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Re: Accidental Drug Overdose Deaths

Dear Commissioners:

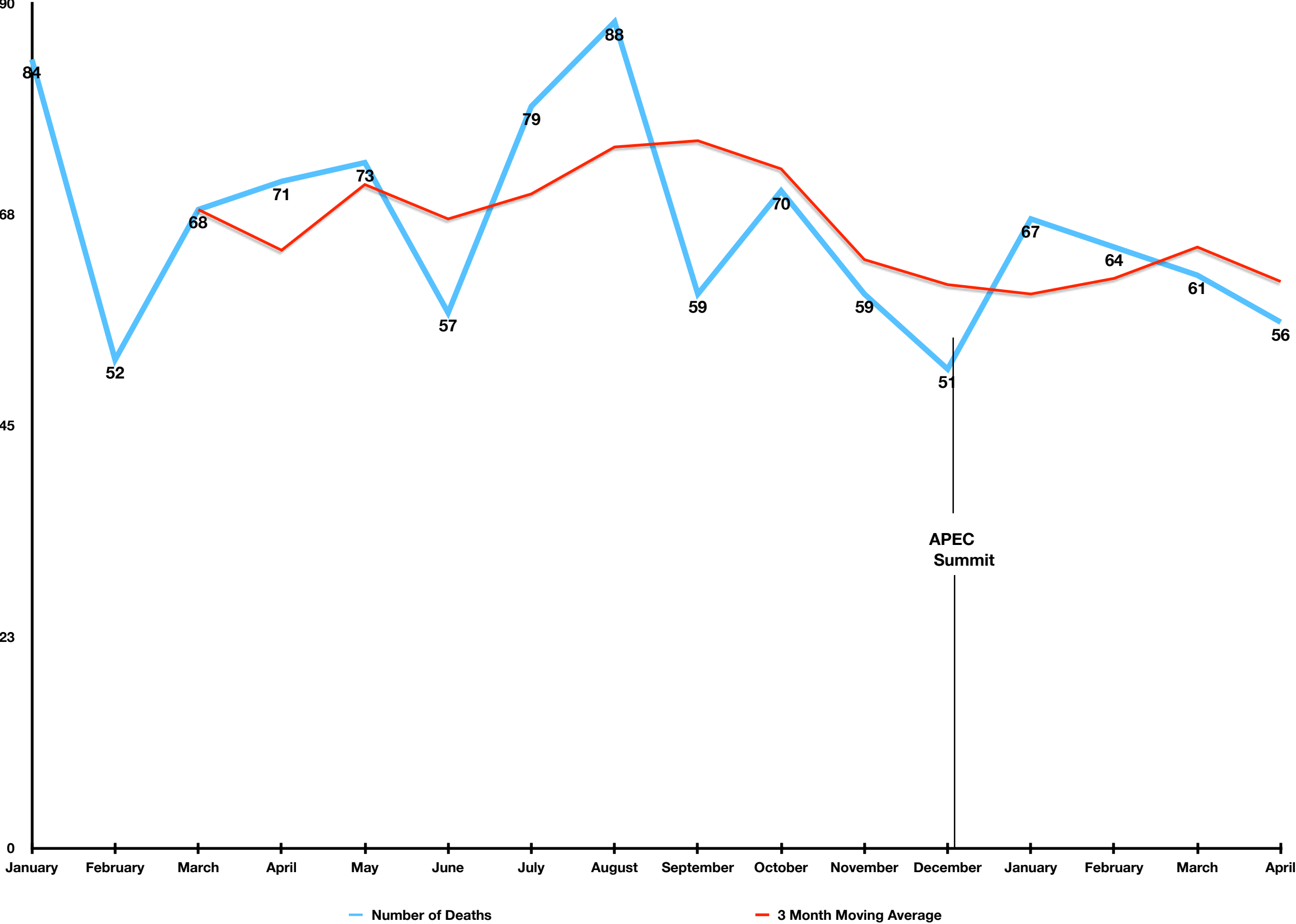
Attached are four graphs that update my April memo regarding the number and location of drug overdose deaths, this in connection with the on-going SFPD enforcement efforts downtown. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner published the April data on Wednesday, May 22, so the attached charts now reflect 16 months of data.

