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**Peter Fortune**



September 29, 2017

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

Re: Tasers

Dear Commissioners:

I have been a San Francisco resident since 1970 and homeowner since 1984. I serve on, among other organizations, the Northern Police District's Community Police Advisory Board and the Board of the Marina Community Association (MCA). Both of these organizations have sent you letters strongly urging you to approve the use of Conducted Energy Devices (Tasers) for the San Francisco Police Department. I helped author each letter.

I and so many other San Francisco residents are greatly disturbed by the vocal, vehement opposition to Tasers at the recent City meetings about Tasers and at some of the Police Commission meetings. We are convinced that these vocal opponents are in the vast minority of all San Francisco residents, and some, we understand, are not even residents of our City.

The Commission probably already knows that in a poll of registered voters conducted by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce in early 2017, **78% of the San Francisco registered voters responding supported giving "stun guns" to the SFPD, while only 17% opposed.**<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> San Francisco Examiner, March 6, 2017, reporting about the results of a poll commissioned by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The poll reportedly had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4%.

At a well-attended (over 70 participants) MCA Crime & Safety meeting in April this year, **over 95% of the attendants raised their hands in favor of the SFPD having Tasers.**

The MCA recently polled over 1000 recipients on its email list about various issues. On the question whether the SFPD should have the use of Tasers, **91% of the respondents voted in favor of Tasers for the SFPD.**

I am confident that if more San Francisco residents were polled, a high percentage of the respondents would likewise favor the Commission approving the use of Tasers for the SFPD.

Certainly, then, the Commissioners recognize that the well-organized, highly vocal opponents of Tasers do not represent the views of what is likely the vast majority of San Francisco residents.

### **Proposed Ballot Measure**

In addition to these examples of residents' overwhelming approval of Tasers, the Commission should be aware of an almost certain consequence of its not approving the use of Tasers for the SFPD: out of frustration with the Commission, that issue will be put to the voters in a ballot measure that would amend the City's Charter (and not merely establish an unenforceable City "policy" approving Tasers).

Though there might be other aspects of a proposed ballot measure, I understand the voters would be asked to:

- (1) allow the SFPD to have the use of "Conducted Energy Devices";
- (2) amend the Charter to require the Chief of Police to establish a committee of San Francisco police officers to
  - (a) chose the CED(s) for SFPD officers
  - (b) determine how many and which officers will have the use of CEDs, and
  - (c) establish both the training program and use-of-force policy for these CEDs; and
- (3) provide the funding required to purchase sufficient Tasers.

I have heard also that the movement to put this measure on the ballot already has substantial, promised financial backing. So many residents are firmly committed to preventing a vocal, tiny minority from depriving the SFPD of one more valuable tool so they can do their job.

I expect many San Francisco residents would probably prefer that the Commission continue to exert its full, Charter-given authority "to prescribe and enforce any reasonable rules and regulations that it deems necessary to provide for the efficiency of the Department . . . ."

But if the Commission declines to approve the use of Tasers for the SFPD, then the San Francisco electorate will have the opportunity to -- and likely by a high percentage would -- give the SFPD Tasers and take away the Commission's authority relating to the training and use of this device.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Fortune".

Peter Fortune

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Alexandra Jansen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 10:36 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** CEDs

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am writing to share my support of the approval of Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) for our SFPD Force.

As a co-chair of Richmond Station's Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) and 13 year resident of San Francisco, I have followed the history of our force and the effect officers have on the community. We simply must do what is best for San Francisco. It makes sense to assure our officers and members of the public are as safe as they can be. That means using CEDs. CEDs save lives, reduce injuries to subjects and officers, and drastically reduce the possibility that confrontations will escalate to lethal-force situations. The police force has few tools they can use when being assaulted and I believe CEDs are one of the safest.

There are issues with CEDs that must be dealt with head on. Adopting their use requires a strong, sound use-of-force policy that assures robust reporting of all force, use of the accountability features built into these devices, and leadership that will not tolerate excessive force.

In the long run, it has been proven that CEDs would reduce the number of police injuries, save some suspect's lives and save the city money. Chief Scott has obviously done a significant amount of research and knows what he is talking about. In his statement, he says, "The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), undertaking its own independent research, has found that the use of CEDs correlates with a decrease of 60 percent nationally in citizens' injuries. The DOJ also determined that risks associated with CEDs are lower than most other use of force options." Chief Scott has promised thorough oversight and accountability, and I have every confidence this will happen. The fact that current technology has the capability to pair with the Department's body worn cameras is also reassuring. This assures a thorough review process. I urge you to give our SFPD officers the advantage of using CEDs so that they have a better option than using deadly guns. The cost (which many use as an argument against CEDs) is justified when lives are saved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Alexandra Jansen  
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**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Rodney Yee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 12:30 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Support for CED - Tasers to be issued to the San Francisco Police

Hello SFPD Commission;

I recently attended the SF Police Commission at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium and I wish to let you folks know that I support the issuing of CED - Taser to the SFPD personnel.

The recent shooting of a suicidal student highlights that the police needs a non-lethal option to deal to threats.

