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To the Commission:

SFPD should not be writing rules about its own behavior. Police work for people, for us not the other way around. No other job lets the worker write the job description and set workplace rules.

There's the obvious danger to the public of the police determining search warrant procedures. No knock warrants have been forbidden by the Department of Justice, yet SFPD wants to have them! These kinds of warrants lead to mistakes, to injuries, and in Breonna Taylor's case, death. The police themselves in these situations can be endangered by frightened people defending themselves.

In addition, lawsuits that challenge these violations of civil rights is costly to the city and to the police department and to everyone's reputation. The commission's role is to assure the public that the police are protecting and serving. By simply approving police designed procedures, the commission is failing in it's role and not doing its job.

1. The new rules have to be revealed to the public.
2. The public has to be given ample time to examine and comment on them.
3. The DA's office, the ACLU, and the many legal agencies that work with San Francisco have to examine these rules.
4. Recommendations by all these groups has to do more than inform the rules changes, they must be allowed to rewrite them.

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