Police Commissioners:
Wealth & Disparities in the Black Community has been attempting to communicate with you, but there has been no effort to connect on your part.

- We wrote both the Police Commission (PC) and the Department of Police Accountability (DPA) in September, only to have no response for several weeks. The PC only responded after being contacted again last week. We are THE one Black-led community group in San Francisco for police accountability, now and since 2015. These entities (PC and DPA) are accountable to the community and MUST be responsive;

- We are outraged that the DPA found for NO consequences to be enacted for the officers who executed Mario Woods in 2015, despite what was a textbook case of excessive brutality and disregard for Black life. Where is the “accountability” for police?

- We demand responsiveness and the prioritization of justice for Black lives in San Francisco;

- Black individuals are more than 10 times as likely to be arrested or subject to use of force by SFPD than is a white individual, and more than 5 times as likely as a Hispanic individual, per SFPD’s own numbers and the latest US census data. This is horrific and unacceptable;

- We demand the enforcement of the timely and full completion by SFPD of ALL 94 findings and 272 recommendations in the DOJ COPS report. Will they (PC and DPA) commit now to enforcement of ALL of these by SFPD?

- Will the PC and DPA support the requirement of SFPD to report and present numbers by race quarterly on a per capita basis? Supervisor Ronen as well as the Center for Policing Equity (CPE) support this per capita reporting requirement - with CPE stating this is a minimum reporting standard. We meet with SFPD leadership every quarter on DOJ COPS. We've also met with the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and California AG’s office. We presented to the BOS Committee of the Whole on Oct 20 and will be presenting again January 26.

Your position and response on the aforementioned points is demanded and expected in short order.
Lisa King