

From: [Alison Yousefi](#)
To: [SFPD Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Your commitment to SF's black community and their safety from police violence and brutality
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:53:27 PM

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Hi there SF Police Commission,

My name is Alison Yousefi, I'm a resident of San Francisco and have become interested in our city's response to police brutality and SFPD's budget.

I wanted to thank the commission for unanimously voting against the proposed budget submitted by Catherine McGuire, and for standing firm in their fight for clear budget cuts and detailed plans for spending by the police department. I do not think that the \$23 million is a large enough cut to SFPD's budget, and think that it should be reduced by at least 10%. I wanted to thank all for your votes against a sloppy and incomplete budget.

I will be continuing to stay informed on the decisions that the SF Police Commission makes, and whether or not they continue the fight against police brutality and violence.

Sincerely,

Alison Yousefi

From: C.J. Easter
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Sharing my story as a black man in America
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:15:37 PM

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I am a proud black business owner.

To be honest, I've struggled over the past few weeks.

Trying to keep our business alive was enough.

Seeing Ahmaud Arbery get hunted down in the streets was more than enough.

Then seeing George Floyd murdered was mentally and emotionally overwhelming.

On the spectrum of the experience of a black man in America, I'm incredibly privileged. I'm of mixed race. I grew up upper middle class. I've had a lot of opportunities line up for me in my life.

But when I see those videos, I think that could be me, my brother, my father, my friends. None of us feel safe because we live in a system in which unarmed black men are automatically considered a threat and responding to a perceived threat with lethal force is justifiable.

Over the past week, I've cried. I've been angry. I've been sad. I've felt guilty that I'm not working on my businesses while dealing with these emotions.

I'm not telling you this because I'm looking for your sympathy. I'm telling you this because it's part of my story. I'm proud to be a black business owner. I own and celebrate who I am and what I represent. Previous generations of black people sacrificed a lot for me to have the ability to own and tell my story. And my story is an opportunity to help change the subconscious perception of black men by showing all the good we can do when afforded equal opportunity.

Now, I have the opportunity to write the next chapter of my story. In this chapter, I will continue to use my platform to bring people together against racism. I'll lead my community to be an example of what it looks like when people of all backgrounds decide to be stronger together against systemic racism.

I am working on a movement to help end racial injustice. It will bring people together, refocus the awareness on the underlying issues, and raise money to help fund change.

I hope I can count on your support.

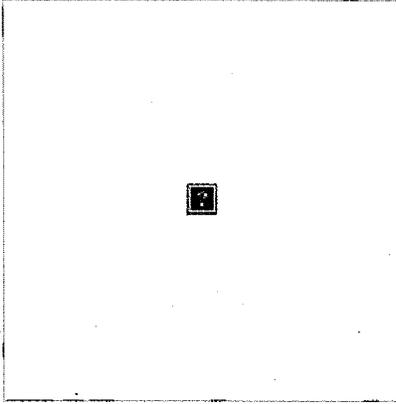
Black Lives Matter,
C.J. Easter

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From: Jordan Rose
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: June 10 meeting
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 5:06:24 PM

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To the members of the San Francisco police commission:

Thank you for listening patiently last night to the over a hundred of us who showed up to the meeting for public comment. I was on the call for six hours, coming in on the tail end of the police chief's report (item 1a) before I was dropped, which I took as a sign to hold my peace for the time being. It was amazing to hear the outpouring of community sentiment, and I appreciate hearing today that the commission had allowed comment to continue even though it stretched far into the night.

My name is Jordan Rose, and I'm a resident and voter in District 8. I want to apologize for not calling in or writing in the past, when I know these events go back years. In the Castro, it's a regular sight to see SFPD officers harassing local homeless people when they're not causing any harm. We all know the city isn't doing enough to support its homeless population, but it does no good to force them to go through a song and dance.

If I had stayed to give a comment yesterday, this is what it would have been: given the many and varied public sentiments that were expressed, it's clear that the police department can no longer be effective in San Francisco. For myself, there is *no circumstance* in which I would call the police for help at this point. I simply can't trust that they wouldn't escalate instead, which could in the worst case lead to someone getting killed. There's *no circumstance* that's worth that risk. That trust has been lost, and I recognize now that it's been a privilege to have ever had that trust in the first place.

