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From: Lisa Ganser <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 4:05 PM
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Lisa Ganser
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See above. NO TASERS FOR SFPD!

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Disarm the Police..... starting with their POA Bill of Rights.

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Bottom line: The taser is legally a FIREARM under the National Firearm's Act. The taser carries a manufacturer's product warning stating that it can cause DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. Does the City of SF really want to open the door to millions lost in lawsuits because the City leaders voted to allow the routine use of such a lethal firearm?

With hope,

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Listen to the evidence, not to the police or to the taser manufacturers. Specifically, look at the studies done that weren't funded by interested parties. They say that:

- Tasers do not reduce police shootings significantly, because they are not used as an alternative to guns, they are used as an alternative to officers physically controlling suspects.
- Tasers do kill, and 'excited delirium' is largely if not entirely an attempt to remove any liability for extrajudicial murder, and to prevent officers from feeling any guilt for such a murder
- Tasers impair judgement, giving victims a sort of dementia-lite for hours after exposure, which in turn leads to their inability to make sensible judgements regarding their rights
- This effect can also cause memory loss, leading them to inaccurately remember (or be unable to remember) the time leading up to the arrest, which has obvious implications on determining guilt or innocence.
- Tasers may inflict long-term brain damage, which can be worse for some people than for others
- Tasers are often used on the mentally or emotionally impaired, who may not even know why they are being hurt

Tasers are in large part used as instruments for enforcing cooperation with an officer's orders. An officer says 'do exactly what I say or I will tase you.' Now, if they didn't have that nice little shorthand word, what would they have to say? 'Do exactly what I say, or I will inflict so much pain on you that you will be unable to do anything other than curl up on the ground and scream until you are hoarse.' The other word for that, 'torture', used to be something that we didn't want to stand for as a country. I'd like to think it's still something we won't condone as a city.

With hope,

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With hope,

Jake Jen
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Jennifer C Snyder <justice@dsasf.org>
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To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Why would you give murderers more weapons???? Your thought process is to give murderers less dangerous weapons than guns but to let them keep the guns? So they have tasers and guns? you think they're going to murder fewer people if they have more weapons? I'm sorry what?

With hope,

Jennifer C Snyder

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With hope,

Elizabeth Burkholder
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From: Adrienne Fong <justice@dsasf.org>
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It has been proven that TASERS or CED's DO NOT SAVE LIVES. I hope that each of you as SF Police Commissioners will do the right thing and NOT arm the SFPD with TASERS – another toy!

Already with recent killings by the SFPD with the body cameras, it has been shown that they are not even using them correctly!!

As a SF Tax payer I do not want my \$ to be wasted on TASERS!
Thank you for your consideration.

With hope,

Adrienne Fong
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Tasers are just another deadly weapon in SFPD's arsenal of weapons. Tasers will only make things worse for officers and the people of San Francisco.

With hope,

Dale Smith
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The SFPD doesn't need any more weapons to use against people of color and unarmed San Franciscans in a mental health crisis

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People who are tasered by police are often also assaulted by other means in addition to the taser. This can kill!

My brother, Michael Barrera, was killed on February 8, 2017 at the hands of Woodland Police Officers in Woodland, CA. He was tased 4 times while unarmed and being held down and assaulted by multiple officers.

Tasers can be lethal, especially when being used improperly. At the end of the day tasers don't kill, the cops kill. These devices must be banned and taken out of the hands of our law officials.

With hope,

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Just say "NO!"

With hope,

Marsha Cameron
94931

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Gregory Brent Lyons <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:24 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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With hope,

Gregory Brent Lyons
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Sarah Hutt <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:10 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Our police use tasers and they are dangerously misused with horrible effects. Resulting in great danger to our citizens. Guns at least are straightforward with predictable results. Tasers are risky , unpredictable, and deadly, yet seem so innocuous.

With hope,

Sarah Hutt
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Angela Cloud <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:35 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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The SFPD have been building trust with the community. I feel it every time I come to SF. Keep that trust building and avoid an us and them mentality. We're all in community together.

With hope,

Angela Cloud
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Alison Pryle <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:16 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Standing up with my friend against these so called safe weapons. 30 year SF resident.

With hope,

Alison Pryle
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Shannon Bolt <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 7:09 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Vivian Imperiale <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 6:13 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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People die from the shock of tasers. I saw a video from another country where a man was really out of control and the officers threw a net over him to take him for help. Primitive, perhaps, but quick and non life-threatening.

With hope,

Vivian Imperiale
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Debora Sayre <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:20 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Tasers- you can do better SFPD.

Stop killing civilians while you are at it.

