



April 13, 2022

The Honorable Catherine Stefani  
The Honorable Matt Haney  
The Honorable Gordon Mar

Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee Members  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Support for Resources to Meet Adequate SFPD Staffing Levels**

Dear Chair Stefani, Supervisor Haney, and Supervisor Mar,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francisco, I write to request the allocation of appropriate resources to allow the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to recruit new officers and meet sufficient staffing levels.

Proper police staffing levels are at the heart of our public safety efforts. As Chief Scott has noted, the need for officers to meet service demand has grown to nearly 500 officers. Our association supports non-police interventions such as ambassadors and crisis response teams, but without the proper resources to recruit and retain the officers that supplement these efforts, our collective public safety suffers. Unfortunately, it is our residents, office workers, and local businesses that bear the brunt of these challenges.

The inability to meet service demand doesn't just undermine preventative measures such as foot beat patrols and community policing. It directly jeopardizes the recovery of our city's economy. We must continue to address negative perceptions around public safety in San Francisco and doing so requires a fully staffed SFPD. If we cannot address this issue, we risk losing the future of our downtown core as a center for culture, innovation, and business.

In closing, I ask you again to support the resources that will ensure SFPD is fully staffed. It is imperative for the recovery of our industry that the City of San Francisco is safe, and that our residents, office workers, and commercial real estate professionals feel protected. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant  
CEO, BOMA San Francisco