

JULY 8, 2026

REGULAR MEETING, CITY HALL

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco at 5:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Clay, Tekkey, Leung, Low, Scott, Elias (arrived at 5:52 p.m.), Benedicto

Weekly Officer Recognition Certificate

Presentation of an Officer who has gone above and beyond in the performance of their duties.

- **Officer Gerald Bernal, #2060, SF Airport Bureau**

Captain Carlos Guterrez, provided a background about Officer Bernal and his work, provided words of gratitude and praise.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Lea, transgender resident of SF, spoke of scary times to be a transgender in the country and spoke of 28 percent who moved to find a safe haven because of hostility and laws against the transgender community. She spoke of how San Francisco is a safe haven. However, during the Trans March and an alleyway party, there were police violence. She spoke of over 20 arrests and others facing serious felony charges. She spoke of accountability and a full investigation into the incidents. She stated that if trans people cannot feel safe in San Francisco, what messages does that send to the rest of the country.

Unidentified expressed their disappointment in police conduct during Pride Week and the Trans March. They spoke of how SFPD failed to conduct themselves appropriately and peacefully in the presence of unarmed transgenders.

Unidentified expressed concerns regarding events that happened during the Trans March. She spoke of how actions by SFPD officers are not acceptable.

Dalia, SF resident, spoke of how the weekend of Pride was troubling to the community. She spoke of a rapid rise in trans discrimination, hate crimes, how states are implementing devastating laws in trying to eliminate trans people from public life. She asked why officers were pointing rifles at a peaceful legal gathering and why does law enforcement resembles a militia. She expressed concerns about drones and ALPR cameras.

Millie spoke of concerns after seeing extreme amount of force towards the trans community. She spoke of laws taking their rights away. The Trans March was a peaceful process and a place for joy. She spoke of a militarize response with weapons drawn forcing their way through the streets and creating fear that is unnecessary.

Kendall, Tenderloin resident, spoke of concerns regarding the Trans March that was met with aggressive police officers. She asked the Commission to empathize with the queer and trans community and encouraged the Department to consider more peaceful ways to control crowds to ensure a peaceful Pride and create safe havens for marginalized communities.

Unidentified spoke of events that happened during the Trans March and Stud Alley. He asked why all of these were necessary and what is the point of the escalation. He spoke of why police are not welcome during Pride. He asked for accountability from the Department and would like to see an action plan as to how this is not going to happen again.

Unidentified spoke of concerns during the Trans March and ask for accountability for the excessive and unreasonable use of force against participants of Trans March and Stud Alley. She stated that the SFPD must acknowledge the unacceptable behavior of its officers and asked for an investigation to the use of force and to make sure this never happens again.

Adelaide, Mission District resident, spoke of lack of trust and safety from the Department that is supposed to keep the city safe. She spoke of a great sense of insecurity and asked how SFPD is going to rectify going forward.

Unidentified said shame of SFPD and would like to see how SFPD can be held accountable. She spoke of being an educator and having children wanting to attend the Trans March but stated that after this year the students expressed fear of going back or to even go to other events all weekend.

Francis thanked everyone for bravely speaking out. She spoke of wanting to go to celebrate identity and joy and it was ruined by the people who swore to protect the community.

Michael Petrellis spoke of how the Trans March is not on the agenda. He spoke of how trouble starts when cops show up. Cops should be out of Pride.

Unidentified retired police officer spoke of the Juneteenth celebration and spoke of how there should be accountability and recommended that officers should participate with different communities and stated police should not be banned because the majority of the force is good.

Ms. Paulette Brown spoke of her son's homicide and stated that this year will be the 20th year of his murder. She spoke of unsolved homicides and asked what can be done. She asked the Commission to come out on August 14th to support her and the mothers and fathers just like her.

Antonio, Richmond resident, spoke of concerns regarding what happened during the Trans March. He asked for an investigation as to what happened and to do something about it.

