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We understand the fiscal constraints that the City currently faces, and the work undertaken by the Commission Streamlining Task Force. We are also mindful of the importance of an independent body like the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board (hereinafter SDOB), whose role is to review and recommend best practices for custodial and patrol operations, and incorporate community feedback on Office of the Sheriff activities and jail conditions. Since its creation, the SDOB worked collaboratively with our agency, but unfortunately was limited in its ability to advise on best practices in various areas of the day to day work we do for this City. Instead, they had to create an infrastructure that would allow for the hiring of the inaugural Inspector General. Due to lack of budget and limitation on resources, much of the deep dive work could not be accomplished up to this point.

As an elected public safety official, I support an independent body that continues to provide review and recommendations on issues of civil process, criminal process, and conditions of confinement. If the SDOB is financially unsustainable and the Task Force considerations are combining or eliminating the SDOB, an advisory board on these critical issues could serve as an effective alternative. Further, any investigative duties of the SDOB as it relates to deputy conduct can and will continue through the San Francisco Sheriff's Office's (hereinafter SFSO) continued relationship with Department of Police Accountability (hereinafter DPA). The DPA, through an MOU with the SFSO, have provided independent investigations into certain categories of discipline matters since 2019. That relationship helps our office stay true to our mission of gold standard policing and transparency. With continued commitment from DPA and the formation of an advisory board, we could continue to improve the services we provide to the community while still maintaining a level of collaboration and oversight.

Sincerely,

Paul Miyamoto, Sheriff

Cc: Department of Police Accountability, Sheriff's Department Oversight Board