



## Staff Southern Station

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President Clay and Members of the Police Commission:

Thank you for hearing my comments last week and I look forward to seeing you once again at this upcoming Wednesday's meeting.

I am writing to express my strong support for **the necessary staffing and resources needed for Southern Station to be most effective.**

Our neighborhoods under Southern Station are experiencing **rapid population growth**, with the most recent census data showing increases of **92% in Mission Bay, 61% in the Financial District/South Beach, and 43% in South of Market**. At the same time, **Southern Station operates with 66 fewer officers than recommended**, even as crime and calls for service have continued to rise.

As the Police Commission has voted to **expand Southern Station's boundaries**, it's clear from the Police Department's own analysis that adding this new territory will result in a **nearly 25% increase in 911 calls for service** and a **29% increase in crime incident reports**. Without corresponding increases in staffing and resources, this change will further strain our already overextended station.

Southern Station's jurisdiction now includes major **transportation hubs** (Caltrain, Salesforce Transit Center, and the addition of all four downtown BART stations), **economic centers**, and **event spaces** (Moscone, Oracle Park, Chase Center) that represent San Francisco to visitors, investors, employers, commuters, workers, theater-goers, shoppers, tourists and residents alike. It is critical that this area be staffed and resourced to reflect its importance to the City's safety and image.

Additionally, the **Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC)** is NOT a substitute for **permanent staffing** and resources at Southern Station. Southern Station must handle the full range

of public safety needs throughout our community. DMACC should be considered a separate operation that exists to assist in the work of our stations due to the scourge of open air drug markets.

I urge the Police Commission to ensure that **Southern Station receives the comprehensive staffing and resources** necessary to serve our growing neighborhoods effectively.

Thank you for your attention and leadership on this issue.