Thank you.

- Rodney Yee

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

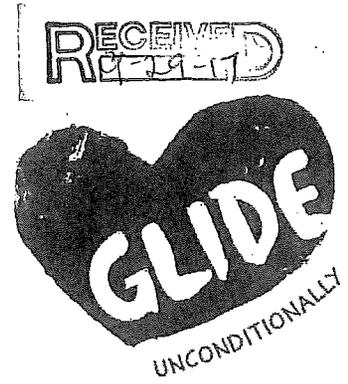
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**From:** Jason D Reid [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 11:54 PM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** CED

Dear Commissioner:

My family and I support Commander David Lazar's CED program.

Jason and Jaime Reid  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



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San Francisco Police Headquarters

1245 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

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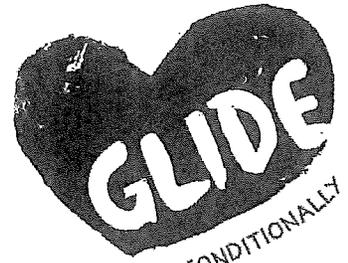
***RE: GLIDE Response to proposed implementation CEDs (also known as Electronic Control Devices, or Tasers)***

San Francisco Police Commission:

GLIDE extensively reviewed available research materials and engaged in multiple in-depth discussions regarding the implementation of Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) with SFPD representatives, advocates, and community members of the Tenderloin.

It is our conclusion that CEDs present multiple dangers to both community members and police officers, and that their implementation would be especially dangerous to marginalized communities such as ours in the Tenderloin. While CEDs are sometimes framed as a less lethal alternative to firearms, their adoption has not been consistently shown to reduce the lethality of law enforcement intervention, and the devices have not been shown to be safe for individuals suffering from chronic and episodic physical, mental, or substance-related health issues.

This makes CEDs poorly suited to marginalized communities, such as the diverse, low-income neighborhood of the Tenderloin, where individuals with such conditions are often the recipients of law enforcement intervention. This also places a dangerous burden on officers who cannot accurately assess an individual's state of health and mind, especially in a moment of crisis. The unintended deaths and disability that have led to community outrage and legal



battles in other cities are tragic for the victims and for the trust between the community and their police departments.

GLIDE has had a relationship with the SFPD spanning decades. Officers from the Tenderloin Substation are important members of our community, and we strongly support their safety. Our reading of the Stanford University's Electronic Control Weapons study informs us that *major* injuries to police officers were not reduced by CED implementation. Also, failure-to-subdue rates for the weapon approach 47%, and reports of such failures escalating police intervention are numerous. Officers are required to be at close distances to deploy the weapon, which can also put them at additional risk.

We believe that focusing on nonviolent intervention strategies would keep our officers safer, especially at this time when the SFPD is making substantial efforts to build its positive community engagement strategies. Community policing, de-escalation, crisis intervention, anti-bias training, and accountability are the top priorities which the Department of Justice and other stakeholders have identified. We are therefore especially concerned that an implementation of CEDs at this time would detract from other areas of departmental development, potentially erode trust with the community, and run against the important changes which the SFPD is striving to achieve.

GLIDE supports the SFPD's focus on the pressing needs of the community. We strongly hope that each of you, as members of the Police Commission, will vote against the implementation of CEDs at this time. We need the ongoing work of SFPD reform to keep its focus on building a community that feels both heard and protected.

Sincerely,

*Rita Shimmin, Executive Director of the GLIDE Foundation*

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**To: The San Francisco Police Commission**

**From: Members of the Northern District's Community Police Advisory Board**

**Dated: September 29, 2017**

(DELIVERED BY HAND AND EMAIL)

Dear Commissioners:

We live and work in San Francisco and are members of the Northern Police District's Community Police Advisory Board (NDCPAB). We strongly urge the San Francisco Police Commission (the Commission) to approve the San Francisco Police Department's use of CED's (Tasers).

Background

In reaching our recommendation we NDCPAB members have conducted considerable investigation, research, and deliberations regarding the use of Tasers. Appendix A to this letter describes most of the steps and materials comprising our investigation and research.

**Disclosure:** Captain John Jaimerena chairs our NDCPAB meetings. There must be, however, no suggestion of any undue influence -- by Captain Jaimerena or any other SFPD-related person -- on the NDCPAB members in reaching our recommendation. We did hear a presentation in favor of Tasers by Commander Walsh of the SFPD; and we heard both negative and positive comments by members of Commissioner Melara's working group on Electronic Controlled Weapons. But the Commission should know that all of our deliberations and communications were conducted entirely *without* any input by, and outside the presence of, Captain Jaimerena or any other SFPD-related person.

We make our recommendation for the following reasons.

