

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Tony Kiehn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 2:15 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Support for implementing CEDs and using them by San Francisco Police Department

Dear SFPD Commissioner / Commission

As a citizen of OVER 20 years in this city, a business owner, TAX PAYER, husband, community leader, and father of two children, i urge you to implement / approve the use of CEDs for all our fine women and men police officers.

If you are like me and have notice the increase of crime (petty and more serious crimes), it's time to help our police with another form of deterrent for these criminals.

I have read the Police Chief Scott's summary and position on CEDs and could not agree more with his two main points:

- 1) CEDs help in de-escalating situations that could otherwise escalate and require officers to use a higher level of force.
- 2) They have a duty to reduce injuries to citizens, residents, and officers when we use force. Much of the research indicates CEDs accomplish that task.

I also travel regularly to Europe and Asia and know that CEDs are used in many situations and are effective.

PLEASE, I urge you to implement CEDs for the officers of the San Francisco Police Department.

Regards from a community leader, business owner, and concerned citizens of San Francisco.

Richmond / District 1 Resident,

Tony Kiehn  
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November 2, 2017

**TO:** SF Police Commission

**FROM:** Dr. Andre Bolaffi

**RE: Conductive Energy Devices (CEDs)**

This brief memorandum is to express my support for the issuance and use of CEDs commonly known as... "Tasers" by our SFPD officers.

By way of brief background, my wife and I have lived in the Western Addition neighborhood of our city for the past 32 years. My wife was, for many years, President of WANA (Western Addition Neighborhood Association).

This is a very important "life or death" matter for both our police officers and for the citizenry they serve. I do not take this subject lightly. In my experience, I have lived in many major cities in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East and have seen many police departments in action. From my perspective we have the finest, brightest, most responsive and most responsible police officers bar none. These dedicated men and women must have your authorization to carry CEDs.



My recommended view is based on three findings:

- a. Tasers-are less lethal weapons when used to help control aggressive behavior.
- b. Tasers - have led to fewer officers' involved shootings.
- c. Tasers - are options in reducing injury to both police officers and the public.

I strongly urge you to authorize the SFPD officers to carry CEDs.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Andre Bolaffi

  
San Francisco, CA 

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**From:** Tucker Noia <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 11:19 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

### **Dear Commissioners,**

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With hope,

Tucker Noia  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Mary Madden <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 12:03 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Tasers kill and torture. Say NO to Tasers in San Francisco.

With hope,

Mary Madden  
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**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 7:52 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Issuing tasers to the SFPD

President Julius Turman and the San Francisco Police Commission;

On Friday November 3, 2017 the Commission will vote on whether or not to allow the SFPD to issue Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers) to members of the department. I strongly urge a "Yes" vote on this issue. This will be another tool that officer's will have at their disposal when dealing with combative subjects. It will be safer for both the citizen and officer involved. Every major police department in the country has access to these tools. Look at the statistics with regard to their use and results. Thank you for your consideration.

Frank Lee  
San Francisco, Ca

## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Sara Breckenridge <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 5:10 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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With hope,

Sara Breckenridge  
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**From:** Allie Khorl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** NO Tasers for SFPD!

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the use of Tasers in San Francisco.

Tasers are still lethal, and thinking that they are not gives rise to their overuse. There is no way for police to assess the person's medical history to see if the taser is safe to use, and police are not medical personnel - they cannot respond adequately if there is a medical emergency of that caliber.

My tax dollars should be going to job, housing and addiction recovery programs, not tasers.

Use policing tactics that actually make us safer! Community policing! Transparency!

Please do not approve the use of tasers in San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Alexandria A Kirchhoff Corrie

[REDACTED]  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Stephanie Kane <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:50 PM  
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I oppose the further militarization of the police force. Tasers are deadly weapons, and resources should not be allocated to supplying them to the SFPD.

With hope,

Stephanie Kane  
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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:49 PM  
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**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Jennifer Jean Roche [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 11:28 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Support for SFPD CED Policy

Dear SF Police Commission,

I am writing in support of the Commission approving the use and training of CEDs by the SFPD as a non-lethal use of force option for our police officers. I trust the department will provide more than adequate training on their use.

Please approve this policy so that our officers may have full use of the tools of their trade, and not only keep our citizens safer but also our officers as well.

Thanks so much,

Jennifer

Jennifer J Roche  
[REDACTED]

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Kat Dennis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 5:27 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** NO TASERS

SF Police Commission and Chief Scott,

We strongly oppose the use of tasers (CEDs), as they are a dangerous weapon that is most always used incorrectly and unnecessarily in many situations. The damage that a taser may cause on a person could be life-threatening or even lethal (depending on pre-existing conditions or the overall health of the tasered individual). Electrical shocks from tasers can cause irregular heart rhythms, and, in some cases, send people into cardiac arrest. I hope you will take action to prevent the use of tasers in your department.

