

1 **[Youth Commission Support of SFCIPP's letter of support for DGO 7.04]**

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3 Shall the Youth Commission adopt the following motion:

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5 *The Youth Commission agrees to sign-on to the following letter of support by San Francisco Children*  
6 *of Incarcerated Parents partnership in support of the establishment of San Francisco Police*  
7 *Department's time-of-arrest protocols as Department General Order 7.04:*

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To: Honorable Thomas Mazzucco, Police Commission President

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Members, San Francisco Police Commission

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From: San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership

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Re: Department General Order 7.04 (Children of Arrested Parents)

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March 24, 2014

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Dear President Mazzucco and Commissioners:

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The San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (SFCIPP) is a coalition of social service providers, representatives of government bodies, advocates and others who work with or are concerned about children of incarcerated parents and their families. Formed in 2000 under the auspices of the Zellerbach Family Foundation, SFCIPP works to improve the lives of children of incarcerated parents, and to increase awareness of these children, their needs and their strengths.

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In 2006, SFCIPP had the privilege to work with representatives of the San Francisco Police Department and the Child Welfare Department to develop a time of arrest protocol aimed at keeping children safe at the time of arrest and creating an expedited process for identifying who would care for them in the wake of a parent's arrest. In January, 2007, the protocol was signed as a Departmental Bulletin. It has since been renewed several times, and anecdotal evidence indicates that it has proved helpful to children and officers alike, providing clear, step-by-step guidelines as to what should take place when a parent is arrested.

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Over the past several months, we have worked with the OCC and the SFPD to institutionalize this procedure as a Departmental General Order, and to plan for training to accompany it. Meanwhile, both the the White House and the National Institute of Corrections have launched initiatives around children of incarcerated parents, the latter with a specific focus on best

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1 practices at the time of arrest. NIC researchers have indicated that they will be looking at San  
Francisco as a model city in this regard.

2 We are proud of the strides San Francisco has made on this issue, and grateful for the  
3 opportunity to institutionalize those achievements via a DGO. These steps strengthen our  
4 conviction, and the national perception, that San Francisco is indeed a model when it comes to  
looking out for our most vulnerable residents: our children.

5 Respectfully,

6 **YOUR NAME HERE**

7 SFCIPP

8 Supplemental Information:

9 The Youth Commission adopted motion 1314-05 on March 17, 2014 calling on the Board of  
10 Supervisors to hold a timely hearing regarding the unmet needs of youth with an incarcerated  
11 parent(s), including protocols for arrest of adults in front of children or youth and support for youth  
12 during and after the arrest and litigation process.  
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