With hope,

Debra Sayre

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Cynthia McPherson <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:06 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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With hope,

Cynthia McPherson
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Sarah Page <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:47 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Sarah Page
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Nicole Beyries <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 6:29 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Nicole Beyries
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Laura Guzman <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 6:19 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: No To Tasers in SF #NoTasersSF

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With hope,

Laura Guzman
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Rebecca Mattos <justice@dsasf.org>
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With hope,

Rebecca Mattos
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No on tasers and I want police reform in America. Police need to be reeducated when dealing with people of this country. We need gun reform. Look at low incidence of violence in other countries!

With hope,

Olga Osborne

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Listen to your fellow Commissioner Petra Dejesus!!

With hope,

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With hope,

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From: Victor Picazo <justice@dsasf.org>
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To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: I say NO NO NO tasers for SFPD #NoTasersSF

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Please don't spend more money on weapons that hurt people who have not even been found guilty of a crime. Lets be a sanctuary city for all citizens. Spend that money on conflict resolution classes.

With hope,

Crystal Mason
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Allyson S Ritger <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:44 AM
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Please keep this unregulated form of violence out of the hands of the police. It disproportionately affects people of color, poor people, and those experiencing mental health crises. Thanks,

Allyson

With hope,

Allyson S Ritger
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Tasers for the SFPD are highly unnecessary and no one in the community wants them. Kill this measure

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Please note no!! Our city doesn't need weapons! It needs schools, parks, public bathrooms, health services, art!

With hope,

Lindsay Roth
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Daniel Carniaux
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From: Lisa king <justice@dsasf.org>
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To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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With hope,

Lisa king
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Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:53 PM
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With hope,

Michelle

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From: denise <justice@dsasf.org>
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To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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The use of a taser killed Branch Wroth. He was having a mental health emergency in his own home. No danger to anyone and the police tasered him and he died of a heart attack from the shock.

With hope,

Magick Altman
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With hope,

Susan Leas Latham
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Laurel Miniz <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:02 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: John Avalos <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 7:43 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Introducing tasers will only harm our communities that suffer most from the use of force. Distrust between communities and police will widen.

Please vote no.

John Avalos

With hope,

John Avalos

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Clarice Corell <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 7:38 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

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Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 7:22 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Please vote NO on the use of Taser Weapons by the police.

With hope,

Victor Valdiviezo
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Gabriela Pelsinger <justice@dsasf.org>
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With hope,

Gabriela Pelsinger
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Ranjit Chacko <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 7:11 AM
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Antonia Ruiz Koffman <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 6:31 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Nicholas Fowler <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:44 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Nancy Wang <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:09 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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More violence is more violence and gets nothing but more violence. Teasers are violent. What happened to the fine art and humane action called negotiation? Inquiry? Instead it seems so much is shoot first. Oops too late to,ask now.

With hope,

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Noah Butsch Baron <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:19 PM
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Jackie Hasa <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:13 PM
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Jackie Hasa
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Jessica Bender <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:02 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Jessica Bender
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Gary Barber <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:55 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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I am against the use of tasers. Good, solid police work is what we need. Thank you

Gary Barber

With hope,

Gary Barber
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Sophia Foster-Dimino <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:43 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Janet Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7:47 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Support Use of Tasers

I support the use of tasers, etc. It will give police officers more options.

Thank you for considering my position.

Janet L. Rogers

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Pamela Elmore <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:11 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Violence begets violence. Weapons (of any kind) escalate to more weapons. Tasers are NOT safe weapons and are NOT an alternative to PEACE keeping tactics of: de-escalation, sensitivity training, and community building. Please put our tax dollars toward humanitarian practices that seek to help people in distress, NOT toward weapons to attack them with violence.

Sincerely,
Pam

With hope,

Pamela Elmore
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Rosario Cervantes <justice@dsasf.org>
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No on Tasers. We want to preserve lives.

With hope,

Rosario Cervantes
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From: Rashmi Joshi <justice@dsasf.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:40 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
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10/23/17

Chief Scott
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Vice President Mazzucco
Commissioner DeJesus
Commissioner Ong Hing
Commissioner Hirsch
Commissioner Melara
Commissioner Marshall

Police Commission Office
San Francisco Police Headquarters
1245 3rd Street
San Francisco, CA 94158

Dearest Chief and Commissioners,

I am writing as a San Francisco citizen and physician. I am board certified in Addiction Medicine and Internal Medicine. My daily work is with substance users and people with mental health disorders. I am deeply concerned that use of conducted electricity weapons (CEWs) such as TASER is not safe. There are multiple reports of deaths temporally associated with CEW use. There are numerous reports of various severe injuries directly caused by CEW use. CEW use is not likely to increase the safety of San Francisco citizens. Use of these weapons is likely to injure or kill some of our most vulnerable citizens. Unfortunately medical research on the use of electrical energy weapons is incomplete and in many cases potentially biased. The most needed research - What is the safety of conducted electricity weapon (CEW) use in those individuals most highly at risk of being subject to their use? - is the most lacking. The most at risk groups would include those suffering from mental health disorders and those intoxicated on drugs and alcohol especially those using stimulants such as cocaine and methamphetamine. Unfortunately the use of methamphetamine has increased in San Francisco and behavioral dysregulation in this group is common.