Thank you

Tom, Risa (POL)

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**From:** Becky Mer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 7:22 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Opposing Tasers

Dear SF Police Commissioners and Chief Scott -

I am writing in advance of this evening's vote to ask that you **oppose the use of TASERS (CEDs)** in San Francisco. As a long-time harm reduction volunteer in the Tenderloin with homeless adults, I oppose the use of TASERS in the interest of community safety.

Thank you,  
Becky Mer

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** John Cremer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 7:55 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Tasers

Dear Commissioners,

The idea of using Tasers as an alternative to firearms does not make sense. These devices are deployed along the lines of night sticks, that is, in close quarters against an unarmed or lightly armed belligerent. The problem is that Tasers kill people randomly, where nightsticks can mess you up, they rarely stop a heart or result in fatality, and there is no way for officers to ascertain a target's medical condition prior to using the device.

Tasers are easier for officers to deploy and can totally immobilize a target from 10 ft away. That is probably why the police want them -- makes their job safer (for them) and easier. The big problem is that Tasers can and do result in death more often than is realized, and more often than the city of San Francisco can afford to pay out the resultant settlements to grieving families.

Time, Distance and De-escalation; that is the direction in which we need police training to go.

Thank you,

*John Cremer*

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Caitlin Redpath [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 8:51 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Tasers!

Good morning,

I am writing to ask you to please vote against arming San Francisco Police Officers with Tasers. They are a weapon that can be deadly, particularly to those having mental health crises, and studies show that they actually INCREASE police shootings. As someone who has lived in the Tenderloin for 13 years, I want to see my neighbors of all walks of life thrive and flourish; instead of investing in Tasers, we should be investing in outreach and mental health services, and training in de-escalation tactics - NOT more weapons.

Thank you,  
Caitlin Redpath

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Terrrie Frye [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Tasers

Dear Commissioners,

It has been proven that tasers can kill, and also that they are being used on children.

Please do not allow this weapon in the SFPD.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Terrrie Frye  
[REDACTED]

SF, CA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Due to recent budget cuts, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

## Tom, Risa (POL)

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**From:** Lisa Windes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 10:21 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** NO TASERS

Here are just a few of the reasons why the SFPD getting tasers would be a huge mistake. I strongly urge you to vote NO on the SFPD getting tasers. Please listen to community members.

### Tasers increase police shootings

Taser use by police actually increases the rate of fatal shootings. A 2009 UCSF study found that fatal shootings by police more than double in the first year after police departments adopt Tasers. In the following years, the number of shootings decreases, but still stays above what it had been before Tasers were introduced.

### Tasers do not replace deadly force

Many proponents assume that Tasers would replace the use of gun. This is simply not the case, nor is it what the weapon is designed for. In those cases that deadly force is justified, neither the manufacturer of Tasers nor any police department in the country recommends the use of Tasers. The reason is simple – using a weapon as unreliable as this one would jeopardize officer safety.

### Tasers can kill

This is especially true for vulnerable people such as those with mental illnesses. In fact, in the first year after Tasers get implemented sudden deaths in custody increase more than 500%. The number of sudden deaths in custody remains 155% of what it had been for years after the Tasers are introduced. (UCSF, 2009). Reuters documented 1,005 incidents in the United States in which people died after police stunned them with Tasers, nearly all since the early 2000s.

### Tasers are not cost effective

The cost is \$10,000 per year per Taser, for a weapon that will likely be rarely used. Meanwhile, there are other interventions that would help officers every day, every moment, such as and hand held devices containing data that give officers life-saving information about suspects.

### Tasers would hurt efforts to implement time and distance instead of force

SFPD is currently going through a process of training officers to use time, distance and de-escalation tactics instead of command and control. This is a huge undertaking that will require officers to relearn their muscle memory. Most of the controversial police shootings in SF have involved a sharp-edged weapon. The guidelines for police who are engaging with people with sharp-edged weapons instruct officers to stay back at least 21 feet. The Taser weapon requires individuals to move in as close as 7 feet for the probes to penetrate. Introducing a new weapon at this time sends a confusing message – Use Force/Don't Use Force.

### Tasers put officers at risk because they are ineffective

LAPD officers fired Tasers just over 1,100 times the previous year according to a department report published in March, 2016. The devices had the desired outcome — causing someone to submit to arrest — only 53% of the time.. A LA Times review of department statements and reports found that nearly a quarter of the people shot by on-duty LAPD officers the previous year — at least eight of 36 — were wounded or killed during encounters in which officers said they tried to use a Taser without success

### There are not adequate independent studies of safety

Most of the research that claims Tasers are safe was commissioned by Axon/Taser International (the company that sells Tasers), and/or were tests done on healthy adults. There is a great deal of evidence that Tasers are very unsafe. For example, Tasers cannot be used safely on youth, small stature people, individuals with heart conditions, the elderly, pregnant women, or individuals on a host of medications. Should a Taser be used, an ambulance must be called, and Officers must have defibrillators in their cars, and be trained how to use them. Medical personnel must remove the Taser probes.