Consent Calendar

- **SFPD Sparks Report, 1st Quarter 2026**
- **Quarterly Activity and Data Report (QADR), 1st Quarter 2026 in compliance with Admin Code Chapter 96A**
- **SFPD's and DPA's SB 1421 and SB 16 Monthly Report**

Motion by Commissioner Leung to receive and file except for the Sparks Report to be agendaize at a future meeting. Second by Commissioner Elias. Approved 7-0

AYES: Commissioners Low, Scott, Leung, Benedicto, Elias, Tekkey, Clay

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrellis asked for minutes from last meeting so he can compare consent items from last meeting.

Chief's Report

- **Weekly crime trends**
- **Major/Significant Incidents**
- **Automated License Plate Reader Update**

Chief Lew then reported on crime trends YTD: Violent Crimes down 9 percent; homicide, 17 YTD; rapes down 14 percent; robbery down 20 percent; assault down 1 percent; human trafficking down 7 percent. Property Crimes down 25 percent; burglary down 26 percent; motor vehicle theft down 27 percent; arson up 2 percent; larceny theft down 25 percent.

Shooting Incidents: There was one shooting incident causing injuries to two victims the week ending 7/5/26. Gun violence down 18 percent.

Homicide Incidents: No homicide incidents reported the week ending 7/5/26.

Significant Incidents: On June 30th, at approximately 9:11 p.m., at a FIFA watch party, two victims were located suffering from gunshot wounds. They were non-life-threatening injuries. No arrest made. Ongoing investigation.

Major Events: Chief Lew spoke of two incidents: the Trans March and an unpermitted block party related to Stud Alley and SFPD's response led to District 9 Supervisor Fielder submitting a letter of inquiry to the Mayor, Controller Wagner, and to himself. Chief Lew stated that the Department is currently in the process in responding to that letter of inquiry.

Chief Lew stated he wants to clear up a couple of narratives. He stated that the 2026 SFPD fully supports the LGBTQ community. He went on to explain "the arrests at the Trans March were not targeted at the transgender community. They were targeted at a few people amongst thousands of peaceful participants who chose to break the law which I'll get into in more detail. Just to be super clear, this conduct would've resulted in arrest at any event whether it was the Trans March, 4th of July, Warriors Parade, et cetera. We've made great strides over the last 60 years and have worked hard in building a relationship with the LGBTQ community. This includes DGO 5.22 which establishes a procedure for interacting with transgender persons. We have transgender officers in our own department. I'm also sensitive to the proximity of the arrest to a culturally significant location, Compton's Cafeteria at Turk and Taylor. The location of the arrest was not selected to demean, offend, or disrespect but was where officers encountered the individuals identified as being suspects in criminal activity. Secondly, there has been some discussion or misunderstanding that this was simply a graffiti or vandalism incident. Simply wasn't the case. There was significant vandalism throughout the march. Officers utilized RTIC resources, including drones, to identify specific suspects before attempting arrests. What began as a targeted enforcement of a few individuals evolved into a crowd management situation after officers encountered interference during the arrests."

"On the 26th, SFPD officers were deployed to facilitate into a Pride Week Trans March. The March began at Dolores Park with several thousand participants in attendance within the Mission Police District. The pre-planned route starts at Dolores Park, head northbound on Dolores, then eastbound Market, and then terminate over at Turk and Taylor. In the range of 7 o'clock, as the planned march progressed through the city, officers observed several individuals using super soaker style water guns filled with paint to spray paint of buildings, vehicles, and security cameras. An SFPD drone was deployed and assisted with monitoring two vandalism suspects in the area of Turk and Taylor Streets. The drone captured footage of individuals placing their water guns into a paper bag, discarding the bag on the sidewalk and removing their outer clothing and face covering in an apparent attempt to blend back in with the law abiding participants. When officers moved in to detain the suspects, a crowd immediately approached SFPD uniformed personnel. Some linked arms, chanted 'let them go,' and threw glass bottles. The crowd was estimated to be approximately 300 people. Officers detained two of the vandalism suspects and attempted to place them into a patrol car to transport out of the area. As the crowd surrounded the responding officers, one individual jumped onto the roof of the transport vehicle and was subsequently pulled down by officers. Another individual forcibly opened the rear driver side door of the police car to attempt to free the detained suspects while others pushed officers away. Due to the size and temperature of the crowd, backup officers were called, and a line between the crowd and arresting officers was formed. The detentions happened around 7:40 or so and by 8:02 the scene was stabilized which allowed the primary march to safely continue its path."