**Chief Scott's Request For a Tool That Allows SFPD Officers to Prevent Escalation and in the Process De-escalate Force.**

We understand that the Commission recommended LAPD Deputy Chief William Scott as one of its three final choices to become the City's Chief of Police. Presumably, the Commission is well aware of his background that made him an excellent choice: He graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in accounting; he was with the Los Angeles Police Department for more than 27 years; he did assignments in patrol, the detective bureau, internal affairs, and gang operations; he reportedly stood out for his work in the department's professional standards bureau dealing with police reform; for the two years before coming here, he was Deputy Chief of a part of that department that is comparable to the entire SFPD department -- the 1700-member South Bureau in a nearly 58-square mile territory (which included USC, the Port of Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles, an area rife with homicides and gang violence).

Significant here is that Chief Scott has had considerable experience with the LAPD's use of Tasers. Officers in that department have used Tasers since the mid-1980's, pre-dating Chief Scott's entire tenure in that department.

Chief Scott wants to train every sworn SFPD officer to use a Taser because **"In our vision and our quest to have a tool or piece of equipment that allows us to prevent escalation and in the process de-escalate force, we feel that this option [Tasers] accomplishes that."** He has stated he well understands the risks associated with Tasers, but believes the benefits (even though they don't always work) outweigh the potential harm.

In terms of benefits versus potential harm, no direct physical means of apprehending a suspect or piece of an officer's equipment (pepper spray, baton, bean bag gun, or sidearm) is entirely free from potential harm or misuse. But the Commission has approved direct physical force and these pieces of equipment for every officer's use in accordance with policy. A Taser -- likewise used in accordance with policy -- gives an officer just one more piece of equipment to help perform his or her duties.

A Taser is rarely lethal, and compared to an officer's sidearm, is certainly **far less lethal** and poses much less potential harm. **Using a Taser is therefore far, far preferable to, and much more likely to result in far less serious injuries to both suspect and officer than, use of a sidearm.**<sup>1</sup> As such, a Taser is a valuable piece of equipment to enable an officer to subdue a noncompliant or aggressive suspect with a better outcome for both the suspect and the officer.

We believe Chief Scott's opinion and judgment about Tasers are solidly based on considerable experience. With all due respect to the Commissioners, his many years of firsthand experience with the use of Tasers likely exceeds, in both quantity and content, that of any Commissioner: e.g., his untold number of discussions with LAPD officers about their use, experience with, and opinions of Tasers; LAPD communications about the use of Tasers; and the likely scores of Taser incident reports he has read or learned about.

Presumably, in recommending William Scott to become our Chief of Police, the Commission believed it could trust his judgment. We firmly believes the Commission should, *in this instance*, defer to his judgment and grant his request. **Give him and his officers what he believes his officers need to properly serve and protect the public: one more "tool or piece of equipment that allows [SFPD officers] to prevent escalation and in the process de-escalate force."** He understands that Tasers do not always work, but they can still be a convincing deterrent (see below). Giving these officers one more option -- certainly far less lethal than a sidearm -- is especially important after the Commission passed a more restrictive use-of-force policy in December 2016 emphasizing the sanctity of life.

We believe also that the Commission, having a year ago recommended Chief Scott (as one of three) to lead the SFPD, should NOT now reject his experienced and reasoned judgment or his request that all of his police officers be equipped with and trained in the use of Tasers.

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<sup>1</sup> Injury to an officer from the discharge of his or her firearm is, in most instances, the seriously debilitating psychological effects from having shot another human, which frequently leads to remedial treatment and time off from service.

## **Tasers Reduce Injuries to Suspects and Officers.**

A number of studies or reports address the injuries suffered by suspects and/or officers in incidents when a Taser has been displayed to a suspect or activated. The NDCPAB concluded that the likely most relevant and statistically valid study was performed by the well-respected Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) for the National Institute of Justice in 2009.<sup>2</sup> PERF collected data for comparable periods from seven Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) that had deployed CED's and six LEAs that had not deployed CED's, and analyzed the data for nine safety measures.<sup>3</sup>

The results of this detailed study demonstrate that Tasers significantly reduce injuries to both suspects and officers. PERF found that "CED sites" (i.e., LEAs that use Tasers), when compared with a group of matched "non-CED sites," **were associated with improved safety outcomes on six of its nine safety measures:** officer injuries; suspect injuries; suspect severe injuries; officers receiving injuries requiring medical attention; suspects receiving injuries requiring medical attention; and suspects receiving an injury that resulted in their being sent to a hospital or other medical facility.

PERF found, in addition, there to be **no difference** between the CED and non-CED sites on the outcomes of three other safety measures: **number of suspect deaths**, officer severe injuries, and officer injuries requiring hospitalization. As to the measure of suspect deaths, PERF reported:

**Another concern raised by critics of CEDs is that they may lead to higher death rates for [LEAs] that deploy CEDs. We found no support for that concern. CEDs seem to have a neutral effect on the number of suspect deaths related to officer use-of-force cases.**

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<sup>2</sup> "Comparing the safety outcomes in police use-of-force cases for law enforcement agencies that have deployed Conducted Energy Devices and a matched comparison that have not: A quasi-experimental evaluation." September 2009.

<sup>3</sup> (1) Officer injuries; (2) officer severe injuries; (3) suspect injuries; (4) suspect severe injuries; (5) officers receiving injuries requiring medical attention; (6) officer injuries requiring hospitalization; (7) suspects receiving injuries requiring medical attention; (8) suspects receiving an injury that resulted in their being sent to a hospital or other medical facility; and (9) number of suspect deaths.