Despite the greatly extended meeting, I appreciated the commission's requests for more detail in the proposed budget (item 3), and thank you for rejected the proposed budget change. With everyone else, I ask you to go further and begin planning how to defund and disband the SF police department. I would love to be able to say next week that San Francisco has taken the same steps as Minneapolis.

Thank you for your time,
Jordan Rose

From: Fred Winograd
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); DPH, Health Commission (DPH); SFPD, Commission (POL); SFPD, Chief (POL)
Cc: Yee, Norman (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Kositsky, Jeff (DEM)
Subject: Heal;thcare Directive & Public Safety
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:38:53 PM

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We are a group of neighbors who live in the Castro and all members of our group are over 60 and thus vulnerable to COVID. All of us have been following the rules and have maintained good social distancing. Our life depends on it.

On May 28, 2020, the Department of Public Health issued a revised directive on the wearing of face mask in public space. We are now, more than ever, concerned about the tent dwellers who are camping on our streets right at our doorsteps. By my reading of the Health Directive, excerpted below, the tent dwellers I see every day are not obeying this directive. These individuals pose a real threat to our health and well being. Our lives are on the line.

Recently, in our neighborhood, a Safe Sleeping Village was established at the Everett Middle School. We insist that the street tents that are not following the directive be either moved to the Safe Sleeping site or made to leave our neighborhood.

Having a directive issued without any enforcement is unacceptable and serves no purpose at all in the community.

Presently, the police are under extreme pressure with conflicting issues. We ask that the General Order of the department be modified to be strictly enforce this new directive. It is vital for our community and needs priority.

When will enforcement of the rules be followed in our city?

Link To The Directive

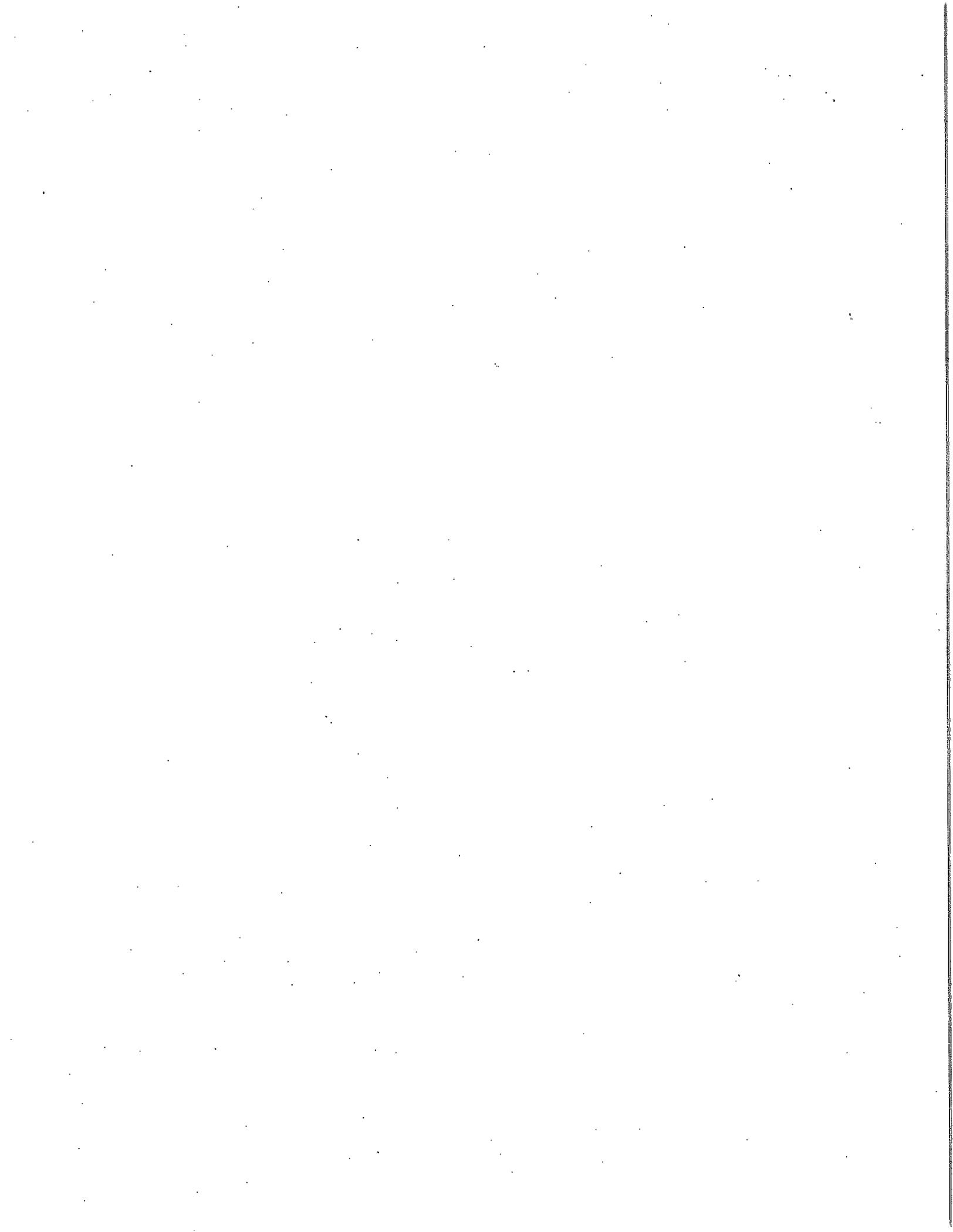
---EXCERPTS FROM ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-12b DATED
5/28/2020-----

