



Date: 3/21/2026

To: SFPD Police Commissioner C. Don Clay, President

Cc: SFPD Police Commission Members  
Derrick Lew, SFPD Police Chief  
Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant, SFPD Police Commission  
Supervisor Alan Wong, SF BOS District 4 Supervisor  
Supervisor Myrna Melgar, SF BOS District 7 Supervisor  
Supervisor Cheyenne Chen, SF BOS District 11 Supervisor  
Steven Betz, Assistant Chief of Public Safety for Mayor Daniel Lurie

From: Jessica J. Ho, Co-Chair, SFPD Taraval Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB)

Marc Christensen, Board Member  
Al Harris, Board Member  
Mary Harris, Board Member  
Tom Fenwick, Board Member  
David Hirtzel, Board Member  
Michelle Leighton, Board Member

**RE: SFPD Taraval Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) Opposition to 22% cuts in Overtime**

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Dear President Clay and Members of the SFPD Police Commission,

I am writing on behalf of the Taraval CPAB to express our concern regarding the 22% cut to overtime hours at all SFPD stations through the end of this fiscal year. We understand the city is facing a significant budget deficit and that difficult decisions must be made across all departments. We are not asking for special treatment. However, we want the Commission to understand what this cut looks like on the ground at Taraval Station. Taraval Station currently operates with approximately 50 officers, which is half of its target staffing of 100. Overtime is not a luxury at our station; it is how we maintain basic coverage across the Sunset, Parkside, Outer Mission, Stonestown, West Portal, and surrounding neighborhoods.

A 22% reduction in overtime hours at a station already operating at half capacity means less presence in our commercial corridors, reduced traffic enforcement near our schools, and slower response times for our residents.



The Taraval CPAB is concerned that the combination of understaffing, overtime cuts, and denied resource requests will create a meaningful gap in public safety coverage that our community will feel directly over the coming months.

Encouragingly, crime in the Taraval district has been trending downward, and we believe this is a direct result of the work our officers are doing under already-constrained conditions.

We respectfully ask that the Commission reconsider how overtime reductions are distributed across district stations and prioritize stations operating significantly below staffing levels, such as Taraval. Further, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further or provide additional context from the district.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica J. Ho".

Jessica J. Ho, Co-Chair, SFPD Taraval CPAB