### Tasers are weapons, not "devices"

The SFPD's draft policy calls Tasers "devices." Calling them a "device" minimizes that they are weapons that can cause death or serious injury. The International Association of Police Officers, the Police Executive Research Forum

and agencies such as the Oakland Police Department, Seattle Police Department, Memphis Police Department and BART Police Department call Tasers Conducted Electronic Weapons.

Tasers would undermine work to reduce deaths of people in psychiatric crisis and it has not been fully implemented. In 2012, the San Francisco Police Commission unanimously adopted a very successful model for dealing with psychiatric crisis called Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). The Department has not seen CIT through and given it a chance to work.

Tasers are a danger to people in behavioral health crisis

According to a recent Reuters Report, A quarter of the people who died from Tasers were suffering from a mental health breakdown or neurological disorder. In nine of every 10 incidents, the deceased was unarmed. More than 100 of the fatal encounters began with a 911 call for help during a medical emergency.

Tasers have a disproportionate impact on people of color

Research shows that Tasers are more likely to be used against people of color, particularly African Americans. This population is also at greater risk of serious injury and death from Taser use. The Baltimore Sun analyzed data on statewide Taser incidents between 2012-2014 and found that out of nearly 3,000 Taser uses, 64 percent of those hit by the stun guns were black men, and nearly 60 percent of those hit by Tasers were described as "non-compliant and non-threatening" (i.e. officers often turned to Tasers before exhausting less forceful means). A 2015 study of Taser use by Central Connecticut State University looked at State Police and 90 municipal police departments found that out of 610 Taser incidents, minority persons accounted for 53% of all Taser incidents (whites accounted for 48%). Although black and Hispanic persons involved in reported Taser incidents were more likely to be Tased, black and Hispanic persons were less likely than whites to be armed.

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Andrew Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Police Dept Tasers

Dear Chairman Turman, Police Commissioners,

I would urge the commission to approve the equipping of trained police officers with Taser devices for many reasons. Mainly it seems an obvious idea to have an alternative to the use of regular guns if the goal is to apprehend dangerous criminals without killing them or causing great injury. Without Tasers the result will be more dead suspects or less protection for the public as these suspects are left at large. Of course if the goal is to not apprehend criminals then by all means deny Tasers and also take away Officers' regular guns as well so they can stay at a safe distance from harm.

Officers deserve the ability to protect themselves while serving the public - manual weapons such as batons and pepper are dangerous for the officers to deploy and many of them get hurt which is expensive for the public as well as affecting the PD's ability to have officers on the street.

Permanent injuries to suspects from Tasers are very rare and are usually related to other medical issues, often drug-related.

I believe that you have not heard, at your commission meetings, from a representative set of stakeholders, only from those who shout the loudest. I think it is important that you hear from, and heed, the huge majority of regular citizens like myself, not paid lobbyists or trouble-makers, who deserve the best protection from criminal elements that our tax-dollars can buy.

Please allow SFPD officers to carry and use Taser devices.

Andrew Smith  
San Francisco, CA

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** John Zwolinski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 9:05 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Cc:** TaravalCPAB@yahoogroups.com  
**Subject:** In Support of CEDs

Dear SFPD Police Commissioners,

I am writing you to emphatically express my support for the introduction and implementation for the use of CEDs by SFPD. Every other major US metropolitan police department has this non-lethal option at its disposal; it's frankly ridiculous that we are spinning our wheels here on this issue.

Thank you, and most sincerely,

John Zwolinski  
Co-Chair, Taraval Station CPAB

## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Dawn Noelle Smith Beutler <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 8:16 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

**Dear Commissioners,**

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After reading Called to Rise by former Dallas Police Chief, David O. Brown, my main concern with Tasers for SFPD is the lack of accountability. Chief Brown implemented the use of TASERS within the Dallas PD as a part of sweeping reforms, but he also fired officers who used excessive force.

There is great irony that Alex Nieto's possession of this "less than lethal" option is what justified riddling his body with 16 bullets, and firing at him a total of 59 times.

The longer I am a part of the Community Policing Reform working group, the more I am convinced that ACCOUNTABILITY should be the number one priority in SFPD reform! Thank you for your time.

