17 Police Commission, SFPD, and community stakeholders and advocates in seeing the
18 completion of all of 272 DOJ Recommendations by March 2023.