Item at bottom of page 1.

In sum, going forward and for as long as this Order remains in effect as needed to address the pandemic, people must, unless an exception applies, wear a Face Covering when outside and when anyone else other than just members of their household or living unit is within 30 feet (10 yards).

Item 12. on page 9:

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and immediate menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.



From: Marion Anthonisen
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Our current system does not work
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:20:33 AM

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We need y'all to support defunding and disbanding the SFPD. If last night's meeting was any indication, there is clearly a need for this, and the public isn't going to take the pressure off until you start to make moves.

I'm sure others have written in with all you need to hear about the ineffectiveness of policing, and the community programs that could -- as early as today, if they had the funding -- step in and perform many functions currently performed by police. And these groups will do it much more safely. And safety for everyone is the goal, right?

The whole city is watching -- get to work! Thank you!

Marion Anthonisen

From: JP
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Vote no on SFPD budget-Defund SFPD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:30:29 AM

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Good Morning Commissioners,

My name is Jeannette Page and I'm a resident in district 11. I am asking the Police Commission to commit to voting NO on the police budget tonight and to NOT approve the budget until there are real divestments from the police department.

Our communities will only be safe once SFPD is defunded and disbanded and the SFPD budget is invested into communities and programs that actually keep people safe, which include harm reduction, restorative justice, and permanent affordable housing initiatives. The police do not, and have never, kept us safe; strong communities do.

Again, I am asking the Police Commission to commit to voting NO on the police budget tonight and to NOT approve the budget until there are real divestments from the police department. Thank you.

Jeannette

Sent from my iPhone

From: Sharon Wong
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Public comment: Police Commission, June 10, 2020
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:35:02 AM

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My name is Sharon. I live and vote in District 6. I tried to call in during public comment for agenda item 1a, but I wasn't able to get through.

My comment is on the chief's report and how he described recent events. As other callers have noted, there is abundant evidence, both in published media and on social media, showing us that protestors were peaceful and police officers were aggressive.

I don't know whether the chief is intentionally lying or whether he just doesn't know what his officers are actually doing out on the streets, but it's unacceptable for him to mislead the public like this.

We can't let those lies stand unchallenged in the public record. If the police can arrest people who are just outside on the street, on the claim that they *could* possibly become violent, how can we exercise our right to free speech?

If the police are willing to openly attack civilians with all of these cameras trained on them, how can anyone expect to be safe from them on our streets? How can they have any credibility at all?

I'm asking the commission to follow up on the discrepancies in the report, set the record straight so that the public knows what actually happened, and hold the chief accountable.

From: DL Agatep (D.L. Agatep)
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Budget Question
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:24:05 AM

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen of the commission and esteemed members of the SFpd. I appreciate you staying late tonight and hearing us all out. Yours is not an easy job. And wherever you land on things, at the very least that should be acknowledged.

My question is for the commission: if sf follows suit with other major metros and divests in its police force, how quickly or thoroughly do you expect they'll be able to institute reforms?

