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City and County of San Francisco
Juvenile Probation Commission

Allen Nance
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

April 9, 2014

The Honorable Edwin M. Lee
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Lee:

On April 9, 2014, by unanimous vote, the members of the Juvenile Probation Commission approved this letter, and authorized me to forward it immediately to your attention. This year we would like to request additional funds to support the Juvenile Probation Department (Department) in its efforts to address the Department's permanent staffing needs, including increasing staff analytical capacity, and also to support the Department's capital infrastructure request.

We truly appreciate the economic challenges and fiscal realities your office faces given the City's ever increasing expenses while trying to accommodate ongoing increased budget expenditures. We applaud your leadership and efforts of your staff to close the budget gap over the past fiscal year. That said, as we work together to meet the budget targets imposed on the Department, we believe this fiscal year that addressing the Department's permanent staffing needs and capital infrastructure requests are important to the health and safety of the youth of San Francisco. We can no longer ignore the needs of the Department, which include the following:

- Developing the master plan for Log Cabin Ranch
- Increasing the organizational capacity of the Department
- Security cameras for the Juvenile Justice Center
- Capital expenditures to improve the safety and regulatory compliance at the Department's facilities

Given that this department is responsible for the safety of youth in our care, these are basic necessities to maintain and are vital to our City. The Juvenile Probation Department is charged with helping the City's most vulnerable youth – those who have lost their way and look to the Department and its dedicated staff to build their confidence and faith in themselves, complete their education, obtain job skills and make other significant changes necessary to create a better future outside the criminal justice system.

The Commission strongly urges you to accept the Department's proposed operating and capital budgets. These budgets will allow the Department to increase positions necessary to maintain critical staffing levels, maintain core services, as well as update its essential infrastructure so that it may return its focus to the youth and families served by the Department. We appreciate your consideration of this letter and look forward to working closely with your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Jones".

Susan Jones, President
Juvenile Probation Commission

cc: Board of Supervisors
Allen Nance, Chief Probation Officer
Nicole Wheaton
Capital Planning Committee