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WILLIAM SCOTT
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Dear Honorable President Elias,

RE: DGO 6.14 – Psychological Evaluation of Adults

On March 5, 2024, the voters approved Proposition E ("Prop E"), an initiative ordinance requiring the Commission and the Police Department to engage in a community engagement process before the Commission may agendize "any proposal to establish, modify, or abolish policies or procedures related to Department operations." (Admin. Code § 961.1(a).) The community engagement process is intended to help the Commission and Department receive public feedback on whether proposed changes to policies and procedures governing Department operations will impact the Department's ability to efficiently and effectively serve the community. The purpose of this process is to "describe the existing policies and procedures," "solicit feedback on their implementation and impacts," and "identify possible changes" rather than to consider or advocate for specific draft proposals. Prop E allows the Chief of Police to waive the community engagement process provided that certain conditions are met.

I, William Scott, Chief of Police, have considered the following factors as required by Prop E:

- The proposed changes are unlikely to have a substantial impact on the Department's ability to serve the community.
- The need for immediate action.
- Other factors - the proposed changes expand the scope of members' responsibilities and provide further guidance when interacting with adults experiencing a mental health emergency. These changes incorporate best practices in the interest of de-criminalization and reduction of the stigma around mental health. This general order incorporates the most current and relevant law as it applies to mental health. These proposed changes will improve our service to the community and increase public safety. The proposed changes will not substantially impact the Department's ability to serve the community.

After considering all the factors, **I hereby waive the community engagement process for Department General Order 6.14 Psychological Evaluation of Adults.**

Sincerely,


WILLIAM SCOTT
Chief of Police