



Outlook

Request Regarding November 5 Police Commission Hearing, Agenda Item 8 -- Police Boundary Changes

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Dear President Clay, Vice President Benedicto and Honorable Police Commissioners,

I've signed the **SoMa West NA** petition to request that the commission **present a staffing plan that provides sufficient staffing** so that the foot beat officers designated to patrol around the Embarcadero Navigation Center can be reinstated with regularly staffed officers. More specifically, we want the dedicated staff that the City agreed to provide in its MOU, not staff working extra hours for volunteer overtime pay.

Please complete your police boundary analysis process by working with your SFPD command staff and their analysis data to **settle on a citywide map of police districts that truly and equitably distributes our current police staffing resources to reasonably cover the workload generated within each district, however borders might shift**, and sets expectations that changes may be made throughout this decade to reflect changes in the workforce, and possibly in how new task forces or policing strategies may evolve.

Specifically in Southern District, I ask you to bolster staffing commensurate to any border shifts, and to keep our neighborhoods intact as communities of interest. In my area, that means **keeping Rincon/The East Cut, South Beach, and Mission Bay within Southern District boundaries**.

It must be recognized that, although crime has decreased Citywide—down by 26.7% as of 10/30—the **ONLY district showing an increase is Southern, up 18.7%**. This needs to change.

Please make staffing this area appropriately a priority, in the same way that **the mayor and City have deemed Downtown**, where I live, as **an important part of San Francisco's recovery**, and Mission Bay is thriving — it's an area that is attractive to locals and tourists. **Unsafe conditions at games or large-scale events could be harmful to the city's reputation**.

We have confidence in the caliber of our Southern team and can only deduce that staffing is inadequate to cover our extensive Priority A call volume, our entertainment/sports venues, our convention facilities, our navigation center, and our neighborhoods as they exist today. (Your staff analysis bears this out.) **Any district change must recognize the existing deficit and also include staffing commensurate with any increase.**

The JUST-released [new proposed map](#) increases service calls to Southern by 57K annually—or +24.84% per the new analysis—and projected incidents by 25.85%, while Central, Northern and Tenderloin see declines in all metrics. **This proposed map can only be supported if adequate staffing can be demonstrated, now and going forward.** Yet no staffing information has yet been made public; the process is INCOMPLETE without it.

Thank you and the SFPD staff for the careful and detailed data base that has been assembled to support any changes you make in pursuing equity. **Once we can see and understand the proposed new staffing levels, the process will be closer to complete.**

Sincerely,

Katina Johnson