Whether we're talking toilets, Tesla's, or sports teams.....repair or reformation costs money. More often than not, the price tag of said reform rises in proportion to the difficulty of the repair. Is that not something of a universal truth?

So much of tonight's rhetoric has been just that....rhetorical: posed for effect and not practical implementation. You have to see that don't you? Abolish police? It's asinine. Defunding PD while simultaneously asking them to undertake reforms of any sort is mathematically impossible. Any move in that direction is irresponsible at best and shameless political pandering and an acquiescence to mob rule at worst.

You're better than that. Well maybe not Hamasaki. But the rest of you are better than that.

Thanks D

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From: Michael Tomczyszyn
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Wiser Allocation of Funds in SFPD Budget
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 2:08:43 AM

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Hello--

I am a resident of San Francisco, living in Ingleside Heights, and I want to make a recommendation regarding city expenditures.

I would like to respectfully but urgently request that we reallocate significant police funding toward other city programs--specifically, those that provide support for mental health, disability, homelessness, domestic abuse, and ambulance services so that police are not inappropriately expected to respond to every civic emergency and domestic call.

I also request that some funding go towards much-needed mandatory therapy and psychological evaluation for law enforcement officers.

I further ask that you set aside funds to reward those who file appropriate reports about fellow officers for unacceptable behavior. If there is a reward system, we might see more honorable and ethical conduct in your department.

If SF leads by example, other cities may follow suit and our beleaguered nation can finally work toward building a better, healthier society in which the causes of citizens' animosity towards officers will decrease over time.

Thank you,

Michael Tomczyszyn
243 Ramsell St 94132

"Years ago I recognized my kinship with all living beings, and I made up my mind that I was not one bit better than the meanest on earth. I said then, and I say now, that while there is a lower class, I am in it, and while there is a criminal element I am of it, and while there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

--Eugene V. Debs

From: Catherine Shi
To: Breed, Mayor London (MYR); Board of Supervisors, (BOS); PrestonStaff (BOS); Cityattorney; District Attorney, (DAT); SFSO Complaints (SHE); SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Police Commission - June 10, 2020
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:35:22 AM

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Hi,

My name is Catherine Shi, and I am a decade long resident of San Francisco and current registered voter of District 5.

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the proceedings of the Police Commission Meeting tonight, June 10th. The technology supporting the call was clearly insufficient to facilitate public comment and our democratic process. I was never called on or unmuted to voice my comment despite trying to raise my hand repeatedly. Near I am after the queue had been cleared after every single topic, I was still unable to get in the queue to participate in public comment for my primary purpose of calling in after 8 hours. I am also writing to express my extreme disappointment in the childish and extremely hostile attitude of the commissioners who repeatedly silenced the voices of concerned community members in deference to protocol technicalities when the commission purposefully made the SFPD budget the last item on such a packed agenda and scheduled this meeting to start at 5:30pm. The timing was unfair and undemocratic for such an important issue.

Therefore, I call on the city to redress the structure of these meetings to allow for true democratic participation by our community - which despite all barriers was still clearly overwhelming. I do not believe that my call was ever reflected in the # of callers on the line waiting to comment and that the total number of concerned residents who tried to participate in the call was far above what the WebEx meeting could handle. This was clearly evident when even the consultant presenters of item 2 were not able to call in.

In addition, I would like to include my comments:

- in regards to agenda item 1a, Chief Scott's report:

As noted by many of my neighbors, the chief's report was full of baldfaced lies regarding the events and arrests associated with the protests of the past week clearly easily disprovable by widespread media coverage of evidence in the form of videos. In his statement, he has made unequivocally clear the unconstitutional, illegal and abusive mindset with which he has directed his force to respond to the community by abusing their power to violate our First Amendment rights. That he was able to speak this way about the actions of his officers in the forum of the police commission meeting is deeply disturbing and I call on the police commission to deeply question the credibility of the Chief.

- in regards to agenda items 1b-d:

The idea that the commission would form a working group to think about implementation of bias testing in the hiring process of our police force is farcical in the face of the clear and undeniable racism rampant in the SFPD. That this is a seriously considered strategy by the commission before discussing serious actions to redress the long-standing, well-documented

cases of abuse of power and unjust brutalization committed by still current, undisciplined members of the police force, many of which were repeatedly called out by community members, is embarrassing. The commission is clearly out of touch with the needs and values of our community.

