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Dear Honorable President Clay,

RE: **DGO 6.09 – *Domestic Violence***

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, Derrick J. Lew, Chief of Police, have considered the following factors as required by Prop E:

- The DGO's need to comply with SF Administrative Code 96I.2 by reducing patrol's administrative burdens.
- The proposed changes are unlikely to have a substantial impact on the Department's ability to serve the community.
- The amount of public feedback already received on the subject matter.
- Other factors - the proposed changes add definitions, clarity and detail which align with updated SFPD policies and procedures as well as industry best practices.

After considering all the factors, **I hereby waive the community engagement process for Department General Order 6.09, *Domestic Violence.***

Sincerely,

DERRICK J. LEW
Chief of Police