Individuals with underlying mental health disorders are often prescribed medications that cause prolonged QT interval, a condition that increases the risk of sudden cardiac death. Methadone, a medication frequently used for treatment of opioid addiction, is another medication that prolongs QT. There are strong theoretical reasons to believe that the use of electrical energy stimulation in individuals with prolonged QT intervals may cause sudden cardiac death. The use of electrical energy on those intoxicated on substances is another very poorly researched question. Stimulant use is a risk factor for several kinds of cardio-vascular death. The additive effect of electrical stimulation has not been studied but again there are strong theoretical reasons to believe that such individuals would be at high risk of both sudden cardiac death and also delayed death from myocardial infarction, stroke, metabolic abnormalities, and other arrhythmias. Research on the relationship between " excited delirium" and CEW use is another area requiring much more

thorough research before we can feel safe saying that CEWs will do more good than harm. Research at this point suggests that CEW use was the "straw that broke the camel's back" in the case of those who have died from excited delirium.

This lack of medical research does not eliminate the possibility that CEW use may be beneficial but should get us to look more closely at the cost / benefit analysis of CEW use in San Francisco. If we realistically accept that in some cases (an unknown number at this time) the use of the CEW will result in death or other serious harm than our calculation of costs and risks will become more realistic. Considering the serious questions about the benefit of CEW use I believe the evidence of harm is strong enough to look to other measures to increase public safety. Public safety can be best assured by sufficient training of peace officers focused on de-escalation techniques and skillful use of techniques in safely dealing with those who are intoxicated or mentally ill.

My opinion is based on a review of the medical and scientific evidence on CEW use and on over 25 years of working as an internal medicine and addiction medicine specialist focused on homeless healthcare in San Francisco.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Zevin", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Barry Zevin MD

Board Certified in Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine

Board Certified in Addiction Medicine, American Board of Addiction Medicine

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Al Harris [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 8:56 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Tasers

Please give our police officers another tool for their toolbox. Tasers save lives.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

October 29, 2017

Dear Police Commissioners:

I understand that Police Officers can be confronted with dangerous situations. However, the use of force must be proportional to the posed threat. The proposal to buy stun guns or tasers will mean more acts of violence instead of using de-escalation tactics. In fact, more injuries and deaths occur when tasers are used on people who may be drug users or are mentally impaired, which is a substantial population in San Francisco.

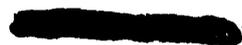
The statement that officers will use “less lethal” tasers rather than guns is problematic. It inherently implies that their use will most likely become a first-choice decision regardless the circumstance. And it also implies that police lack sufficient judgement. It has been well-documented that risk-averse officers rely on tasers to subdue argumentative, unarmed people instead of remaining calm and using Crisis Intervention Techniques.

Instead of purchasing more weapons, I urge you to spend money on making our police force better trained regarding situations where there is only one troubled suspect (e.g., Mario Woods) and a squad of officers. The Collaborative Reform Initiative Assessment complained that only 27 percent of the department—have received CIT training and few of them are called upon in a crisis.

Purchasing tasers will create more tension with minority groups as well as our homeless population. The racial bias in the police department that was exposed last year underscores the more urgent need to reform practices before adding another controversial weapon. Please vote against the proposal to acquire tasers.

Thank you,

JoAnn Vail



San Francisco, CA 94110

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Ron Vance <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 4:00 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Tasers, Pro Police Tools

To Whom it May Concern,

I support the San Francisco Police Department getting tasers as a non-lethal alternative to subduing persons suspected of having committed a crime. It is heartbreaking to see so many mentally ill people coming into contact with the police and ending up being shot dead. Not only is it difficult on families and the communities I am quite sure it bothers the police to know they have shot and killed someone who was mentally ill and was only marginally a danger to themselves or others.

I understand certain suspects will not survive tasers any better than bullets but at least with using a taser instead of a gun there is some attempt at saving the suspect and not simply shooting them dead outright.