Chief Lew stated that there were six arrests that were made during the incident. Some of the charges include felony vandalism, hate crime enhancement, conspiracy, resisting or delaying a police officer, releasing prisoner from custody, resisting an executive officers, and battery on a police officer. There were numerous acts of vandalism to include over 20 incidents: over 20 incidents of vandalism to security cameras, a couple of Flock cameras, a motorcycle et cetera. Evidence recovered: paint-filled water pistols, plastic paint bottles, gloves. In total, the incident lasted approximately an hour and eight minutes from the time of the march to where the arrests were conducted.

Chief Lew continued to the Stud Alley incident. This incident occurred on June 27th. It occurred at first on the 100 block of Kisling Street in the SOMA district. At approximately 9 o'clock, officers assigned to Southern Pride Command noticed about 20 people gathered on the 100 block of Kisling Street. Several individuals were in full-face coverings standing near spray painting supplies and fire extinguishers. The crowd rapidly grew to over 100 people effectively taking over the roadway and shutting down all vehicular traffic. A white U-Haul van unloaded DJ equipment and began playing loud amplified sound. Attendees actively blocked the street using medium to large size boulders. When SFPD supervisors attempted to negotiate with event organizers, they were met with a group of approximately 10 individuals who refused to cooperate and responded with verbal aggression. Approximately an hour later, a patrol lieutenant responded and declared an unlawful assembly. Officers established a skirmish like as multiple dispersal orders were given via P.A. systems. A majority of the crowd complied reducing the active crowd size to approximately 30 to 60 individuals. As the police line moved forward to disperse the crowd, officers arrested two individuals who refused repeated orders to leave and pushed back against the advancing line. Both were cited at the scene and released. As the crowd was forced out of the area, a group of people surrounded two Waymo vehicles and slashed all four of their tires, leaving both vehicles inoperable. Thereafter, members of the same group, including the DJ and same U-Haul van, attempted to take over Washburn Street between Mission and Howard. This drew a crowd of about 100 to 150 people. The crowd built defensive perimeters across the alley way using objects such as wooden planks, construction equipment, traffic cones and ceramic plumbing pipes. As officers were redeployed to this location, multiple individuals began vandalizing nearby structures, spray painting anti-police and politically related graffiti across exterior walls of commercial buildings and nearby vehicles. Officers re-established a line and made dispersal announcements. They then executed a coordinated movement to seize the U-Haul truck and music equipment, which was subsequently abandoned. As officers dispersed the remaining crowd, a small group refused to leave the area and 18 people were arrested. All 18 individuals were transported to CJ1 where they were processed and cited out for the unlawful assembly and resisting/delaying a police officer. They were then released. Two officers were treated and released at the scene with minor injuries. A total of 20 individuals were arrested for resisting/delaying a police officer. As far as damage to properties: 2 Waymo vehicles, 4 buildings spray painted on Washburn Street. This incident lasted a little less than four hours.

Commissioner Benedicto acknowledged the members of the public who attended and spoke. He asked for use of force incidents during the two events.

Commissioner Elias asked for a copy of the response to the Supervisor's inquiry and asked that the Commission be provided a copy and that it be posted on the 30-day correspondence, along with the letter of inquiry, on the Commission's website. She also stated that she will ask to agendize the Department's response to the letter of inquiry for discussion and community feedback. She also asked if there is a way for the Chief or his representative to have an open dialogue with the community to make sure that the correct information is provided to the public.

