



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

2025-2026 CIVIL GRAND JURY

June 5, 2026

William Palmer
President of the Board, Sheriff's Department Oversight Board
Office of Inspector General
1 South Van Ness Ave, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Palmer,

The 2025-2026 Civil Grand Jury will release a report entitled, "When Making Do Doesn't Work: San Francisco Jails in Crisis" to the public on June 9, 2026. Enclosed is an advance copy. By order of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, Hon. Rochelle C. East, this report is to be kept confidential until the date of release.

While we request that you respond to the findings and recommendations of this report, you are not required to respond. California Penal Code §933.05 states that as to each finding, the response must indicate one of the following:

1. The respondent agrees with the finding; or
2. The respondent disagrees with the finding, wholly or partially, with an explanation.

As to each recommendation, the response must indicate one of the following:

1. The recommendation has been implemented, with a summary of the implementation;
2. The recommendation has not yet been, but will be implemented in the future, with a timeframe for implementation;
3. The recommendation requires further analysis, with an explanation, scope, and parameters of that analysis, and a timeframe for discussion not more than six months from the publication of the grand jury report; or
4. The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or reasonable, with an explanation.

If you choose to respond, please e-mail your response to Presiding Judge Rochelle C. East at SFGrandJury@sftc.org or mail to 400 McAllister Street, Room 008, San Francisco, CA 94102-4512, no later than September 7, 2026.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Cooper".

Ed Cooper, Foreperson