With Best Regards,

Ron Vance

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:30 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: FW: Support for Implementing Taser

To: San Francisco Policy Commission
c/o Deputy Chief Garret Tom

Dear Commissioners:

I'm writing to support for implementing tasers as a less lethal option for police officers in the San Francisco Police Department. Every other law enforcement agency uses tasers including the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and BART Police. I understand that certain studies have estimated that 75,000 lives have been saved due to tasers and it has resulted in a 60% reduction in injuries to suspects and police officers. As an active San Francisco community member, I strongly urge SFPC to consider to add this effective tool for our brave officers as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
Anton Qiu
Vice Chairman, San Francisco – Shanghai Sister City Committee

October 10, 2017

L. Julius Thurman, President
San Francisco Police Commission
1245 – 3rth. Street
San Francisco, CA 94158

Dear President Thurman,

I am a resident of San Francisco for more than 60 years. Served the City and County of San Francisco as a commissioner for seven (7) mayors. Commissions including the Redevelopment Agency, Public Library, Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority and Veterans Affairs.

I strongly believe and recommend implementation of "Tasers" for your police department as a lesser lethal weapon.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mel Lee", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Mel Lee
Member, The State Bar of California (ret)

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:19 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: San Francisco Police Commission - Taser topic

Please pass to the SF Police Commission.

I have been a resident of San Francisco for all of my life – a short 70 years.

I am involved with the Red and White Fleet, a San Francisco legacy business, located on the San Francisco waterfront since 1892.

The San Francisco Police Commission had done a remarkable job in managing, what many consider, one of the finest Police Forces in our nation. I want to personally thank each of you individually in supplying the SFPD with the best tools to provide prevention and enforcement for the City's benefit.

Tasers are one tool that does provide each policeperson with a reliable and less lethal option in a potentially difficult encounter. Just because many other Departments have tasers is not a good reason for the SFPD to have tasers. However, for the men and women in the SFPD, I feel, we need to give them every possible means to adjust a situation before drawing their weapon which is always their last choice.

I urge each the entire Commission to allow the SFPD to use tasers.
Thank you for your consideration in this important public safety issue.

Regards,

Tom

Thomas C. Escher
Red and White Fleet
Pier 43 ½, Fisherman's Wharf
San Francisco, California 94133
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Sustainability is defined as a requirement of our generation to manage the resource base such that the average quality of life that we ensure ourselves can potentially be shared by all future generations. ... Development is sustainable if it involves a non-decreasing average quality of life. [Geir B. Asheim, "Sustainability," The World Bank, 1994]

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Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 2:19 PM
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To the San Francisco Police Commission

The single most salient benefit of a non-lethal weapon such as a Taser is that it doesn't cause lasting physical damage when it's used properly. Tasers are also lauded for the security they give to police officers. The Academy of Art University supports the deployment of Tasers for the San Francisco Police Department so they can have the option of implementing a non-lethal tool at their disposal when responding to a threat.

Michael G. Petricca
Vice President of Campus Safety
Academy of Art University

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:52 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: Support for taser's for SFPD

From: Gray, Caden <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 5:03:08 PM
To: Tom, Garret (POL); Lazar, David (POL); Yep, Paul (POL)
Subject: Support for taser's for SFPD

Hello Deputy Chief Tom, Commander Lazar, and Captain Yep,

As a resident of San Francisco, and as a long-standing volunteer on the Community Police Advisory Board for Central Station, I'm writing to express my support for tasers for SFPD personnel. We understand that tasers are in wide use around the country, give our cops more options, reduce injuries, and save lives. We fully support our SFPD and implementation of this important equipment. Thank you in advance for conveying my support to the Police Commission.

Respectfully,

Caden Gray
San Francisco

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:47 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: Hotel Council Support for Conducted energy device (CED)

Dear San Francisco Police Commission,

On behalf of the Hotel Council of San Francisco and our Board of Directors, I am writing in full support of the SFPD being approved to use Conducted Energy Devices (CED). Our support is based on the following points:

1. Tasers decrease the risk of injuries to all involved (suspects/officers).
2. The Department of Justice has recommended their use and in their research this risk of injury is substantially decreased as a result of their use.
3. Other weapons are more likely to cause injuries and at this time, we are limited to those weapons.
4. Tasers are very much a part of de-escalation as in many cases, the mere fact a taser is present.
5. The SFPD is committed to a comprehensive policy and strong oversight.
6. The SFPD will provide intensive training to ensure all Department members issued a taser are thoroughly familiar with the policy.
7. There will be further oversight and accountability measures put in place when the Taser is used.

We encourage the Commission to approve the request from the SFPD to add the use of CED's to the options available to their officers.

Thank you

Kevin



Kevin Carroll
Executive Director
[Hotel Council of San Francisco](#)
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:46 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: Taser Email

Commander David Lazar
Community Engagement Division
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Union Square BID stakeholders to urge you to allow the SFPD officers to carry Conductive Energy Devices or tasers.

We provide public safety services in the Union Square area through an Ambassador Program that provides "eyes and ears" for the police. We support the police

having the tools and resources that they need to provide public safety to the area and be able to back up our staff, employees and visitors when they call. This includes

tasers.

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We understand that tasers can also assist in de-escalation by the mere fact of a taser being present. With the proper training, oversight and accountability tasers will be an important tool to keep our communities safer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karin Flood



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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:45 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: Taser Email

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From: Teresa Lai [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 7:59 AM
To: Tom, Garret (POL)
Subject: Re: Request for Taser Letter to the Police Commission

Dear Deputy Chief Garret Tom (Ret.)

Many members of the ACICEC (American Chinese International Cultural Exchange Council) are resident of San Francisco and I want to express our support for SF Police Officers to carry tasers as a less lethal option. We belief that every law enforcement organization in SF, including BART and SF Sheriff Department Officers carries tasers. Certain studies have concluded that 75,000 lives may have been saved because of tasers and that it has resulted in a 60% reduction in injuries to suspects and police officers. For these and other reasons, we support this action.

Please convey our support for this action to the Police Commission.
Thank you,

Teresa Lai
Founder and CEO, ACICEC



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October 12, 2017

San Francisco Police Commission
San Francisco Police Headquarters
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Commissioners;

We support Tasers so that potentially violent confrontations can be brought to a relatively safe conclusion. 36% of The City's population is Asian Americans some of whom are not English proficient and it will probably be helpful if the SFPD are equipped with a safer means of dealing with highly charged emotional situations such as domestic violence without the use of deadly force.

Sincerely,

Rudy Asercion
Chief Executive Officer
Northern California Region

The National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) is a private, non-profit tax-exempt organization established in 1997 to promote the active participation of Filipino Americans in civic and national affairs. NaFFAA is the largest national affiliation of Filipino American institutions, organizations and individuals. Its thirteen-member regions cover the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, the Marianas Islands, and American Samoa. NaFFAA partners with local affiliate organizations and national coalitions in monitoring legislation and public policy issues affecting Filipino Americans and advocating for issues of common concern.

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:43 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: Taser Letter

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From: Jeffrey B Snipes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Tom, Garret (POL)
Subject: RE: Request for Taser Letter to the Police Commission

To the San Francisco Police Commission:

Over the years I have had dozens of my criminal justice students ask why the SFPD does not have access to TASER technology. Of these, quite a few have devoted their senior thesis to studying the issue. All have concluded, as I and virtually every academic in my field have, that when officers are trained adequately in this method for handling combative persons, that it is a no-brainer. TASERS save lives, and they could save the lives of San Franciscans. Let's face it: San Francisco is behind the times on this, and has been for an inexcusably long period.

Sincerely,

Jeff Snipes, J.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Criminal Justice Studies
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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 9:41 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; sonia.melara@sfgov.org.
Subject: Taser Letter

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From: wilma pang [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Tom, Garret (POL)
Subject: Re: Request for Taser Letter to the Police Commission

My name is Wilma Pang and I am a resident of Chinatown. I firmly support using Tasers. It is safer and it can save lives.

Wilma Pang
[REDACTED]
San Francisco, CA. [REDACTED]

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: SFPalladin <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2017 6:06 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: "Tasers"

Dear Risa -

Would you please distribute this message to the Commissioners-

Thank you.

Greg

Dear Commissioners:

No doubt you read about the tragic death of Scout Shultz a brilliant, but troubled, young woman who committed what we have sadly come to call "Suicide by cop" Immediately after the tragic death the cry went out "why didn't the police use tasers?" The answer came quickly that the Georgia Tech Police don't have electronic control devices (ECD's)

All the research on ECD's makes it clear that while they are not a perfect solution to people in crisis confronting the police with non-gun weapons, on balance they save lives.

The current proposal is arguably the most conservative of any department in the nation. It would only equip about 5% of officers with ECD's and allow their use *only* as a last resort before shooting a person armed with a blunt or edged weapon. The policy is more restrictive than the model developed by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF.) A PERF study of ECD incidents and other literature show that the deaths which have occurred after ECW use have primarily been caused by multiple or overly long bursts; multiple officers applying ECW's on the same individual, or when used in the "stun drive" mode, causing electric shock pain as opposed to the neural disruption when the darts attach. *All of these are prohibited by the proposed San Francisco policy.*

We all know that ECD's are not always effective but chemical spray, beanbag rounds and batons sometimes fail too, especially with those in crisis having an altered state of consciousness. I would stress however that when properly used they have saved lives. The SF Chronicle's interactive graphic of the Idriss Stelly shooting years ago, suggests there were several opportunities where batons and chemical spray failed and an ECD might have been deployed before there was any gunfire.