Prior trends are unchanged: (1) The number of deaths City-wide continues a four month decline, although not to the lowest level reached around the time of the aggressive law enforcement efforts associated with the APEC summit. (2) Although a glance at charts 2-4 reveals modest changes, in general 1/4 of the deaths are in the Tenderloin, more than 2/5 are in Tenderloin + SOMA, and almost 2/3 are in Tenderloin + SOMA + Polk/Russian Hill, the latter the locus of drug sales and usage, and apparently law enforcement efforts as well. Of course, given the number of unknown facts relevant to both metrics, one cannot confidently conclude much from the data other than perhaps what I observed in April regarding location.

Sincerely,

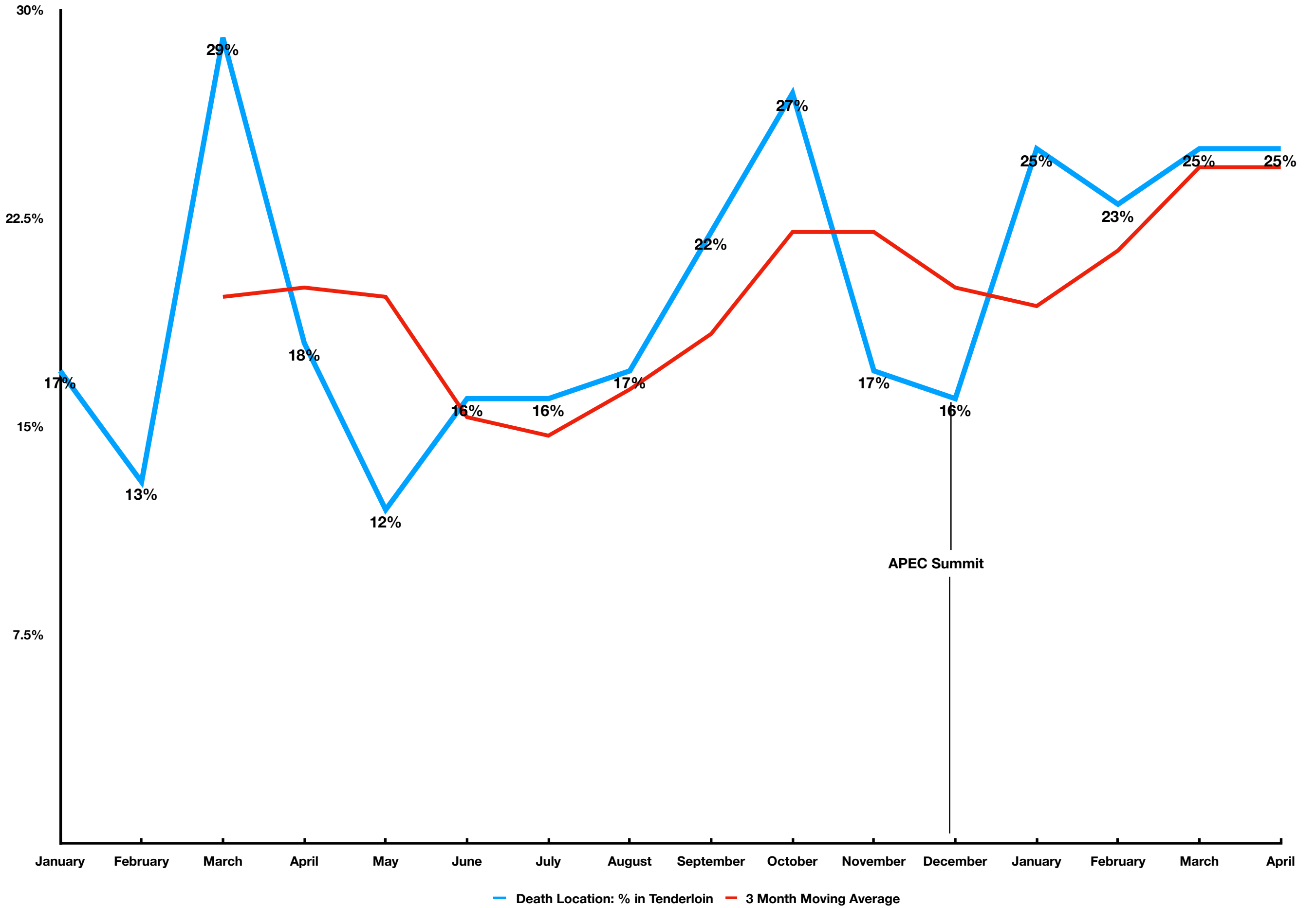
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Number of City-Wide Overdose Deaths Per Month, January 2023-April 2024