- in regards to agenda item 2:

I vehemently dispute the conclusions drawn by the consultants on the staffing analysis which finds that there are not enough police officers on patrol. The data and model used by the consulting agency is insufficient and inappropriate. As voiced by so many of my neighbors who called in, and which I can personally speak to having witnessed on uncountable occasions in my 10 years in the city, perhaps if our police officers spent less time (almost always in groups of 5) brutalizing the most vulnerable members of our community (usually a single Black or brown, and also usually disabled, person), perhaps they could actually make progress on serving and protecting our community as well as making it through the backlog of paperwork of they apparently have. That this analysis recommends increasing police presence not only in our streets but also in our schools & to further criminalize our unhoused community members, despite overwhelming evidence of the harms, should make the police commission regard it with deep suspicion. I support the voices of the commissioners who voiced skepticism regarding the level of service provided to the districts which are home to the most number of our most vulnerable community members, as well as the commissioners who asked questions regarding the nature of police calls that could be better served by other social services. In fact, in light of the chief's report and the combined voices of the concerned citizens of our city, I find the entire discussion around increasing SFPD staffing to be wholly inappropriate and out of touch.

item 3, SFPD budget

DEFUND, DIVEST, DISMANTLE, ABOLISH. Reject the SFPD budget. The proposed budget cuts are weak and pathetic in the face of the shortfalls that the city is facing when our education system, healthcare system, social services, housing for the homeless and small businesses have already been so poorly served for so long and have continued to further suffer due to the coronavirus pandemic. The mess of conversation regarding the proposed budget from SFPD on "what is available to cut" that only offers up currently unfilled positions demonstrates the unwillingness of the police organization to honor the request of Mayor Breed to offer meaningful budget cuts. The SFPD has proved time and again that it does not truly serve or protect the residents of San Francisco and has no credibility in that function. The political posturing of the commissioners as being tough on the budget is offensive and inadequate in the face of the kinds of cuts our other city services will take and when the voices of the community are so clear. Furthermore the commitment to completing the DOJ recommended reforms is misguided at best, deeply offensive to community values at worst, considering the piss poor progress amid ongoing controversy, scandal and legacy and current reality of brutality. It is too late for reform. I could not get on the queue to comment, but the voices of my neighbors were loud and clear: defund the SFPD now.

Thank you for your consideration. I will hold you accountable come election time.

Cheers,
Catherine

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Catherine A. Shi
109 Buchanan St. Apt 2

San Francisco, CA 94102

From: Brandi Collins
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: SAN FRANCISCO POLICE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 - 5:30pm
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:44:50 AM

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To the San Francisco Police Commission:

My name is Brandi, and I live, work, and vote in San Francisco. I strongly support San Francisco setting an example for a safe, community-centric city by defunding and abolishing the San Francisco Police Department, redistributing the budget to social services that actually improve our community. With the approximately \$700 million SFPD budget, we could provide housing for all of our currently unhoused SF residents, re-invest in social workers and STEAM programs in our schools, provide free and reduced cost public transportation, improve public health and safety, and much more.

I find it appalling that we have police officers solely dedicated to homelessness calls, incidents in schools, and "interacting with business owners," which are all clearly roles better served by social workers and community-based organizations, NOT members of a violent, systematically racist organization terrorizing our community.

Finally, I ask that this commission please consider the accessibility of these public meetings. The closed captions stopped functioning on the online livestream of this meeting roughly 4 hours into the meeting, making it difficult for community members to engage. Commissioners (or another committee member) were not consistently muted, leading to significant feedback and interference when trying to listen to public comments.

Thank you for your time. Defund and abolish the police.
Brandi

From: Lindsay Osso
To: SFPD Commission (POL)
Subject: Defund the SFPD
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:15:45 AM

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Hi,

I am a resident of San Francisco. I ask that the Police Commission votes NO on the SFPD budget until it dramatically reduces funding for the SFPD. Instead of policing the residents of San Francisco experiencing homelessness, let's offer them mental healthcare, housing, sanitation, and food. I ask that the city redirect funds from the SFPD to (1) create a specific unarmed service qualified to handle emergency situations related to mental illness and homelessness that operates outside of the SFPD and to (2) fund efforts to house and otherwise support our homeless residents.

Lindsay Osso
Cole Valley resident