

1 [Commending DGO 7.04 Officer Training Video]

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

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

6 WHEREAS, the 2013-14 Youth Commission adopted a letter of support for the passage of
7 SFPD Department General Order 7.04 Children of Arrested Parents on April 7, 2014;² and

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

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

12 WHEREAS, the order states that “[t]he goal of responding officers...is to minimize the
13 disruption to the children of an arrested parent, parent by providing the most supportive environment
14 possible after an arrest, minimizing unnecessary trauma to the children of an arrestee, and
15 determining the best alternative care for the children that is safe;”³ and

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

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

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

25 ² <http://www.sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=48599>

³ 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 DGO 7.04's adoption, the Police Department committed to training
2 officers in the use of the protocols outlined in the general order; and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, the video, once released, will be shown to all SFPD officers as a roll call training to
10 ensure the full implementation of the general order; and

11 WHEREAS, investigating the needs of and expanding support services for children of
12 incarcerated parents was among the Youth Commission's 2013-14 annual Budget and Policy
13 Priorities;⁴ now therefore be it

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

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

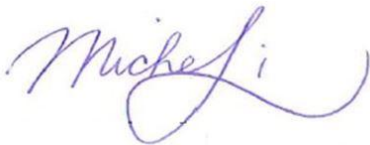
21 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission commends the San Francisco Police
22 Department for their commitment to ensuring officers are trained and supported in the implementation
23 of the protocols outlined in DGO 7.04; and be it further
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⁴ <http://sfbos.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=49187>

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

4 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission commends the San Francisco Police
5 Department and the San Francisco Police Commission on their commitment to ensuring the safety and
6 wellbeing of the children and youth of San Francisco.

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