PERF concluded: "For six of nine significant outcomes, our data suggest that the magnitude of the effects of the improved safety outcomes for the CED sites (relative to the non-CED sites) was impressive."

Indeed, it was very impressive. For example, for the LEAs that deployed CEDs, PERF concluded that its data "suggest that the odds of a suspect being injured are reduced by more than 40%" and "the odds of a suspect being *severely* injured are reduced by over 40%." For CED-only LEAs, "when officers actually use CEDs [the] data suggest that there is a 76% reduction in officer injuries" and "there is a 63% reduction in the probability of an officer receiving an injury requiring medical attention." When a CED site deploys CEDs, "the odds of an officer receiving an injury requiring medical attention is reduced by at least 80%."

### **Tasers Can Help De-escalate and Can Create More Time and Distance.**

As noted above, one of the reasons Chief Scott has asked the Commission to approve Tasers for his officers is that a Taser is "a tool or piece of equipment that allows us to prevent escalation and in the process de-escalate force . . . ." We fully agree.

Common sense dictates that the prospect of being stunned by a Taser will, in most instances, deter a rational suspect from any, or further, noncompliance with an officer's instructions or any further aggression toward the officer. Just the prospect of being "tased" should therefore help convince an initially noncompliant suspect to comply with an officer's oral instructions if the initial part of the officer's time and distance tactic is not fully successful.

In this regard, then, **the deterrent effect of a Taser**, by potential or actual display, **holds the prospect of *increasing* the officer's chances of successfully executing his or her "time and distance" tactic** for a suspect who might otherwise consider initiating or continuing an aggressive or noncompliant response or action toward the officer.

Therefore, a Taser, with its deterrent effect, should be viewed as an integral, valuable option for use in the required "time and distance" tactic that an officer must take in appropriate circumstances -- **another tool, as Chief Scott recognizes, for an officer to "prevent escalation and in the process to de-escalate force."**

For this reason, we take issue with the assertion by the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) that “the use of Taser/CEDs run [sic] counter to de-escalation and time and distance.” This assertion was stated to be based entirely on proximity and actually firing the device: the “optimal effects of Taser/CED are realized only if used within 15 feet of the individual tased. Effective Taser use *requires* close proximity between officers and suspects, the opposite effect achieved through time and distance.” (Emphasis original; see BASF’s June 20, 2016 Memorandum to the Commission, p. 13.)

We do not know why the BASF neglected, or refused, to recognize the potentially strong deterrent effect that a Taser would likely have on a noncompliant suspect, and thus, the significant value of this tool to help implement a successful time and distance tactic. In any event, the potential use of a Taser is NOT “counter to de-escalation and time and distance.” Rather, a Taser, as a significant deterrent, can clearly be an effective part of an officer’s successful time and distance tactic and, thereby, a valuable tool to try to de-escalate and to prevent escalation.

We recognize, however, that a noncompliant suspect might not always respond rationally to the prospect of being stunned by a Taser -- or, for that matter, even by an officer’s displaying or pointing his or her sidearm. But one step in the process of attempting to subdue a noncompliant suspect, if the officer’s time and distance techniques *initially* do not *fully* succeed, should be the prospect, or actual threat, of using a Taser. In any event, **without doubt, an officer’s threat of using a Taser is far, far preferable to even displaying, much less using, his or her sidearm.** That is one of the most compelling reasons to approve Tasers for SFPD officers.

### **A Comprehensive, Restrictive Policy Will Govern SFPD’s Taser Use.**

The Commission must know that the SFPD officers’ use of Tasers will be governed by a strict use-of-force policy. Indeed, when speaking to the Commission on June 21 this year, retired Oakland police officer Michael Leonasio, a recognized Taser expert, characterized the SFPD’s Draft policy as “restrictive.”

We commend to the Commission the SFPD’s chart comparing its Draft Taser policy with the existing policies of 10 other cities plus the

proposed policies of PERF and the IACP. In addition to reviewing the important aspects of these 12 other policies in this chart, we reviewed the Taser policies of the LAPD, the San Jose PD, the Oakland PD, the Baltimore PD, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, the City of Richmond PD, and the University of California, San Francisco PD. This chart and review of these policies confirmed the accuracy of Mr. Leonesio's opinion that the SFPD Draft policy is comparatively restrictive, or at least no less restrictive than some of the others in most important aspects.

(We note parenthetically that it would be very puzzling, and difficult to explain, why the SF Sheriff's Department and the University of California, San Francisco PD have long had the use of Tasers, but the SFPD would not.)

One (undocumented) argument against the use of Tasers for the SFPD is that San Francisco is "different" from other cities whose police officers use Tasers, because our City is rife with an array of the types of suspects who might be especially vulnerable to apprehension by being tased (e.g., the homeless, and suspects with substance-abuse or psychiatric problems). We reject this argument for a number of reasons.