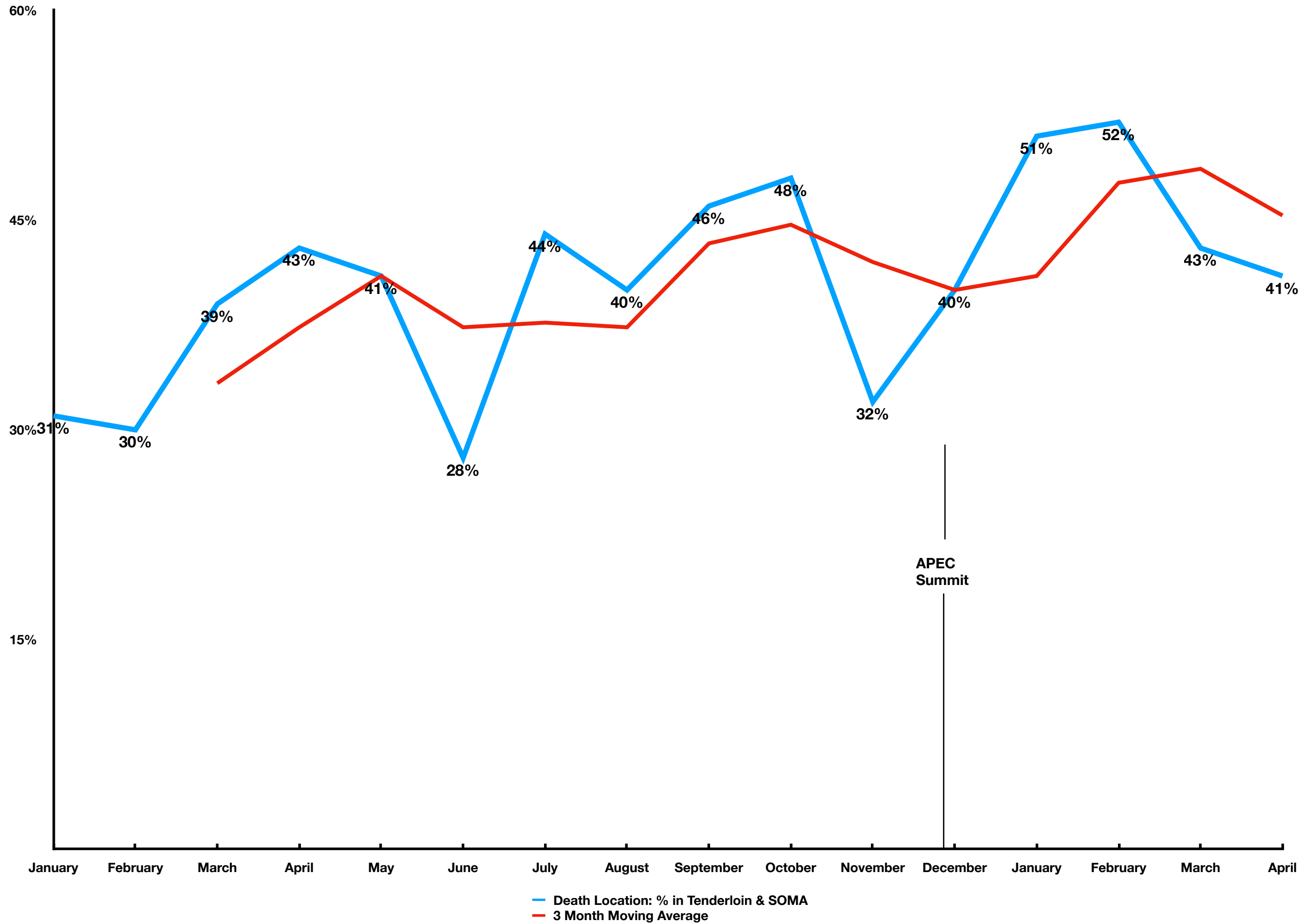
Source: SF Medical Examiner Reports.