Commissioner Scott stated that she heard the community loud and clear and is in support of the LGBTQ community. She recommends educating the LGBTQ community prior to the Pride events to prepare the community and work with the Department to hear from the community in how to make it better and how to work together to make Pride and other events safe for everyone.

Commissioner Clay recommended showing videos of what the police have to do and to show everyone what's happening and why it's happening.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dakota, Mission resident, spoke of identification of individuals who committed the crime and why it was necessary to make the arrests at that moment when they were already identified. She spoke of people who came from out of town, from a place where they are not allowed to be who they are, and in San Francisco, there's a lot more freedom to be who you are. She asked to imagine the feeling of fear of coming into a city thinking you are safe and seeing rifles drawn and people pushed. Please consider that when it comes to enforcement.

Unidentified thanked the Commissioners for their comments and asked, given the suspects were identified, why was it necessary to apprehend them at the march. She asked who made that decision knowing that there are thousands of people present and who would put property over human life and health.

Unidentified spoke of how the statistics do not line up with the amount of injury and harm against individuals who participated in those events and would like to see footage of the event.

Unidentified asked to open up social media and see the violence against the Trans community and concerns how the police used force because of super soakers.

Karen Fleshman, Mario Woods Coalition, spoke of how she is horrified by the events at the Trans March.

Unidentified asked why suspects had to be arrested during the March if they were already identified. He spoke of concerns with use of Flock cameras and how they are used.

Unidentified spoke of pain felt by the Trans community. She spoke of concerns of silence about the event. She spoke of lack of transparency regarding events that happened. She asked about Flock cameras and facial recognition and how drowns were used during the event.

Addie, Mission resident, spoke of concerns with Flock cameras and why the Trans community may have sensitivity with the use of Flock cameras. She spoke of the use of force and supports the idea of a town hall meeting.

Unidentified spoke of types of physical force used during the Trans march. She spoke of the use of batons and how one person was aggressively thrown to the ground by officers. She asked that Chief to hold his officers accountable.

Unidentified spoke of attending the Trans march and how she was a half dozen officers with their batons out running towards her and how she felt fear.

Unidentified thanked the Commissioners for their comments. She spoke of witnessing officers with batons and how the event was overshadowed by police response.

Unidentified spoke of how police tracked vandalism and not track use of force. She asked SFPD be accountable at upcoming town hall meeting.

Unidentified, Mission resident, spoke of how super soakers led to violence and would like to hear from SFPD what they could have done to de-escalate the situation.

Michael Petrellis spoke of how the Chief disrespected the community by not having a printed report for the public.

Ms. Paulette Brown showed a flyer regarding rewards to tipsters to come forward with information regarding unsolved homicides.

DPA Director's Report

- **Report on recent DPA activities, and announcement**
- **DPA Introduction of Interns**

Director Henderson stated that DPA has opened an investigation into incidents that occurred during the San Francisco Trans March on June 2th.

Director Henderson reported the following: 61 cases opened; 52 cases closed. 7 cases open for more than 270 days. There are 26 cases sustained by DPA that are pending with the SFPD and 2 cases pending with the Commission.

DPA can be contacted at 415-241-7711, sfgov.org/DPA. DPA's community calendar are posted on the DPA's website and posted on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unidentified thanked Director Henderson for letting the public know of DPA investigations into the Trans March and for the offer to have people contact DPA. She spoke of eight use of force directed at individuals and stated that there are a lot of footage and videos that contradict this and that it shows dozen of people being the victims of police brutality. She asked how can the community protect themselves if they provide videos and footage from being targeted by the police and how can the community be kept safe while seeking accountability.

Commission Reports

- **Commission President's Report**
- **Commissioners' Reports**
- **Commission announcements and scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission Meetings**

President Clay asked the Commission to review all historical materials provided by staff in order to establish an annual performance review process of the DPA Director and the Chief of Police. He would like to place an item on the agenda in September to begin this process.

