

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

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

8 Members, San Francisco Police Commission

9 From: San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership

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

11 March 24, 2014

12 Dear President Mazzucco and Commissioners:

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14 The San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (SFCIPP) is a coalition of
15 social service providers, representatives of government bodies, advocates and others who
16 work with or are concerned about children of incarcerated parents and their families. Formed in
17 2000 under the auspices of the Zellerbach Family Foundation, SFCIPP works to improve the
18 lives of children of incarcerated parents, and to increase awareness of these children, their
19 needs and their strengths.

20 In 2006, SFCIPP had the privilege to work with representatives of the San Francisco Police
21 Department and the Child Welfare Department to develop a time of arrest protocol aimed at
22 keeping children safe at the time of arrest and creating an expedited process for identifying who
23 would care for them in the wake of a parent's arrest. In January, 2007, the protocol was signed
24 as a Departmental Bulletin. It has since been renewed several times, and anecdotal evidence
25 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.

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
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.

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We are proud of the strides San Francisco has made on this issue, and grateful for the opportunity to institutionalize those achievements via a DGO. These steps strengthen our 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.

Respectfully,

YOUR NAME HERE

SFCIPP

Supplemental Information:

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



Nicholas Persky, 2013-2014 Youth Commission Chair

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