

1 [Commending DGO 7.04 Officer Training Video]

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3 **Resolution Commending the San Francisco Police Department, the Office of Citizen**
4 **Complaints, and community partners on the establishment of the DGO 7.04 officer training**

5 WHEREAS, the first right in the Children of Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights is “I have the
6 right to be kept safe and informed at the time of my parent’s arrest.”¹

7 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Police Commission adopted Department General Order 7.04
8 Children of Arrested Parents on May 7, 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, establishes specific protocols for officers assisting the wellbeing and safety of
10 children when they are present during a children’s arrest; and

11 WHEREAS, the order states that “[t]he goal of responding officers...is to minimize the
12 disruption to the children of an arrested parent, parent by providing the most supportive environment
13 possible after an arrest, minimizing unnecessary trauma to the children of an arrestee, and
14 determining the best alternative care for the children that is safe.”²

15 WHEREAS, DGO 7.04 represents several years of collaboration between the San Francisco
16 Police Department, Office of Citizen Complaints, Child Protective Services, San Francisco Children of
17 Incarcerated Parents Partnership, and Project WHAT beginning in 2007; and

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19 WHEREAS, DGO 7.04 establishes a permanent general order superseding the previous
20 department bulletin on the same topic; and

21 WHEREAS, at the time of DGO 7.04’s adoption, the Police Department committed to training
22 officers in the use of the protocols outlined in the general order; and

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¹ “San Francisco Children of Incarcerate Parents Bill of Rights,” Retrieved on December 29, 2014 at: <http://www.sfcipp.org/>

² SFPD DGO 7.04 “Children of Arrested Parents,” Retrieved on December 29, 2014 at: <http://sf-police.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=27381>

1 WHEREAS, at the time of adoption the department had already begun work on a training video
2 in collaboration with the Office of Citizen Complaints, Project WHAT, SFCIPP, and community
3 partners; and

4 WHEREAS, the resulting video includes the voices of youth who have been affected by their
5 parent's incarceration, as well as examples of real scenarios that might be encountered by officers
6 when making arrests of parents; and

7 WHEREAS, the video, once released, will be shown to all SFPD officers as a roll call training to
8 ensure the full implementation of the general order; now therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, that San Francisco Youth Commission commends the San Francisco Police
10 Department, the Office of Citizen Complaints, Project WHAT, and SFCIPP on the successful
11 completion of a collaboratively-developed quality training tool that centers the voices of young people
12 and those most affected by familial incarceration; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission commends the youth who participated
14 in the DGO 7.04 Children of Arrested Parents training video for their courage in telling their stories;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission commends the San Francisco Police
17 Department for their commitment to ensuring officers are trained and supported in the implementation
18 of the protocols outlined in DGO 7.04; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission encourages Chief Greg Suhr to
20 release this video online so that it may commence to set an example and serve as a resource for
21 other police departments across the country; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission commends the San Francisco Police
23 Department and the San Francisco Police Commission on their commitment to ensuring the safety and
24 wellbeing of the children and youth of San Francisco.

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