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Hi Peter -

Sending some written suggestions for the Police Department Staffing Levels Measure, prior to the committee meeting tomorrow morning in case that's helpful.

Suggestions based on the BSC's first draft are below in **Red**:

The City charter **has a provision that was set in 1994 that** requires the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to have at least 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers, **regardless of current staffing needs**. The City charter also **prohibits the City from having fewer** ~~requires the SFPD to maintain a minimum number of~~ full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol **than the City had in 1993-1994. The Police Chief does not need to present a report and recommendation to the Police Commission to show that the City needs 1,971 full time sworn officers. There is no opportunity for public comment before a minimum police staffing level is set.**

Among its duties, the San Francisco Police Commission (Police Commission) oversees the budget and staffing of the SFPD.

The Proposal: Proposition \_\_\_ is a Charter amendment that would remove the requirements that the SFPD maintain a minimum number of full-time sworn police officers and a minimum number of full-duty officers assigned to neighborhood policing and patrol **and replace it with a regular process by which police staffing levels are evaluated by the Chief and the Commission and determined based on the City's current needs.**

Under Proposition \_\_\_, the Chief of Police would provide a report to the Police Commission about the current number of full-duty sworn officers and the number of officers recommended in the future, **given the scope of SFPD's operations and public safety obligations**. The Police Commission would be required to consider this report and any public comment on the report when it considers the SFPD's annual budget request.

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to remove the Charter requirement that the San Francisco Police Department maintain a minimum of 1,971 full-duty sworn police officers and a minimum number of full-duty sworn police officers for neighborhood policing and patrol **and replace it with a regular process through the Police Chief makes recommendations concerning police staffing levels which the Police Commission must take into consideration when approving the budget.**

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes

Looking forward to joining everyone tomorrow.

Thank you!

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