



The Police Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

ROBERT HIRSCH
President

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TO ALL:

As San Francisco continues to shelter in place, most activities in the City have come to a halt. Commission terms however are for fixed time periods and wait for no one. My term as Police Commissioner ends this month. I have not sought re-appointment and therefore will be leaving the Commission on April 30, 2020.

Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary

I have seen the Police Department make significant strides over the past 3 years and applaud them for it. Although the Department will continue to improve, the fact that use-of-force is down 56 percent since January 1, 2016 signifies how policing is changing in this City. I want to thank the members of the Department for embracing the reform measures and striving to be a model police department.

I thank Chief Scott for his leadership in this regard. I have seen up close, how much he cares about the City's communities and the members of the Department. It's been a privilege to work with you.

I thank Director Henderson for leading a new, revitalized Department of Police Accountability. The DPA has increased its outreach to San Franciscans and is playing a stronger role than ever in Department oversight.

I thank the Police Commissioners and encourage them to continue working as a collaborative body, focused on fair and progressive oversight. I congratulate Commissioner Mazzucco who also exits the Commission this month after serving 12 years.

I thank members of the public who have educated and pushed the Commission to act in the best interests of the City as a whole. And I remind everyone – when the Police Commission is able to function again – remember that the Commissioners are human beings who have volunteered for public service and are trying to do the best they can to set policy for the SFPD.

I thank Mayor Breed and the Board of Supervisors for their support and allowing the Commission to operate as an independent body.

Finally, I thank the Commission staff for their tremendous support and the work they do enabling the Police Commission to perform its Charter mandated role.

I wish everyone Godspeed during this health crisis.

Robert Hirsch
President, San Francisco Police Commission