First, no doubt for good reason, there is apparently no documentation for this argument, the erroneous basis of which is to claim that San Francisco has a certain, inordinately large segment of its population that other cities don't have.

Second, "the percentage of local police departments that authorized their officers to use [Tasers] increased from 7% in 2000 to 81% in 2013." More than 12,000 local police departments in the United States have authorized the use of Tasers.<sup>4</sup> Authorization to use Tasers has *increased* during years while the numbers of homeless and those with substance-abuse or psychiatric problems have likewise increased. San Francisco is not different in this regard, either.

Third, Los Angeles, for example, certainly has as many, if not more, of these types of especially vulnerable suspects for whom a Taser might be used during apprehension. San Francisco is "not different" from Los

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<sup>4</sup> U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (2015) "Local Police Departments, 2013: Equipment and Technology."

Angeles in this regard. But officers in the LAPD have had the use Tasers for over 40 years.

Neither is our City different in this regard from other cities whose officers use Tasers, e.g., Richmond, Oakland, Seattle. If the police officers in Los Angeles, Richmond, Oakland, Seattle, and so many other cities with similar demographics utilize Tasers, so should SFPD officers.

Thus, we find entirely unconvincing the argument that SFPD officers should not have Tasers because San Francisco is so "different" from all or most of these other 12,000 cities whose populations (supposedly) do not match our City's population of certain suspects who might be especially vulnerable if their apprehension involved being tased.

Our City's population of the homeless and those with substance abuse or psychiatric problems cannot justify denying our police officers' access to a valuable tool under an appropriately restrictive use-of-force policy.

#### **Training in the Use of Tasers Under the SFPD's Use-of-Force Policy.**

Whatever the final content of the part of the General Oder regarding the SFPD's use of force involving Tasers, SFPD officers have committed to rigorous and intensive training to ensure all SFPD officers issued a Taser are thoroughly familiar with the device and with the policy.

We fully expect this commitment will be met. Indeed, Michael Leonessio, Oakland's Taser expert, told the Commission on June 21 this year that he had created for the Oakland PD a Taser program that resulted in no deaths due to Tasers. Surely the SFPD can borrow and incorporate the best parts of the training in this program.

Many who oppose the use of Tasers cite instances of abuse or misuse of Tasers as the reason for their opposition. Likely, however, the rigorous and intensive training of SFPD officers in the use of Tasers, coupled with the restrictive Taser policy and the strict oversight of and accountability in the officers' use of these devices (see below), will absolutely minimize the number of instances of claimed misuse or abuse of this device. So the we believe there to be little merit in the objection to Tasers based on citing numerous instances of alleged Taser misuse or abuse *by other police departments*.

## **Oversight and Accountability.**

No doubt, any policy adopted for the SFPD's use of Tasers will include detailed and strict provisions for oversight and accountability. (See, e.g., the SFPD's Draft 05/05/17 policy, pp. 6-7, paragraph O, "DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS" [lists 17 items to be included in an officer's incident or written report, and states "Officers at the Police Academy Physical Techniques and Defensive Tactics staff shall analyze all incident reports involving CED use, upon receipt, to identify trends, including deterrence and effectiveness"]; and "SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES. When a CED has been activated, a supervisor shall follow the protocol outlined in DGO 5.01, Section VII, Section B.2." [This protocol outlines the steps a supervisor must take to determine whether any use of force was necessary or unnecessary.] These detailed oversight and accountability provisions, under discussion by Commissioner Melara's ECW working group, might become even more restrictive for the officers and their supervisors.)

Add to these rigorous provisions the use of body-held cameras by each officer. These cameras will help create even greater accuracy in determining how the device was used, and thus, greater accountability.

Furthermore, the devices themselves will provide even more accountability: In response to the public outcry over police shootings, in 2015 the LAPD decided to equip every patrol officer with a Taser; it ordered new Tasers that record the date, time, and duration of the firing, whether the Taser wires actually strike the suspect, and how long the electricity pulsed through the wires.

Thus, these strict policy provisions, the body-held camera, and the information from the Taser itself will provide a seemingly unrivaled level of accountability for an officer's use of the device.

One additional benefit: This level and detail of accountability and oversight should have a deterrent effect on any officer's unnecessary or premature display or use of the device.

This expected high level of oversight and accountability for these devices is one more reason for approving their use by all SFPD officers, and,

we believe, substantially lessens the force of any objections to Tasers based on potential misuse or abuse of the device.

