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Subject:	July 17 Police Commission, Item 7: Support Final Proposed Map	
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#### Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of the Southern District, I am alarmed by efforts to move the district boundary to Market Street. Southern Station is already understaffed without adding another area of high demand for police services.

The district has three very large event venues that are important to the City's economy. They operate throughout the year and routinely draw tens of thousands of visitors. Many thousands more pass through the transit hubs at CalTrain and at the Salesforce Center. And an enormous number of vehicles traverse Southern District with its multiple freeway on-off ramps.

If the Commission moves the boundary to Market Street, it will draw scarce police resources away from critical locations that are essential to the City's economic health.

Please adopt the Final Proposed Map.

-- Charles Rathbone |

## Dear Commissioners,

Here is my case for the commission supporting the proposed new Tenderloin Station Map. <u>https://beyondchron.org/its-time-to-change-tenderloin-station/</u>

Thank you for your consideration.

### Randy Shaw

Director, Tenderloin Housing Clinic

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#### Dear Police Commission,

As a resident of Mission Bay, I strongly urge you to adopt the Final Proposed Map and keep the Southern District boundaries intact. Moving the boundary from Mission Street to Market Street would be a serious mistake with direct consequences for neighborhoods like mine.

Southern Station is already critically understaffed while handling the highest volume of Priority A calls citywide. Southern District has already seen a 41.7% increase in crime across categories this year, far exceeding the citywide average. The district manages the largest share of shelters and transitional housing in San Francisco, yet it is operating 46 officers below capacity. By comparison, the Tenderloin Station is over capacity by 23 officers and is experiencing a 27.4% reduction in crime.

Adding up to 90,000 more calls per year—especially from the high-demand Market Street corridor would overload an already strained station. Mission Bay is already concerned about slow police response times and the growing incidents of theft, vandalism, and property crimes in our area. Diluting resources even further will only worsen the situation.

As SBRMBNA points out in their letter, major venues like the Moscone Convention Center, Oracle Park, and Chase Center generate significant additional workload for Southern Station that is not fully reflected in the Commission's data sets. We need a fully resourced and responsive police presence here—not one constantly pulled away to the retail-heavy Market Street.

For the safety of our residents and the sustainability of our neighborhood, I urge you to maintain the Southern District boundaries as currently drawn.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Deanna Terzian Mission Bay Resident

Dear SF Police Commission,

As a resident of Mission Bay, I strongly urge you to adopt the Final Proposed Map and keep the Southern District boundaries intact. Moving the boundary from Mission Street to Market Street would be a serious disaster with negative consequences for neighborhoods like mine.

Southern Station is already critically understaffed while handling the highest volume of Priority A calls citywide.

I'm in shock to hear that Southern District has already seen a 41.7% increase in crime across categories this year, far exceeding the

citywide average. The district manages the largest share of shelters and transitional housing in San Francisco, yet it is operating 46 officers below capacity. By comparison, the Tenderloin Station is over capacity by 23 officers and is experiencing a 27.4% reduction in crime.

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an already strained station. Mission Bay is already concerned about slow police response times and the growing incidents of theft, vandalism, and property crimes in our area. Diluting resources even further will only worsen the situation. It will create a safety issue and horrendous PR catastrophe for SFPD.

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For the safety of our residents and the sustainability of our neighborhood, I urge you to maintain the Southern District boundaries as currently drawn.

An increase in staffing at Southern Station is also needed for the safety of our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Christine Arthur Mission Bay resident and homeowner

From:	Abbie Dutterer	
То:	SFPD, Commission (POL)	
Subject:	Support for Keeping Southern District Borders Intact	
Date:	Monday, July 14, 2025 2:11:31 PM	

#### Hi there,

I am a resident of the Southern District and want to express strong support for keeping the current Southern District borders as they are. We are already taxed with the current boundaries, and adding additional hotspot areas will only further add to the stress being placed on needs/calls/requests in an already understaffed station. Please support the final proposed map that keeps our district intact.

Thank you so much!

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Abbie Dutterer

From:	Bettina Cohen	
To:	SFPD, Commission (POL)	
Cc:	SFPD, Chief (POL); Martin, Luke (POL); Crosby, Ryan (POL); dien.ha@sfgov.org; Dorsey, Matt (BOS); DorseyStaff (BOS); sbrmbna@gmail.com; mbn@mbneighbors.org	
Subject:	Support for Keeping Southern District Boundaries as Drawn in the Final Proposed Map	
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Dear Honorable SFPD Police Commissioners,

My name is Bettina Cohen. I'm a 15-year resident of the Southern District. Please keep the Southern District boundaries as drawn in the Final Map.

We can all agree on equitable police service to ALL populations in San Francisco, including the ones sheltering the most vulnerable. Let's check the facts.

**San Francisco's Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing data**\* tells us the Supervisorial District with the greatest share of shelters and transitional housing is District 6. (\*See table that follows this letter.) The Southern Police District closely conforms to D6.

**33.3 percent of all of the shelters and transitional housing in the City are in D6's Southern Police District**, despite this district having only 23.8 percent of the City's unhoused people.

Another fact. San Francisco Police Department data reveals that crime in all categories is down citywide since Jan. 1, and the TL is on par with the citywide ~28 percent reduction in crime. But the Southern District experienced a 41.2 percent INCREASE in all crime categories combined, mainly driven by a 136.3 percent increase in property and retail theft.

Before moving to my current home, I lived for 7 years at Post and Leavenworth. I frequently bought groceries at the small markets that make up a good part of the Tenderloin's business community. Now, I rely on the Safeway at 4th and King to get my groceries. That Safeway at 4th and King is vandalized so frequently, I'm surprised the store is still there. Windows and glass doors are shattered and boarded up with plywood, replaced with new glass, and within weeks are broken again.

I live in affordable housing, and do not own a car. Many neighbors in my building and elsewhere on my block are low-income, don't own a car, and go on foot or in wheelchairs to that Safeway to buy bread, milk, and other groceries. Personally, **I'm worried that my neighborhood supermarket is going to pack up and leave behind a big empty commercial space**.

In Southern Station Community meetings that I attended in January and April, community members raised concerns that the block of King Street surrounding the Safeway, between Caltrain and the ballpark, is an area that needs A LOT MORE POLICE PRESENCE to deter from vandalism, theft, and drug dealing, particularly at night. But, Southern Station has 104 officers assigned to it, and is under capacity by 46 officers. Our densely populated

district regularly sees events that draw tens of thousands to streets already congested by Bay Bridge traffic. Our officers -- who also cover Treasure Island -- are stretched very thin.

Is it equitable to create a situation in which our understaffed Southern Station officers are pulled to another area, so that one day the main grocery which serves thousands of low-income people might wind up shuttering due to chronic theft and vandalism?

Fatal shootings have occurred where I live. Sadly, **a fatal shooting on my block** in Mission Bay at the beginning of last year **took the life of a neighbor.** His family members and other residents of the building he'd lived in created a memorial to him outside the front door of the building, on the spot where his young life ended.

In January of this year, an unhoused person fired a gun into a Central Subway / T-Third Streetcar at 4th and Berry around 6 AM. Fortunately, neither the streetcar operator nor any of the passengers were hit by the bullet. And fortunately, our Southern Station officers were on the scene fast enough to apprehend and arrest the shooter as well as recover the gun that was cast into Mission Creek.

# Commissioners, I appreciate your reading all the way through and keeping my neighbors' and my own concerns in mind when you vote on the Police District Boundary Analysis map.

What makes your job difficult is that our San Francisco Police Department officers are stretched thin. The problem of folks feeling a need for more police service could be solved by a few hundred more cops. Then we wouldn't have to talk about equitability while pitting constituents of different police districts against each other. We ALL want to feel safe when we walk through our neighborhoods, and that goes for the residents and business owners of the Southern District as well.

# We need police service throughout the Southern District just like anywhere else in the City. We're individuals and families, young and old, some in wheelchairs, many of us living in affordable housing and yes, many living in Permanent Supportive Housing. We've felt the impact of displacement from police activity in the Sixth Street corridor right in front of my

building, in our parks, along the Embarcadero, and in the blocks near the Caltrain station.

We need our neighborhood supermarket to remain open and not be vandalized multiple times per year. We need to feel safe where we live, just like everyone else. For these reasons, I respectfully ask you as Commissioners to <u>keep Southern's boundary at Mission Street</u>, and <u>please</u>, <u>do not split up my neighborhood between police stations</u>.

Please support the Final Proposed Map as it relates to the Southern District boundaries. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully, Bettina Cohen

### Unhoused population and shelter beds by S.F. supervisor district

A table showing the share of San Francisco's unhoused population that is in each supervisor

district, and the share of S.F. shelters and transitional housing in each district. It shows district 6 has the largest shares, followed by Districts 5 and 3.

1	1.9%	0.8%
2	3.2%	3.8%
3	12.4%	19.5%
4	2.3%	0.4%
5	20.4%	19.1%
6	23.8%	33.3%
7	1.9%	0.0%
8	2.0%	0.5%
9	11.6%	10.0%
10	17.6%	11.8%
11	0.2%	0.4%

District | Shared of Unhoused Population | Share of Shelters and Transitional Housing

Unhoused population includes those in shelters and on the street.

Table: Nami Sumida / The Chronicle

Source: San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing