



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
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Mr. John Arntz
Department of Elections
City Hall, Room 48
Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: Proposition R – Ordinance creating the Neighborhood Crime Unit in the Police Department

Dear Mr. Arntz,

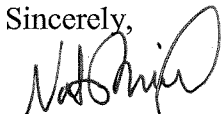
Should the proposed ordinance be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The proposed ordinance would require the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to assign no less than three percent of its sworn officers to a new Neighborhood Crime Unit should the total number of sworn SFPD officers meet or exceed the San Francisco City Charter-mandated level of 1,971. However, these officers would be reassigned, not hired specifically as a result of this ordinance, and thus would be a reallocation of existing costs, not a new cost.

The Police Department projects that as of the beginning of fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 it will have 1,957 full-sworn officers available for neighborhood policing and patrol, 14 officers short of the 1,971 baseline staffing level. As a result of new officers graduating from academy classes, the Police Department should meet the minimum staffing levels in FY 2016-17, which would trigger the creation of a new Neighborhood Crime Unit if this proposed ordinance is passed.

The proposed ordinance also requires SFPD to prepare a Deployment Plan for the Neighborhood Crime Unit as well as an annual report on the work performed by the Neighborhood Crime Unit, and also requires the Neighborhood Crime Unit to conduct community meetings and coordinate efforts related to addressing homelessness issues with other City departments, but these costs would be minimal.

Sincerely,


Ben Rosenfield
Controller