For all the reasons outlined above, we NDCPAB members reiterate our strong recommendation that the Commission approve the use of Tasers for the SFPD.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of the Northern Police  
District's Community Police Advisory  
Board

Rodney Chin  
Resident of District 5

Robert Johnstone  
Lower Haight

Mary Conde  
Board Member of Civic Center  
Community Benefit District

Vas Kinris  
Executive Director of Fillmore  
Merchants' Association

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Greg Marutani

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Susan Horst  
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Treasurer of the Middle Polk  
Neighborhood Association

## **Appendix A to NDCPAB Members' Submission to the Commission**

In preparation for this submission NDCPAB members have: attended the June 21, 2017 Commission meeting at which "Taser experts" made presentations; and attended meetings of Commissioner Melara's working group on Electronic Controlled Weapons (ECW working group). NDCPAB members have also reviewed and analyzed the SFPD's proposed Department General Order (Draft revision 05/05/17) regarding the use of Tasers and the many proposed amendments to that policy from various members of the ECW working group; the SFPD's chart comparing various Taser policy provisions, titled "Conducted Energy Device Policy Comparison"; the International Association of Chiefs of Police Model Policy for "Electronic Control Weapons," and the policies governing the use of Tasers by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, the University of California, San Francisco Police Department, the San Jose Police Department, the Oakland Police Department, the Seattle Police Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Richmond Police Department; the "Report on Electronic Control Weapons (ECW's) Submitted to the City of Berkeley" by the Stanford Criminal Justice Center at Stanford Law School; the June 20, 2016 and May 26, 2016 submissions to the Commission by the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF); the April 7, 2015 updated report from the Shorenstein Center of Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School, titled "U.S. Department of Justice: Police Use of force, Tasers and other weapons"; the National Institute of Justice's October 8, 2014 report titled "Assessing the Safety of Conducted Energy Devices"; the U.S. Department of Justice's May 2011 report titled "Police Use of Force, Tasers and Other Less-Lethal Weapons"; the September 2009 report of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) titled "Comparing safety outcomes in police use-of-force cases for law enforcement agencies that have deployed Conducted Energy Devices and a matched comparison group that have not: A quasi-experimental evaluation"; the July 2015 U.S. Dept. of Justice's statistical report titled "Local Police Departments, 2013: Equipment and Technology"; the 2012 report titled "Wake Forest Baptist Medical Study Suggests Tasers Don't Cause Cardiac Complications"; the January 15, 2009 report from the American College of Emergency Physicians titled "Serious Injuries From Taser Are Extremely Rare"; the May 2010 article in the Journal of Trauma titled "Conducted Electrical Weapon Use by Law Enforcement: An Evaluation of Safety and Injury"; the 2007 report titled "Amnesty International's concerns about Taser

use: statement to the US Department of Justice Inquiry into deaths in custody”; the May 18, 2017 letter from the Department of Police Accountability to Commissioners Melara and Hing summarizing previous hearings before the Commission on the topic of [Tasers]; the manufacturer’s May 19, 2017 version “TASER Handheld CEW Warnings, Instructions, and Information: Law Enforcement”; the San Francisco Examiner article on March 6, 2017 reporting on the Chamber of Commerce’s poll supporting police use of “stun guns”; and various other postings on that part of the SFPD’s web site devoted to “Conducted Energy Devices.”

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Martha Hubert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 4:31 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** TASERS KILL

My message is in the subject. Tasers Kill Please do not make them part of San Francisco's Police Force.

We used to call Police Officers PEACE OFFICERS.

I'm afraid those days are long gone.

Citizens are afraid to call the police in time of need these days.

The use of tasters would only escalate that mistrust of the police.

Tasers are lethal weapons. They escalate violence.

In peace,

Martha Hubert  
[REDACTED]

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Deborah England <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2017 2:47 PM  
**To:** SFPD; Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** No ECWs for SFPD

Commissioners,

I join my colleagues at the Bar Association of San Francisco in urging the Commission not to approve the use of ECWs (formerly known as Tasers) by the SFPD. I will not reiterate the points made by BASF in its September 18 memorandum to the Commission. Suffice it to say that the pertinent research establishes that ECWs are dangerous to officers and the public, ineffective, and costly (both in terms of budgetary resources and human physical safety). The recent death in custody of a suspect after Oakland police officers stunned him with an ECW is tragically illustrative of the undue risk of using these weapons.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Dear Commissioners:

The Board of the Marina Community Association (“the Board” or “we”) strongly urges the San Francisco Police Commission (“the Commission”) to approve the San Francisco Police Department’s use of Tasers.

Background

In reaching its recommendation the Board has conducted considerable investigation, research, and deliberations regarding the use of Tasers/Controlled Energy Devices (Tasers). We shared this task with members of the Northern District’s Community Police Advisory Board. Appendix A to this letter describes most of the steps and materials comprising the investigation and research.

The Board makes its recommendation for the following reasons.

**The Commission Should Approve the Use of Tasers to Ensure That San Francisco Voters Do Not Usurp the Commission’s Function**

We have learned there would be a “movement afoot” to let San Francisco voters decide whether SFPD officers will have Tasers if the Commission does not approve their use. This measure would amend the Charter and *not* merely establish an unenforceable City “policy.”

Taking the this step to let the electorate decide about Tasers arises from the considerable frustration with the Police Commission’s having

refused over the past decade to approve Tasers; its purpose is also to prevent a well-organized “vocal minority” from denying the SFPD a valuable tool so they can better serve and protect the public.

This ballot measure could pass, possibly by a considerable margin. A recent poll found that **78% of the San Francisco registered voters responding supported giving “stun guns” to the SFPD**, while only 17% opposed.<sup>1</sup>

Also, at the MCA’s Crime & Safety Committee meeting in April, attended by more than 70 residents, more than **95% of the attendees** raised their hands in an informal vote of how many present **wanted the SFPD to have Tasers**.

