City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

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Members: Danny Sauter, Bilal Mahmood, Alan Wong

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Thursday, October 29, 2026 **10:00 AM** **City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250**

Special Meeting

President Mandelman appointed Supervisor Sherrill in place of Supervisor Mahmood to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee for the special meeting of October 29, 2026.

Present: 3 - Danny Sauter, Alan Wong, and Stephen Sherrill
Excused: 1 - Bilal Mahmood

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in special session on Thursday, October 29, 2026, with Chair Danny Sauter presiding. Chair Sauter called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Sauter, Member Wong and Member Sherrill were noted present. A quorum was present.

Chair Sauter moved that Member Mahmood be excused from attending the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meeting of October 29, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Sauter, Wong, Sherrill
Excused: 1 - Mahmood

COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (monique.crayton@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

261066 **[Hearing - El Niño Storm Preparedness]**

Sponsors: Dorsey; Mandelman, Chen, Wong, Walton, Sauter, Sherrill and Fielder

Hearing to examine San Francisco's preparedness for the upcoming El Niño storm season; review interdepartmental emergency response coordination, stormwater and flood prevention infrastructure, protection of vulnerable populations, public communications and emergency alerts, and plans to safeguard critical infrastructure, transportation systems, homes, and businesses; and requesting the Department of Emergency Management, Port, Public Utilities Commission, Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, and the Recreation and Parks Department to report.

09/22/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

10/06/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Department of Emergency Management, Port Department, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Recreation and Parks Department for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Dorsey and Supervisor Chyanne Chen (Board of Supervisors); Mary Ellen Carroll, Executive Director and Jackie Thornhill (Department of Emergency Management); Joel Prather (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Michael Martin, Executive Director (Port of San Francisco); Jose Napple (Public Works); Brent Jones, Transit Director and George Louie, Emergency Manager (Municipal Transportation Agency); Eric Anderson (Recreation and Parks Department); Erica Brown, Assistant Deputy Chief (Fire Department); Brien Hoo, Commander (Police Department); Francis Zamora (Human Services Agency); Emily Cohen, Deputy Director (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Larry Goldstein, Director (San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Anna Savage; provided comments regarding the hearing matter.

Chair Sauter moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Sauter, Wong, Sherrill
Excused: 1 - Mahmood

261089 **[Fire Code - Banning Sale of Lockable Butane Lighters with Plastic Components]**

Sponsors: Mandelman; Dorsey, Wong, Sauter and Sherrill

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Fire Code to prohibit the sale, offer for sale, and knowing delivery for payment of lockable butane lighters with plastic components to any address or person in San Francisco; establish enforcement processes and penalties for violations; authorize the City Attorney to seek injunctive and monetary relief for violations and attorneys' fees; authorize the Fire Department to implement the restriction through rules, forms, and guidance; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.

09/29/26; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, expires on 10/29/2026.

10/02/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Small Business Commission for review and response.

10/27/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Small Business Commission held a duly-noticed meeting on October 26, 2026, and recommended approval of the proposed legislation.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Sophie Marie (Office of Supervisor Mandelman); Dean Crispen, Chief (Fire Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Sauter moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Sauter, Wong, Sherrill
Excused: 1 - Mahmood

261054 **[Police Code - Limited Transfers of Cannabis Business Equity Applicant Status]**

Sponsor: Mandelman

Ordinance amending the Police Code to authorize the posthumous transfer of Verified Equity Applicant status to one of up to four designated beneficiaries who are members of the decedent's immediate family; establishing a one-year redemption period, a registration and disclosure process with the Office of Cannabis, and procedures for transfers of Verified Equity Applicant status; and granting the Office of Cannabis rulemaking authority.

09/22/26; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, expires on 10/22/2026.

10/06/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Small Business Commission for review and response.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Sophie Marie (Office of Supervisor Mandelman); Jeremy Schwartz, Deputy Director (Office of Cannabis); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Sauter moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Sauter, Wong, Sherrill
Excused: 1 - Mahmood

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 12:41 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.