Dawn Noelle Smith Beutler  
Family Literacy Facilitator & Member of Church of the Sojourners

With hope,

Dawn Noelle Smith Beutler  
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## Tom, Risa (POL)

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**From:** Charles Head [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 2:17 PM  
**To:** Chris Bricker  
**Cc:** Marc Christensen; SFPD, Commission (POL); Taraval CPAB  
**Subject:** Re: TaravalCPAB - In Support of CEDs

I and my wife as well are in favor of using CED's whenever feasible as an alternative to lethal force...

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 1, 2017, at 11:36 AM, Chris Bricker [REDACTED] [TaravalCPAB] <[TaravalCPAB-noreply@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TaravalCPAB-noreply@yahoogroups.com)> wrote:

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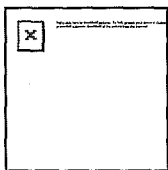
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Thank you for your service to the City,  
Marc Christensen, member  
Taraval CPAB

Posted by: Chris Bricker [REDACTED]

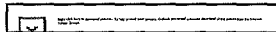
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Phillip Thompson <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 2:09 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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I'm writing to request that you vote "NO" on the proposal to allow SFPD officers to carry TASERs.

With hope,

Phillip Thompson  
94117

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**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 12:14 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Housing Rights Committee Says NO to Tasers

Dearest Chief and Commissioners,

I am writing to express our opposition to Tasers. Our city is home to many people who are vulnerable to the negative impacts of this weapon; we are in the middle of a public health crisis, our unhoused neighbors are disproportionately African American and at least one-third of the population suffers from mental illness, addictive disorders or both. In addition, as our people are forced to live outdoors due to their destitution, they come in constant police contact.

An Electronic Controlled Weapon may seem more humane than a bullet but Tasers will not replace guns in the hands of our officers – as they are not to be used in situations that the department defines as requiring lethal force. Tasers are intermediate force weapons, and this weapon would instead replace mace and batons with a more dangerous weapon. In other cities, 90% of the 1,000 people killed by Tasers were unarmed and many were in the throes of a mental crisis. In cities around California, officer involved fatalities increased after these weapons were introduced.

Our officers need the tools to respond to situations effectively without harming public trust or the members of the public themselves. These tools include crisis intervention teams, training in de-escalation and the use of time and distance when dealing with the public. Introducing a new weapon is the opposite directions.

Of the last five officers involved fatalities that have taken place in San Francisco, four of the individuals were homeless. I fear that if SFPD is given these new weapons that the most vulnerable amongst us will be the ones harmed.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to oppose this policy. Say no to Tasers

Sincerely,

Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco

## Tom, Risa (POL)

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**To:** Marc Christensen  
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Thank you for your service to the City,

Marc Christensen, member

Taraval CPAB

Posted by: Marc Christensen <[REDACTED]>

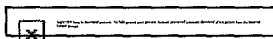
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Tom, Risa (POL)

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**From:** Randy Borcharding [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Tazer approval

To: Julius Turman, President, and Police Commission members

As a long-time resident and homeowner in San Francisco, I urge you to approve an authorization for the San Francisco Police Department to use tazers as an additional crime-fighting tool.

As I understand the proposal, only trained crisis intervention officers will be authorized to use them thus limiting widespread department use. Tazers are a valuable and necessary tool for de-escalation in crisis situations and the best option to decrease the use of lethal force in policing. To most people this seems obvious.

Opponents often cite fatalities in the use of tazers as a reason not to use them but that is a false argument because deaths are rare and mostly associated with pre-existing medical conditions of the crime subject.

Ordinary citizens are concerned about crime in San Francisco and wonder why the city does not use tazers as a law enforcement tool as do many other jurisdictions. Organized activist opponents of tazers should not be given the sole voice before the Commission on this issue.

Vote to authorize tazers!

Respectfully,  
Randall P. Borcharding

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Troy Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 10:01 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** FWCBD Support for Conductive Energy Devices

Good Morning Commissioners,

I would like to take the time today to let you know that the Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District supports a yes vote for allowing SFPD the ability to use Conductive Energy Devices.

We believe that this non-lethal device is an essential item for SFPD Officers to have in their tool box in subduing suspects where a baton is useless and lethal force unnecessary. Please take our opinions into account when making your decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Troy Campbell

**Troy Campbell | Executive Director**  
**Fisherman's Wharf Community Benefit District**

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Kevin Bard <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 9:30 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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The United Nations Committee on Torture lists tasers as torturous. They have no place in San Francisco!!!!

With hope,

Kevin Bard  
94114

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West Portal Merchants Association

October 31, 2017

San Francisco Police Commission  
San Francisco Police Headquarters  
1245 Third Street  
San Francisco, CA 94158

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to you on behalf of the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations to say that we support the use of Tasers by the San Francisco Police.

Statistics show that Tasers are much less lethal than firearms and in many cases where people die from use of Tasers it is due to a person's health and possible drug use.

Unlike Tasers the use of firearms the majority of the time result in fatalities.