In addition, the MCA recently sent an email questionnaire to over 1000 recipients in its email network. In response to the question whether the SFPD should have Tasers, **91% of the respondents were in favor of the SFPD having Tasers**. Only 3% opposed (6% undecided).

The Board doesn’t know the specifics of any proposed ballot measure, but understands that provisions would include: (1) requiring that the SFPD have the use of “Controlled Energy Devices”; (2) providing for the initial funding of these devices; and (3) giving the Chief of Police (*not* the Commission) the authority establish a committee of SFPD officers (a) to choose the specific devices and the officers who will have their use and (b) to draft, and have final approval of, the use-of-force policy governing these devices.

We would much prefer that San Francisco voters not usurp one of the Commission’s functions, but instead, that the Commission approve the use of Tasers and thereby preclude any chance it could forever lose control over the policy governing their use.

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<sup>1</sup> San Francisco Examiner, March 6, 2017, reporting about the results of a poll commissioned by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. The poll reportedly had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4%.

## **Chief Scott's Request For a Tool That Allows SFPD Officers to Prevent Escalation and in the Process De-escalate Force.**

We understand that the Commission recommended LAPD Deputy Chief William Scott as one of its three final choices to become the City's Chief of Police. Presumably, the Commission is well aware of his background that made him an excellent choice: He graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in accounting; he was with the Los Angeles Police Department for more than 27 years; he did assignments in patrol, the detective bureau, internal affairs, and gang operations; he reportedly stood out for his work in the department's professional standards bureau dealing with police reform; for the two years before coming here, he was Deputy Chief of a part of that department that is comparable to the entire SFPD department -- the 1700-member South Bureau in a nearly 58-square mile territory (which included USC, the Port of Los Angeles, and South Los Angeles, an area rife with homicides and gang violence).

Significant here is that Chief Scott has had considerable experience with the LAPD's use of Tasers. Officers in that department have used Tasers since the mid-1980's, pre-dating Chef Scott's entire tenure in that department.

Chief Scott wants to train every SFPD officer to use a Taser because **"In our vision and our quest to have a tool or piece of equipment that allows us to prevent escalation and in the process de-escalate force, we feel that this option [Tasers] accomplishes that."** He has stated he well understands the risks associated with Tasers, but believes the benefits (even though they don't always work) outweigh the potential harm.

In terms of benefits versus potential harm, no direct physical means of apprehending a suspect or piece of an officer's equipment (pepper spray, baton, bean bag gun, or sidearm) is entirely free from potential harm or misuse. But the Commission has approved direct physical force and these pieces of equipment for every officer's use in accordance with policy. A Taser -- likewise used in accordance with policy -- gives an officer one more piece of equipment to help perform his or her duties.

A Taser is rarely lethal, and compared to an officer's sidearm, is certainly **far less lethal** and poses much less potential harm. **Using a Taser is therefore far, far preferable to, and much more likely to result in far**

**less serious injuries to both suspect and officer than, use of a sidearm.<sup>2</sup>**

As such, a Taser is a valuable piece of equipment to enable an officer to subdue a noncompliant or aggressive suspect with a better outcome for both the suspect and the officer.

The Board believes Chief Scott's opinion and judgment about Tasers are solidly based on considerable experience. With all due respect to the Commissioners, his many years of firsthand experience with the use of Tasers likely exceeds, in both quantity and content, that of any Commissioner: e.g., his untold number of discussions with LAPD officers about their use, experience with, and opinions of Tasers; LAPD communications about the use of Tasers; and the likely scores of Taser incident reports he has read or learned about.

Presumably, in recommending William Scott to become our Chief of Police, the Commission believed it could trust his judgment. The Board firmly believes the Commission should, *in this instance*, defer to his judgment and grant his request. **Give him and his officers what he believes his officers need to properly serve and protect the public: one more "tool or piece of equipment that allows [SFPD officers] to prevent escalation and in the process de-escalate force."** He understands that Tasers do not always work, but they can still be a convincing deterrent (see below). Giving these officers one more option -- less lethal than a sidearm -- is especially important after the Commission passed a more restrictive use-of-force policy in December 2016 emphasizing the sanctity of life.

We believe that the Commission, having a year ago recommended Chief Scott (as one of three) to lead the SFPD, **should not now reject** his experienced and reasoned judgment or his request that all of his police officers be equipped with and trained in the use of Tasers.

