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President Turman and Chief Scott:

The POA recently became aware of your statements made to the San Francisco Examiner in an article published on January 18, 2018. The POA takes exception to some of those statements since they are not accurate and they are misleading to the public.

Chief Scott, you stated "The flow of information has not stopped" since the SFPD pulled out of the Joint Terrorism Task Force and that you were personally notified about the Christmas Day planned attack on Pier 39. That statement is only partially true.

That flow of information to you Chief was a mere notification of a future attack with limited specifics or details because there are no SFPD officers that have now or have maintain the top secret clearance with the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). That back and forth flow of information did exist when SFPD officers participated with and shared information with the JTTF. As you know the City pulled out of the task force a year ago based on the recommendation from the Police Commission.

To simply be notified of the suspects arrest is a far cry from having seasoned SFPD investigators actively involved in investigations of potential mass casualty attacks on our city. Our officers who previously had top secret clearance, with the federal government, had access to far more information that would serve to protect our residents rather than just being notified of a potential attack.

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It is equally disturbing that President Turman states "Despite the public misinformation out there that our non-participation in JTTF means that we are not receiving communication and sensitive information about terrorism... that is untrue,"

President Turman, It is true. Our department should have this sensitive information as it is developing during any investigation of those who wish to bring death and harm to our people. We no longer have that. Why? Because our investigators who previously had the necessary clearance have been prohibited by the Police Commission and the Board of Supervisors from partaking in these investigation. The SFPD is only now informed if an attack was foiled. Nothing else. No other major law enforcement agency in the country has pulled out of the JTTF except the SFPD and the department does not appear to be on course in returning to the task force.

The safety of our community can be enhanced with the SFPD rejoining the task force. Public Safety must prevail over politics. San Franciscans deserve the right to be properly protected.



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