In many cases the individuals that police have to restrain are not violent criminals but have situations, such as family disputes or are drug addicts, and in many cases can be provided with help to lead a productive life.

By having a Taser in the tool box officers will have the option to use firearms only when the need arises and thus in the majority of cases there will be substantial lives saved.

I believe that the SFPD is the only law agency in the Bay Area that is not equipped with Tasers which surely shows that these other law agencies would not be using Tasers were it to be proven as more lethal than firearms.

We urge you to allow the equipping of the SFPD with Tasers.

Sincerely,

Henry Karnilowicz  
President

Cc:

The Honorable Edwin M. Lee - Mayor of San Francisco  
William "Bill" Scott - Chief of Police  
Garret Tom - Retired Deputy Chief  
David Lazar - Commander

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Lazar, David (POL)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:50 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL); Kilshaw, Rachael (POL); Walsh, Peter; Melara, Sonia (POL)  
**Subject:** FW: SUPPORT for Conductive Energy Devices

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**From:** Diana Arsham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 12:34:55 PM  
**To:** [sfpd.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpd.commission@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT for Conductive Energy Devices

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As a long time resident of San Francisco, I fully support our San Francisco Police Department and without reservation want our officers to be equipped with all of the equipment to do their increasingly dangerous jobs.

Please let us use common sense in providing not only cameras but also CEDs for the safety of our officers as well as our citizens.

Hoping you will successfully win the approval for CEDs,

Yours truly,

Diana Arsham PhD  
[REDACTED]  
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**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Jane O'Donnell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Support for Taser

Good Afternoon,

I believe that our officers should be equipped with Tasers. I have attended a public meeting and believe that this is a far better alternative than a gun.

Please pass this agenda item. We need to support our police.

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Kindest regards,

Jane O'Donnell

## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Benjamin Paul <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 11:53 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Let's focus on de-escalation techniques and training to confront our racial biases. Adding another weapon of violence is not the way to go.

With hope,

Benjamin Paul  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 8:35 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
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With hope,

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We don't need tasers. They are ineffective and will increase use of force, primarily against people that are already marginalized.

With hope,

Matthew Pancia  
94114

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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Tasers are a solution in search of a problem. I would prefer to live in city where beat cops aren't armed at all, much less with potentially lethal weapons like tasers, or purposefully lethal weapons like guns. Do the work to prove why the police need to be armed and use your findings to reduce the causes of problems instead of counter-escalating them.

With hope,

Grant Stavely  
94110

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SFPD does not need another weapon, they need to build trust with the community. Equipping SFPD with TASERS will only serve to diminish relationships between law enforcement and our marginalized populations. Please focus on de-escalation training instead.

With hope,

Aditi Sherikar  
94107

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**From:** Diana Arsham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT for Conductive Energy Devices

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As a long time resident of San Francisco, I fully support our San Francisco Police Department and without reservation want our officers to be equipped with all of the equipment to do their increasingly dangerous jobs.

Please let us use common sense in providing not only cameras but also CEDs for the safety of our officers as well as our citizens.

Hoping you will successfully win the approval for CEDs,

Yours truly,

Diana Arsham PhD  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Rebecca Rogers [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 12:25 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** a new policy for the use of Conductive Energy Devices (CEDs) by the police department

I would like to express my personal support for a new policy to allow CED's be used by the San Francisco police department. I believe a non-lethal option for SFPD's use of force policy would be a very positive upgrade and could result in less reliance on firearms. This would be especially helpful when dealing with the mentally impaired. San Francisco needs this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rebecca Rogers

## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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Not safe for humans to use tasers. Please vote no.

With hope,

Bronwyn Barry  
94110

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As of July, most of the police force had not undergone deescalation training, yet the SFPD wants Tasers now? Just a few weeks ago, I witnessed an officer using unnecessary amounts of force against a homeless man out of anger. Tasers will only make things worse. Lets give deescalation a chance.

With hope,

Jesse Butterfield  
94109

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Preston  
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Please focus the budget on restorative justice and community engagement. No new weapons. Thank you.

With hope,

Judah Jamison  
94607

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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With hope,

Jessica Sexton  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 4:17 PM  
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I strongly oppose SFPD issuing police officers tasers.

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**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Don't approve tasers for SFPD

Dear Commissioners,

As a concerned citizen and one who has lived in this city her entire life, it concerns me that our police force is considering turning to a proven inadequate alternative to firearms in "deadly-force" circumstances, i.e. CEWs or tasers.

I am well aware of the increased property crime and muggings in my neighborhood and throughout the city. However, if priority is truly the "safeguarding of the life" of all — police, bystanders, and suspects — then non-lethal alternatives of negotiation and de-escalation must be emphasized over that of deadly force. In addition, the fact that in order for a taser to be effective one needs to be so close as seven feet, seems to negate any possible protection it would afford the officer deploying it.

