



June 23, 2022

Budget and Appropriations Committee Members
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support for SFPD Budget Request

Dear Supervisors Chan, Mar, Ronen, Safai and Walton,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francisco, I write to request the approval of the San Francisco Police Department's (SFPD) budget requests to allow appropriate resources for the department to recruit new officers and meet sufficient staffing levels. We understand that Chief Scott, the Board Legislative Analyst, and the committee are negotiating a compromise to the department's initial request. We respectfully urge that you not cut further resources beyond this compromise.

Proper police staffing levels are critical to the City's public safety efforts. BOMA has significant concerns that the current inability to meet these staffing levels, combined with future departures and retirements from the department, will seriously impact public safety in our economic core and across the city. 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 the department needs. 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.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant
CEO, BOMA San Francisco