There is a saying, attributed to a number of historical figures that "perfect is the enemy of good enough" If just one life in San Francisco is saved by ECD's it will have been "good enough"

Respectfully

Greg Smith

[REDACTED]
San Francisco, CA [REDACTED]

Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Lazar, David (POL)
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2017 7:29 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Cc: Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)
Subject: Taser Letter to the Police Commission

Commander David Lazar
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From: Karin Flood <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:47 PM
To: Tom, Garret (POL); Lazar, David (POL)
Subject: RE: Request for Taser Letter to the Police Commission

Dear Commissioners:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karin Flood



Karin Flood

Executive Director

Union Square Business Improvement District

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San Francisco, CA [REDACTED]

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Todd at Craftsmanship [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, October 27, 2017 1:59 PM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: for Robert Hirsch

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Hirsch,

I am writing to register my opinion on your upcoming vote on the use of tasers, or stun guns. I know there is constant debate on the virtue or demerits of these devices. (See [this round-up](#) for example.) But I think the bottom line is this: For every unfortunate situation caused by a taser, think of what would have happened if the officer had used a gun instead. The suspect would have been at least badly wounded, and perhaps killed. For that matter, even with the rare taser deaths, it's clear that some of those are from intense taser use—so if a gun had been used instead, death almost certainly would have resulted as well.

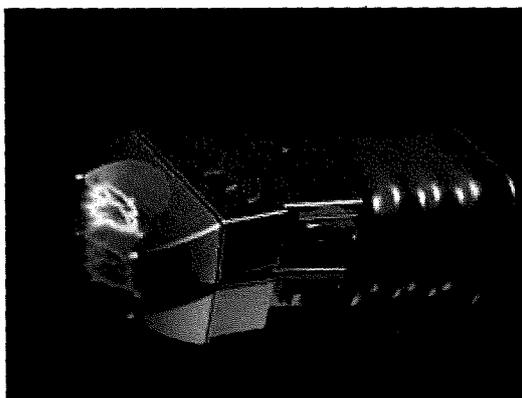
In the end, why not give a police officer a chance to make a non-lethal mistake, instead of a lethal one? Please, please, vote to approve San Francisco's adoption of this long overdue tool.

Sincerely,

Todd Oppenheimer
Editor & Publisher
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San Francisco, Calif. [REDACTED]
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Tasers Pros and Cons



The debate over the pros and cons of tasers has always heated up whenever there has been a taser death. The following article deals with the positives and negatives in detail.



Taser guns are electroshock weapons that temporarily incapacitate the neuromuscular transmission, disrupting voluntary muscle control. Tasers are used worldwide; some consider them as firearms, safe police or self-defense weapons, while others as harmful killers. Taser is the registered trademark of manufacturer Taser International, and is actually an acronym that stands for *Thomas A. Swift's Electric Rifle*. It is a gun that stuns people by stimulating the sensory and motor nerves to produce strong involuntary muscle contractions. In the field of stun guns, tasers are preferred by law enforcement officers, because they do not rely on pain compliance only (unless used in the 'drive stun' mode). Although they were introduced as safe, nonlethal weapons for self-defense, law enforcement, and to control fleeing or aggressive felons, they hit controversy when they resulted in deaths and severe injuries. Let us first know something more about these guns, before we move on to its pros and cons.

Views 'Against' Tasers

Though these guns are meant to temporarily control aggressive or hyper people, there are concerns that their usage can amount to torture. Below are some general views and the legality of their use in various parts of the world.

- Amnesty International has taken a stand that the use of tasers amounts to "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, which is absolutely prohibited under international law", because they have received many cases on the issue.
- After they were used to control the anti-globalization protests, the German non-government organization, Medico International's Thomas Gebauer, gave the following statement. He stated that nonlethal weapons are symbolic of "the growing repressive character of European and North American Governments". He further said, "The aim of these weapons is to guarantee social borders, to install perennial control of movements, to restrict democracy."
- The United Nations committee against Torture gave the following report on the use of tasers: "The committee was worried that the use of TaserX26 weapons, provoking extreme pain, constituted a form of torture, and that in certain cases, it could also cause death, as shown by reliable studies, and certain cases that had happened after practical use."

