

June 12, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Breed
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support of Roadmap for New Police Reforms

Dear Mayor Breed,

On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing hundreds of local businesses, I want to offer our firm support of your recently released Roadmap for New Police Reforms. In light of current events and years of systemic racial inequities and injustices, the Chamber of Commerce writes this letter as an ally to the Black Lives Matter Movement.

We offer our support of your actions towards changing the nature of policing in San Francisco, and particularly the demilitarization of the SFPD and the use of police in non-criminal activity. Our goal moving into 2020 was to work towards a safer San Francisco. The diversion of non-violent calls away from SFPD and towards triage groups with behavioral health professionals will provide our homeless and in need populations with the services and reactions they need, as well as diverting police service and funds towards situations they are not most certified or efficient in assisting. We look forward to learning more about what this plan entails.

These reforms are foundational steps towards creating systemic change and a safer, more just, San Francisco.

Myself and the Chamber of Commerce sincerely thank you for your service and leadership around police reform.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Fong". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Rodney Fong
President and CEO
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

CC: Mayor London N. Breed, Clerk of the Board, the full Board of Supervisors