% of Total Overdose Deaths Per Month in Tenderloin, January 2023-April 2024

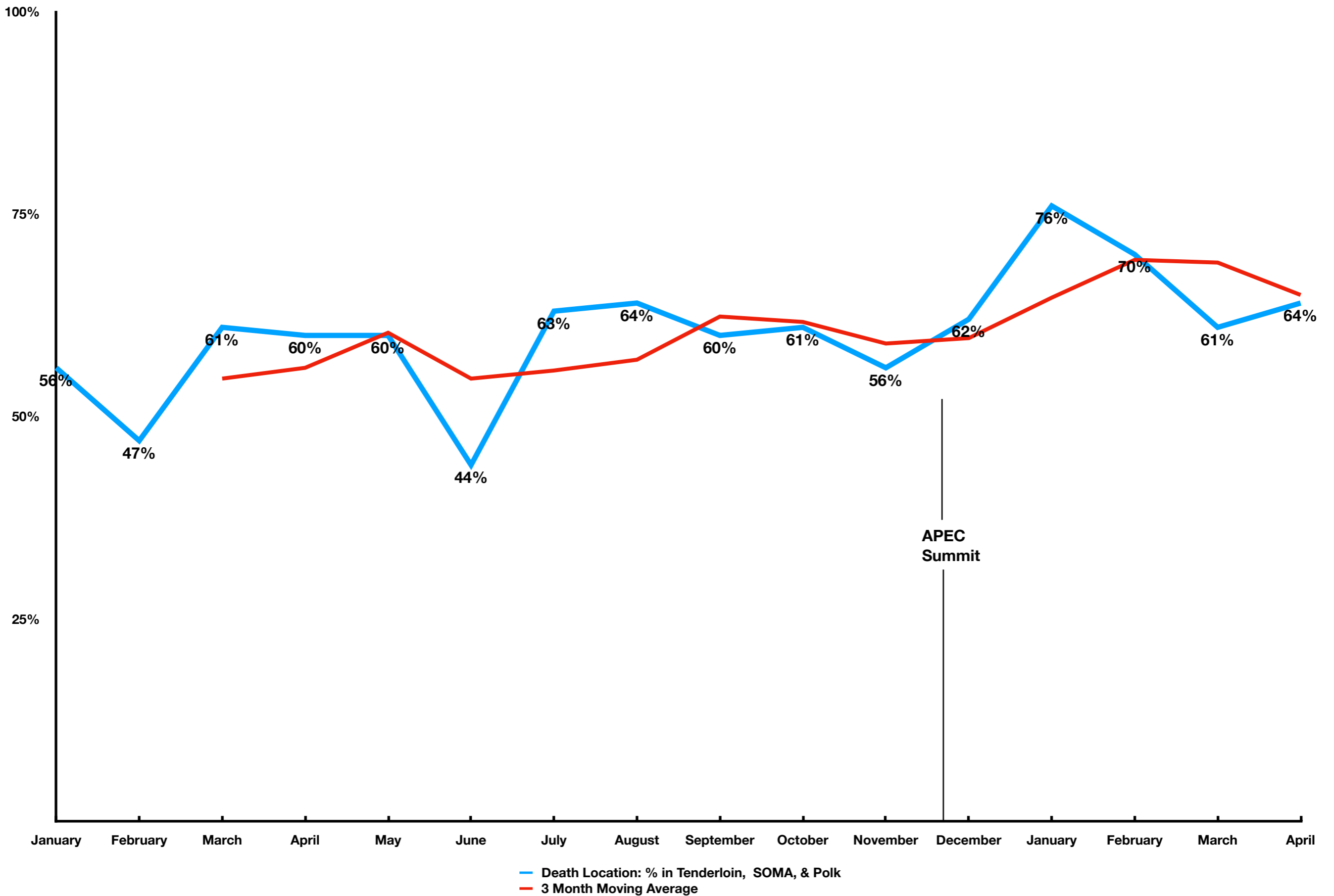


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% of Total Overdose Deaths Per Month in Tenderloin + SOMA, January 2023-April 2024



% of Total Overdose Deaths Per Month in Tenderloin + SOMA + Polk/Russian Hill January 2023-April 2024



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