I urge you to not approve, once and for all, the purchase and use of these at best ineffective and at worst potentially deadly "less lethal" weapons.

Sincerely,

Anne Batmale  
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San Francisco, CA [REDACTED]

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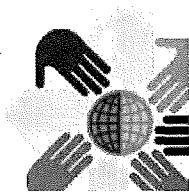
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**Barbara J. Attard**  
**Accountability Associates**

October 30, 2017

Dear President Turman and Members of the Police Commission,

I want to urge you to vote no on tasers on Friday. To authorize the purchase a new weapon that studies have shown will escalate force runs counter to the direction that the Commission has given to the SFPD in the new Use of Force General Orders.

Several Commissioners have mentioned that the 2011 US Department of Justice (DOJ) study is an important piece to consider in making the decision about purchasing tasers. After reviewing the study, I have some concerns and observations.

The DOJ study asserts that CEWs can reduce injuries to officers. Unfortunately, the study was conducted on older, possibly more powerful CEWs, yet the results were not uniform across all agencies that officer injuries decreased – in spite of the fact that the study relied on a small sample of six police departments and only 962 CEW uses. The report underscores the need for accurate and standard reporting of use of force – including injuries to suspects and officers. The study compares only hands-on control and pepper spray. It doesn't discuss time and distance, CIT or other measures to gain control.

Possibly because the DOJ study is now out of date, it conflicts with other reports on health risks and deaths to suspects. The study states that although both CEWs and pepper spray "cause pain, they reduce injuries, and according to current medical research, death or serious harm associated with their use is rare. In that sense, both are safe and similarly effective at reducing injuries." Pgs. 15-16.

The study falls short of definitive advisements against "continuous or repeated shocks. There may be circumstances in which repeated or continuous exposure is required, but law enforcement officers should be aware that the associated risks are unknown. Therefore, caution is urged in using multiple activations." Pg. 4. There is similar language regarding use on at-risk populations. **This language is clearly dated and wrong by today's standards.** Even taser's warnings clearly state, "*If a CEW deployment is ineffective in incapacitating a subject or achieving compliance consider alternative control measures in conjunction with or separate from the CEW.*"

The following is from an Op-ed that that I authored that was published in 48 Hills last week.

<https://48hills.org/2017/10/27/opinion-case-tasers/>

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I've heard many people – young and old – say that they'd rather be stunned than shot with a bullet. This is a logical response. Unfortunately it's based on misunderstandings about how conducted electrical weapons (CEWs) work.

Even the San Francisco Police Officers Association (POA) has repeatedly asserted after officer-involved shootings that SF police officers need CEWs to use as an alternative to guns. To be clear, CEWs cannot be substitutes for guns because there are inherent limitations in how they function that render them unreliable for being used in deadly force situations. Taser specifically states in its training materials, *"CEWs do NOT replace deadly-force options."* Most departments that have CEWs instruct officers NOT to use them in deadly force situations because they cannot be relied upon to stop a threat. Many factors can cause the CEW to be ineffective – how thick the person's clothing is, whether both probes hit the person, and whether the CEWs electrical charge captures enough muscle to incapacitate, to name a few. The law permits officers to use their firearms in deadly-force circumstances, which involve a threat of death or great bodily harm. The manufacturer's training materials advise officers that the optimal range for CEW deployment is seven to 15 feet. To use a CEW in a situation in which an individual is armed or violent or aggressive would require the officer to be just seven to 15 feet from the individual. Alarming, CEWs have been found to fail often, in fact the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) reported a 47% failure rate in 2015 .

The SFPD adopted a new Use of Force policy in December 2016 stating the commitment to accomplish the "mission with respect and minimal reliance on the use of force by using rapport-building communication, crisis intervention, and de-escalation tactics" including time and distance. Bringing in a weapon that requires officers to be within seven to 15 feet of an aggressive individual would undermine the tenets of the policy and the training that has been instituted. And, should the weapon fail, officers would be in jeopardy and would have no choice but to escalate to lethal force.

In considering adopting CEWs it is prudent to ask, "Have CEWs been shown to stop or reduce officer-involved shootings in other law enforcement agencies?" Recent reports from Los Angeles and San Jose, both cities that have deployed CEWs for many years, register significant numbers of officer-involved shootings. LAPD reports 34 officer-involved shootings to date in 2017, and San Jose registered its eighth officer-involved shooting in September. CEWs clearly do not prevent officers from using guns.

SFPD has had ongoing issues with disparate use of force, including deadly force, on persons of color. The findings of the DOJ Collaborative Reform Assessment of the SFPD and the Blue Ribbon Panel Report detail racial inequalities in many areas from stops, searches, and arrests, to officer-involved shootings.

