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DIRECTOR KATY TANG

April 14, 2022

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
City Hall Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: BOS File No. 220240 – Community Policing Plans – Foot/Bike Patrols

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On April 11, 2022 the Small Business Commission (the Commission) heard BOS File #220240 – Community Policing Plans - Foot/Bike Patrols. Alan Wong, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mar, presented the legislation. Mr. Wong reviewed the proposal and emphasized that this would initiate a process to get community input on local policing strategies, with a particular emphasis on ensuring that community can provide input and communicate with local police officers in languages other than English.

After thorough discussion, the SBC unanimously voted (4-0 with two absences) to support this legislation.

The Commission understands the importance of public safety on neighborhood commercial corridors; public safety is a common concern among the small business community. This legislation lays out a process for police to work with community members to identify policing strategies that are tailored to the local neighborhood needs.

Commissioners raised questions regarding implementation and follow-through of the community policing plans, including how staffing needs would be addressed, if appropriate. They also emphasized the need for continuity in relationships between the community and each district Police Captain, and see the community policing plans as a way to improve continuity when Police Captains rotate out of a station. Overall, the Commission finds the legislation helpful to ensuring each district police station develops a community-based plan to address public safety that is rooted in the specific needs of each neighborhood.

Thank you for considering the Commission's recommendations. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katy Tang". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katy Tang
Director, Office of Small Business