Views 'For' Tasers

They have some supporters too.

- The Chairman Tom Smith has this to say in taser's defense, "Pepper spray goes on for hours and hours, hitting someone with a baton breaks limbs, shooting someone with a firearm causes permanent damage, even punching and kicking - the intent of those tools is to inflict pain ... with the taser, the intent is not to inflict pain; it is to end the confrontation. When it's over, it's over."
- The police force generally finds it a better weapon than guns and batons. Regarding all the death controversies, the police departments have a counterargument. They say that all their in-custody deaths cannot be classified as taser deaths, as they could have been caused by other traditional police impact weapons as well.

- There are many instances of the usefulness of these guns. For example, the Greek Police Special Forces used them to end the A310 Turkish Airline hijacking at Athens International Airport in March 2003.

Pros and Cons

The pros have not been segregated from the cons in this subsection, as there is a very thin line between the good and the bad. If the specific purpose for which they are used is achieved, these are arguments in favor of tasers. However, if something goes wrong, and the same thing is overly compensated, the same advantages turn into drawbacks.

- Taser guns can stun a subject from about 10.6 meters away, with a jolt of electricity. Law enforcement officers praise them for being able to do so from such a distance, and succeeding in rendering the fleeing subject temporarily immobile.
- Though these guns are not considered as firearms in many places, Taser International makes it a point not to export them anywhere without the importer having a registered license to do so. Even then, they try to restrict sales outside the law enforcement arena.
- Though taser guns are meant for controlling potential threats without killing them, their use has indeed resulted in many deaths, further giving rise to many controversies. In reply to so many deaths, Taser International accepts no blame saying that about 100,000 officers subjected themselves to taser shocks voluntarily, without coming to any harm. They claim that the deaths are due to irresponsible usage of the taser guns and not due to the guns itself.
- Though capable of passing a 50,000 volts current through the victim's body, most guns generally pass only about 1500 volts. Though this is not harmful for a normal, healthy human, a person with an artificial pacemaker may suffer serious consequences, and sometimes even death. In fact, an American study states that sometimes even weaker jolts can lead to cardiac arrests, especially if the victim suffers from heart problems.

- It is very easy to count the problems, when counted in the number of deaths. However, people hardly notice the number of people who have recovered from taser shocks. Many more people have received lasting gifts from the taser gun, and these are far more in numbers than those that have died. Also, the use of these guns eliminates the risk of people dying of stray bullets in a crossfire.
- Amnesty International Canada agrees that most taser deaths may have happened due to their improper usage. Since the officers feel that they are harmless, they may be increasingly tempted to use them frequently. Unless usage discretion is properly determined, taser guns can indeed lead to deaths.
- Stun guns, like tasers, are preferred by officers simply for their ease of use, better user control, and lesser danger to both, the officer and the target. If they are used after properly warning that if the target does not calm down, a taser gun shall be used against him, they could stand a better chance of achieving a safe end result.
- Some clinical experiments were conducted by the Cook County Hospital in Chicago to reach a conclusive report on tasers. Scientists stunned 11 pigs with the taser guns for about two hours, for two periods of 40 seconds each after every 15 second interval (Poor pigs!). All animals suffered heart rhythm problems and two died within three minutes of receiving the electricity jolt. Taser International claims that the study findings do not apply to humans, as the pigs weigh lesser. Also, they are supposed to be used with personal control. It is not expected that an officer will stun someone repeatedly for two hours, after every 15 second interval, just to keep him subdued.

There is no easy answer to this debate on the tasers' pros and cons, because it all depends on how they are used. Even a good thing can become a curse on humanity if not used wisely and with great care. So are taser guns good or bad? The answer depends on who is holding the gun, and who is being aimed at. Personally, of course no one would want to encounter one!

 Sayali Bedekar Patil  Last Updated: July 31, 2016

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Michael Fu [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 9:48 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Fwd: [mccoppin] Meeting about police use of tasers

Dear Commissioner,

I support the use of Tasers. I have lived in the SOMA district 4 years with my wife and often times feel unsafe, given the homeless, drug needles, crazy people, etc. surrounding our area. Often times, nothing can be done to help the situation and tax paying citizens are left to fend for themselves ie: our neighbors all chipped in to install planters on Stevenson Street to dissuade tents, i had to confront a homeless guy that kept saying aggressive things to my wife, etc.).

Any increase in police efforts that helps implement the law to those that choose not to abide by it, i fully support.