San Francisco is not the only city with disproportionate use of force patterns. Other cities that have similar problems report disparities in officer-involved shootings as well as CEW use. For

example, a 2016 Chicago study documented that Chicago officers shot and used CEWs on African Americans at disturbing rates, and a Houston study reported that CEWs were used disproportionately on African Americans.

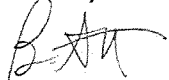
The question of CEW efficacy is further complicated by the fact that the weapon under consideration for purchase by SFPD at this time, the Taser x2, is a new model that has had very little study or research to verify its reliability. The City of Houston has had several incidents that raise serious questions about the Taser x2. A lawsuit filed this year by Houston Officer Karen Taylor after she was severely injured in a failed Taser x2 incident details how the newer CEWs, while possibly less dangerous to suspects than previous models, are more risky for officers because they are less effective. In one weekend in March, 2016, in three separate incidents Houston officers shot suspects after failed Taser x2 deployments.

Tragically, CEWs, the “less lethal” weapons, kill far too often. In a series published this past summer a Reuters Report examines 1,005 deaths since 2000 involving Tasers and states, “Many who die are among society’s vulnerable – unarmed, in psychological distress and seeking help.” In the city of San Jose alone there have been eight deaths after CEWs have been used – some linked to the CEWs, and some from other contributing factors. In all of the cases, use of the CEW did not result in safely taking a suspect into custody.

Would we support our city purchasing new, untested cars for employee use that reputedly fail nearly 50% of the time, that randomly kill people (particularly vulnerable populations and people of color) even when used as directed, and would certainly result in costly lawsuits? Of course not.

Before obtaining a new problematic weapon that would most likely be used disproportionately on people of color and vulnerable populations, the city and the SFPD must focus on de-escalation of force and ensuring that policing in San Francisco is equitable and fair and functions at the stated SFPD “highest priority (of) safeguarding the life, dignity and liberty of all persons.” SFPD General Order 5.01 Use of Force

Thank you for your consideration of my perspective on this issue,



Barbara Attard

cc: Mayor Ed Lee  
Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Chief William Scott  
Interim Director Paul Henderson

## Tom, Risa (POL)

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**From:** Daisy Quan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 10:51 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Say no to Tasers

Chief Scott  
President Turman  
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

Dear Chief and Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to Tasers. Our city is home to many people who are vulnerable to the negative impacts of this weapon; we are in the middle of a public health crisis, our unhoused neighbors are disproportionately African American and at least one-third of the population suffers from mental illness, addictive disorders or both. In addition, as our people are forced to live outdoors due to their destitution, they come in constant police contact.

An Electronic Controlled Weapon may seem more humane than a bullet but Tasers will not replace guns in the hands of our officers – as they are not to be used in situations that the department defines as requiring lethal force. Tasers are intermediate force weapons, and this weapon would instead replace mace and batons with a more dangerous weapon. In other cities, 90% of the 1,000 people killed by Tasers were unarmed and many were in the throes of a mental crisis. In cities around California, officer involved fatalities increased after these weapons were introduced.

Our officers need the tools to respond to situations effectively without harming public trust or the members of the public themselves. These tools include crisis intervention teams, training in de-escalation and the use of time and distance when dealing with the public. Introducing a new weapon is the opposite direction.

Of the last five officers involved fatalities that have taken place in San Francisco, four of the individuals were homeless. I fear that if SFPD is given these new weapons that the most vulnerable amongst us will be the ones harmed.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to oppose this policy. Say no to Tasers.

Sincerely,

Daisy Quan

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**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Elise Piscopos Stupi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 7:47 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Cc:** Mr. Ken Stupi  
**Subject:** Conductive Energy Devices (CEDs) Policy

Dear Police Commission:

I urge you to adopt the policy for the introduction and implementation of conducted energy devices, also known as Tasers, as a use of force option in San Francisco at the Special Meeting to be held on Friday, November 3rd at 5pm at City Hall for the reasons stated below:

- In situations where a threat is imminent and other de-escalation methods, such as batons, pepper spray, or hands-on encounters, have failed, officers should have one last option before using their guns.
- While tasers can be life-threatening to those with medical conditions, bullets can be life-ending, such as the fatal shootings that might not have happened if tasers were available.
- You have a duty to update SFPD's weapons and crime-fighting tools to protect both residents and officers in dangerous situations and save lives.
- Why is San Francisco presumably the only major metropolitan area in the U.S. without tasers? Stop politicizing the issue and adopt this much-needed policy!

Sincerely,  
Elise and Ken Stupi  
[REDACTED]  
San Francisco, CA [REDACTED]

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Kind regards,

Kris Thorpe

With hope,

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We need to focus on what will really reduce the lethality of SFPD interactions – holding killer cops accountable and reducing the amount of officers who carry firearms.

