

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

HEADQUARTERS

1245 3RD Street San Francisco, California 94158



September 12, 2025

Dear Honorable President Clay,

RE: DGO 5.08 - Plainclothes, Non-Uniformed, and Undercover Officers

On March 5, 2024, the voters approved Proposition E ("Prop E"), an initiative ordinance requiring the Commission and the Police Department to engage in a community engagement process before the Commission may agendize "any proposal to establish, modify, or abolish policies or procedures related to Department operations." (Admin. Code§ 961.l(a).) The community engagement process is intended to help the Commission and Department receive public feedback on whether proposed changes to policies and procedures governing Department operations will impact the Department's ability to efficiently and effectively serve the community. The purpose of this process is to "describe the existing policies and procedures," "solicit feedback on their implementation and impacts," and "identify possible changes" rather than to consider or advocate for specific draft proposals. Prop E allows the Chief of Police to waive the community engagement process provided that certain conditions are met.

- I, Paul Yep, Interim Chief of Police, have considered the following factors as required by Prop E:
 - The substantial amount of public feedback that has already been received on the subject matter.
 - The changes align with established practices and other current policies.

After considering all the factors, I hereby waive the community engagement process for Department General Order 5.08, Plainclothes, Non-Uniformed, and Undercover Officers.

Sincerely,

Interim Chief of Police