Commissioner Benedicto reported on the Juneteenth events and attending the API Chief's forum. He went on to address the Trans community and thanked them for their courage for attending the meeting. He requested for a break down of the use of force for the community whether it be a town hall and work towards a solution.

Commissioner Elias requested a few items to be agendized. She asked that the QDAR report be agendized to learn more about online dashboards and to learn what information will be included in these online dashboards, how the community can access and read the online dashboards. She also stated that QDAR will now include four additional benchmarks so it would be good for the Department to explain to the Commission and the community what those benchmarks are and why they were selected and what the purpose are.

Commissioner Scott thanked the public for coming to speak to the Commission. She spoke of building trust with the community. She stated that if you see something, say something. She spoke of violence prevention and recommended the use of ambassadors to help the police and to educate.

Commissioner Low acknowledged the public for speaking to the Commission. He spoke of partnership between the police and the community, and encouraged the public to work with the Commission to find a solution and build trust.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Michael Petrellis thanked the Commission for their comments and stated that there should be a set date for the townhall meeting.

Unidentified appreciate that the Commission is moving toward solutions to prevent this from happening in the future. She spoke of distrust between the trans community and the police and stated that the “see something, say something” should apply to SFPD as well and hopeful that the SFPD will call out their fellow officers on the transgressions they have committed.

Discussion and possible action to approve revised Department General Order 10.11, “Body Worn Camera” for the Department to use in meeting and conferring with the effected bargaining units as required by law

Director Asja Steeves presented revised DGO 10.11, “Body Worn Camera, for the Department to use in meeting and conferring with the effected bargaining units as required by law.

Motion by Commissioner Benedicto approved revised DGO 10.11 for meet and confer process. Second by Commissioner Tekkey. Approved 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Unidentified spoke in regards to activation of body worn cameras and that officers body worn cameras should be on from start to finish of their shift.

AYES: Commissioners Low, Scott, Leung, Benedicto, Elias, Tekkey, Clay

Discussion and possible action to adopt revised Department General Order 5.20, “Language Access Services”

Director Asja Steeves presented revised DGO 5.20, “Language Access Services” for adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Benedicto approved revised DGO 10.11 with a 30-day implementation timeline. Second by Commissioner Tekkey. Approved 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jose, Immigrant Rights Commission, thanked the Commission for their commitment in updating DGO 5.20. He spoke of how the policy can still be improved so that all residence can access public safety.

Annie (through interpreter) spoke of how the process was turbulent but thanked SFPD for working with the community on this DGO and spoke of how police can identify and assist people with limited English proficiency in order to obtain correct information, avoid danger, and protect community and police themselves.

Crystal thanked the Commission for their leadership on language access and spoke how important to train officers on language access. She encouraged continued community partnership on language access.

AYES: Commissioners Low, Scott, Leung, Benedicto, Elias, Tekkey, Clay

Discussion and possible action adopt revised Department General Order 5.23, “Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Director Asja Steeves presented revised DGO 5.23, “Deaf and Hard of Hearing,” for adoption.

Motion by Commissioner Benedicto to adopt revised DGO 5.23 with a 30-day implementation timeline. Second by Commissioner Scott. Approved 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Petrellis spoke of how he has to wear hearing aids and spoke of when they are not working he has to asked people to shout. He spoke of even having hearing aids, they are sometimes not fully functional and how hand gestures are important when dealing with deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Unidentified spoke of being a child of hard of hearing adult suggested video phone relay service and that it would be helpful if officers knew basic signs to ensure the person they are speaking with understands that the officer is aware that they have a hearing impairment and that they are working to find resources to make sure that conversation is clear and heard.

AYES: Commissioners Low, Scott, Leung, Benedicto, Elias, Tekkey, Clay

Presentation and update by DPA on DPA’s 2025 Annual Statistical Report

Nicole Armstrong, DPA, presented the DPA’s 2025 Annual Statistical report.

Commissioner Elias thanked DPA for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Sergeant Stacy Youngblood
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission