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Supervisor Connie Chan
Chair, Budget and Appropriations Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support for Preserving Public Safety Funding in Mayor Lurie's Proposed Budget

Dear Chair Chan and Members of the Budget and Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of the undersigned business and civic organizations, we write to express our strong support for the public safety investments in Mayor Daniel Lurie's proposed Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27 budget.

As the City faces urgent challenges in restoring public confidence, revitalizing commercial districts, and addressing behavioral health and substance abuse crises on our streets, preserving these public safety resources is not just a policy choice—it is a precondition for economic recovery. Businesses, workers, residents, and visitors all depend on a safe and responsive city. Mayor Lurie's budget recognizes this reality by aligning resources with on-the-ground needs.

We urge the Budget Committee to maintain these critical investments in San Francisco's public safety infrastructure as you review and revise the Mayor's proposal. This includes full funding for sworn officers in the San Francisco Police Department and Sheriff's Office, investments in 911 dispatchers and first responders, and support for the District Attorney and Public Defender's Offices. We also commend the Mayor's efforts to expand street outreach teams, enhance ambassador programs, and fully staff emergency response departments, all of which complement traditional law enforcement and support public safety in a holistic way.

We urge you to sustain these critical investments as you shape the final City budget.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Members, Budget & Appropriations Committee