With hope,

Jason Kruta  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2017 9:42 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Cc:** Taraval CPAB  
**Subject:** In Support of CEDs

Police Commission Members:

I am in support of the introduction and implementation for the use of Conductive Energy Devices (CEDs) by the San Francisco Police Department. It is important that we give police officers a variety of tools to effectively do their job.

Body cameras and CEDs are two such devices that will help officers do their job safely. All methods to de-escalate dangerous encounters with members of the public should be employed prior to the use of deadly force, when appropriate.

The use of CEDs hopefully will save lives--the ultimate goal in protecting the public.

Thank you for your service to the City,

Marc Christensen, member

Taraval CPAB

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Kelley Cutler [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Say NO to Tasers

October 30, 2017  
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President Turman  
Vice President Mazzucco  
Commissioner DeJesus  
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Commissioner Hirsch  
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Police Commission Office  
San Francisco Police Headquarters  
1245 3rd Street  
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Of the last five officers involved fatalities that have taken place in San Francisco, four of the individuals were homeless. I fear that if SFPD is given these new weapons that the most vulnerable amongst us will be the ones harmed.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to oppose this policy. Say no to Tasers.

Sincerely,

Kelley Cutler

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"The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart." ~Dorothy Day

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Samantha Lew [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 1:54 PM  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 3:33 PM  
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All of the data on taser use by the police shows that they are used not as an alternative to lethal force, but as an alternative to de-escalation. In a time when the police face both budget shortfalls and a crisis of confidence from the communities they serve, the last thing that is needed is to spend millions of dollars on a tool to make it easier for officers to commit violence. We need accountability, community dialog and training. We don't need more weapons to divide us.

With hope,

Jonathan Xavier  
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I highly urge you to vote NO on taser weapons. I am a life long resident of San Francisco and want my city to stay taser free. Tasers are not an effective means to de-escalate a situation. We should focus more on de-escalation training that does not involve giving police another deadly tool in their tool belt. Please vote NO on taser weapons.

With hope,

Shandor Tighe  
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Giving officers a weapon that they are told is less lethal than a firearm simply makes them feel less inhibited about using force, which in the end will actually cause more harm.

With hope,

Nishikant Sheorey  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 3:20 PM  
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Please, we've taken a step forward into the future of policing with the de-escalation and crisis intervention training. Let's not take a step back and follow departments like St. Louis or Oakland that treat their residents like an alien force to be occupied. I ask that you be smart, be courageous, and vote no on Tasers at this time.

With hope,

Alexander Post  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Austin Long <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 3:15 PM  
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**Subject:** Please vote "no" on police use of tasers. #NoTasersSF

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I have moved to San Francisco from Austin, Texas where the Police Department was continually under scrutiny for excessive use of force with tasers. I would absolutely hate to see that same problem in San Francisco so I am urging you not to arm our police with weapons that are as insidious and harmful as tasers.

Thank you.

With hope,

Ruth Graham  
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I oppose the use of tasers as do the majority of residents.

With hope,

Kateland Harte  
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Please vote no! Tasers are not helpful and put citizens in more danger! Thank you.

With hope,

Tyler Brown  
94110

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Will Pierson <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 1:15 PM  
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With hope,

Steven Johnson

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Steven Goldberg <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Jarrod Valentine <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 12:38 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
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Tasers are unnecessary.

With hope,

Jarrold Valentine  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Matt Van Hoorebeke <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 12:35 PM  
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With hope,

Matt Van Hoorebeke  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Lisa Windes <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 12:28 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Time and time again tasers have been shown to escalate violence in tense situations between police officers and community members.

Tasers kill.

I would like to see our Police Department focus more on training around de-escalation (which not every officer has been trained in yet). Additionally, the use of a taser requires an officer to be very close to a community member and this is directly opposite of the training received for de-escalation (which requires time and SPACE).

NO TASERS!

-Lisa Windes

With hope,

Lisa Windes

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 11:53 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
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Please focus on deescalation training.

With hope,

Raymond Ryan  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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Sincerely,  
Lifelong SF Resident  
Karissa Tom

With hope,

Karissa Tom  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 11:51 AM  
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With hope,

Andrew B Bader  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Eric Denman <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 11:50 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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With hope,

Eric Denman  
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**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 11:46 AM  
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Please vote NO on Taser Weapons!

With hope,

Henry Gottman  
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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Faiq Raza <justice@dsasf.org>  
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Please stop the violence! Police officers don't need new tools of killing civilians.

With hope,

Faiq Raza

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## **Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Simon Crafts <justice@dsasf.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 11:38 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on Taser Weapons! #NoTasersSF

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Vote no!

With hope,

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NO TASERS!!!!!!

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