Best,
Michael Fu
[REDACTED]
SF, CA [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Susan Parker [REDACTED] [mccoppin] [REDACTED]
Date: Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 8:53 AM
Subject: [mccoppin] Meeting about police use of tasers
To: mccoppin neighborhoodwatch <mccoppin@yahoogroups.com>, brady neighborhoodwatch <bradyneighbors@yahoogroups.com>

This Friday, November 3, the Police Commission will vote on whether to approve a new policy for the use of Conductive Energy Devices ("Tasers") by the SF police department.

If you have not yet written in, there is still time to send a brief email to the Police Commission (sfpd.commission@sfgov.org).

You are invited to both write in and attend the meeting. The meeting will be lengthy and some details are still being finalized, such as meeting room assignment.

Police Commission Meeting

Friday, November 3, 2017

5:00 pm

City Hall

Meeting Room (TBA)

Entrances to City Hall:

Van Ness: closes at 5 pm

Polk St: closes at 8 pm

Grove St: Although this is technically a City & County employee entrance, and the meeting may run past 8 pm, if you're pleasant to the Sheriff's security detail, they will most likely allow you to enter through this entrance. Upon entering, you would go straight ahead until you see the stairs and then make a right to the elevators. The meeting will most likely be held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room.

The police have also been kind enough to offer escorts to and from BART/MUNI underground stations/bus stops. The expected drop off/pick up stop will be the Hyde & Market (NE corner) alongside the Orpheum. There you can go down the steps in front of the theater and take either BART or the underground metro. If you need to be escorted to a bus stop, that's okay too. This may be enacted simply by your speaking up when you are ready to depart as well our giving you the best point of onsite contact for this.

Posted by: Susan Parker 

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Tom, Risa (POL)

From: Edmund Cota [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 1:05 AM
To: SFPD, Commission (POL)
Subject: Implementation of CEDs (Tasers) for SFPD

Commissosners,

I am writing to voice my **support** for the implemantation of CEDs (Tasers) for SFPD personnel.

I am a retired lieutenant from SFPD and spent my entire career on the street. I worked for SFPD for 31 years and always worked in the Field Operations Bureau. With the exception of 5 years assigned to the Tactical Company/SWAT, all of my service was at district stations as a patrol officer, sergeant and lieutenant. I served 17 years a lieutenant. With the exception of time served at Park Station, all of my assignments were at "downtown stations"; Northern, Tenderloin Task Force, Tenderloin Station, Central Station and the Tactical Company/SWAT. I also served 18 months as the Night, Supervising Captain.

As you can imagine, in my various capacities I have investigated multiple use of force investigations, including the initial phases of the investigation of officer involved shootings. I have been involved in 2 officer involved shootings myself and fully support the use of CEDs by trained, SFPD officers.

CED's provide a compatible tool with the current de-escalation techniques in play under the revised General Order (5.01). As with all use of force incidents, the officer MUST follow the guidelines addressed in 5.01 or face discipline. Training and maintenance training are key to a successful program.

I know those opposed to CEDs will state that CEDs cause deaths. Statistically, deaths from CEDs are extremely rare and those deaths are usually include an associated factor such as the use of drugs or a pre-existing medical condition(s). Any loss of life is tragic. I believe that the implementation of a CED program is the best option available for reducing the use of LETHAL force. As an aside, the implementation of a CED program will also reduce the number of injuries to officers thereby reducing Worker's Comp claims and of course keep station staffing levels higher and allow the officers more time to interact with the communities they serve. From a City budget perspective, the potential of the reduction of wrongful death settlements from the use of deadly force should be reduced as the officers will have an intermedate tool that will eliminate going from pepper spray, to baton and then the use of LETHAL force. I believe the DOJ Report also recommended the use of CEDs as a force option.

From what I have seen in person, read in the newspaper or seen on TV news programs, those opposed to the implemantation of a CED program do not generally represent the the City as a whole. Community meetings and stake holder group meetings about CEDs has opposition groups comprised of organized advocacy lawyers and groups that state no facts and shout down their opponents by shouting them down instead of having an open, fact based discussion regarding the pluses and minuses of CEDs. Just review some of the videos from Polce Commission meetings where CEDs were on the agenda to determine for youselves if my statements is true.

The only portion of the current CED proposal that I oppose is that only Crisis Intervention Trained officers will be issued the CEDs if the plan is passed. I know from personal experience that situations change in a blink of an eye. The possibility of having to wait for a CIT trained officer to arrive on scene with a CED may force a use of lethal force by a non CIT officer. Test and evaluate this carefully if implemented.

Despite my opposition to issuing the CEDs to only CIT trained officers if passed, **I URGE YOU TO IMPLEMENT CEDs FOR MEMBERS OF THE SFPD AS SOON AS IS POSSIBLE.**

Lt. Ed Cota (Ret) #357