### **Tasers Reduce Injuries to Suspects and Officers.**

A number of studies or reports address the injuries suffered by suspects and/or officers in incidents when a Taser has been displayed to a suspect or activated. The Board concluded that the likely most relevant and

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<sup>2</sup> Injury to an officer from the discharge of his or her firearm is, in most instances, the seriously debilitating psychological effects from having shot another human -- which frequently leads to remedial treatment and time off from service.

statistically valid study was performed by the well-respected Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) for the National Institute of Justice in 2009.<sup>3</sup> PERF collected data for comparable periods from seven Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) that had deployed CED's and six LEAs that had not deployed CED's, and analyzed the data for nine safety measures.<sup>4</sup>

The results of this detailed study demonstrate that Tasers significantly reduce injuries to both suspects and officers. PERF found that "CED sites" (i.e., LEAs that use Tasers), when compared with a group of matched "non-CED sites," **were associated with improved safety outcomes on six of its nine safety measures:** officer injuries; suspect injuries; suspect severe injuries; officers receiving injuries requiring medical attention; suspects receiving injuries requiring medical attention; and suspects receiving an injury that resulted in their being sent to a hospital or other medical facility.

PERF found, in addition, there to be **no difference** between the CED and non-CED sites on the outcomes of three other safety measures: **number of suspect deaths**, officer severe injuries, and officer injuries requiring hospitalization. As to the measure of suspect deaths, PERF reported:

**Another concern raised by critics of CEDs is that they may lead to higher death rates for [LEAs] that deploy CEDs. We found no support for that concern. CEDs seem to have a neutral effect on the number of suspect deaths related to officer use-of-force cases.**

PERF concluded: "For six of nine significant outcomes, our data suggest that the magnitude of the effects of the improved safety outcomes for the CED sites (relative to the non-CED sites) was impressive."

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<sup>3</sup> "Comparing the safety outcomes in police use-of-force cases for law enforcement agencies that have deployed Conducted Energy Devices and a matched comparison that have not: A quasi-experimental evaluation." September 2009.

<sup>4</sup> (1) Officer injuries; (2) officer severe injuries; (3) suspect injuries; (4) suspect severe injuries; (5) officers receiving injuries requiring medical attention; (6) officer injuries requiring hospitalization; (7) suspects receiving injuries requiring medical attention; (8) suspects receiving an injury that resulted in their being sent to a hospital or other medical facility; and (9) number of suspect deaths.

Indeed, it was very impressive. For example, for the LEAs that deployed CEDs, PERF concluded that its data “suggest that the odds of a suspect being injured are reduced by more than 40%” and “the odds of a suspect being *severely* injured are reduced by over 40%.” For CED-only LEAs, “when officers actually use CEDs [the] data suggest that there is a 76% reduction in officer injuries” and “there is a 63% reduction in the probability of an officer receiving an injury requiring medical attention.” When a CED site deploys CEDs, “the odds of an officer receiving an injury requiring medical attention is reduced by at least 80%.”

### **Tasers Can Help De-escalate and Can Create More Time and Distance.**

As noted above, one of the reasons Chief Scott has asked the Commission to approve Tasers for his officers is that a Taser is “a tool or piece of equipment that allows us to prevent escalation and in the process de-escalate force . . . .” We fully agree.

Common sense dictates that the prospect of being stunned by a Taser will, in most instances, deter a rational suspect from any, or further, noncompliance with an officer’s instructions or any further aggression toward the officer. Just the prospect of being “tased” should therefore help convince an initially noncompliant suspect to comply with an officer’s oral instructions if the initial part of the officer’s time and distance tactic is not fully successful.

In this regard, then, **the deterrent effect of a Taser**, by potential or actual display or use, **holds the prospect of *increasing* the officer’s chances of successfully executing his or her “time and distance” tactic** for a suspect who might otherwise consider initiating or continuing an aggressive or noncompliant response or action toward the officer.

Therefore, a Taser, with its deterrent effect, should be viewed as an integral, valuable option for use in the required “time and distance” tactic that an officer must take in appropriate circumstances -- **another tool, as Chief Scott recognizes, for an officer to “prevent escalation and in the process to de-escalate force.”**

For this reason, we take issue with the assertion by the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) that “the use of Taser/CEDs run [sic] counter to de-escalation and time and distance.” This assertion was stated to

be based entirely on proximity and actually firing the device: the “optimal effects of Taser/CED are realized only if used within 15 feet of the individual tased. Effective Taser use *requires* close proximity between officers and suspects, the opposite effect achieved through time and distance.” (Emphasis original; see BASF’s June 20, 2016 Memorandum to the Commission, p. 13.)

We do not know why the BASF neglected, or refused, to recognize the potentially strong deterrent effect that a Taser would likely have on a noncompliant suspect, and thus, the significant value of this tool to help implement a successful time and distance tactic. In any event, the potential use of a Taser is NOT “counter to de-escalation and time and distance.” Rather, a Taser, as a significant deterrent, can clearly be an effective part of an officer’s successful time and distance tactic and, thereby, a valuable tool to try to de-escalate and to prevent escalation.

We recognize, however, that a noncompliant suspect might not always respond rationally to the prospect of being stunned by a Taser -- or, for that matter, even by an officer’s displaying, pointing, and/or threatening to use his or her sidearm. But one step in the process of attempting to subdue a noncompliant suspect, if the officer’s time and distance techniques *initially* do not *fully* succeed, should be the prospect, or actual threat, of using a Taser. In any event, **without doubt, an officer’s threat of using a Taser is far, far preferable to even displaying, much less using, his or her sidearm.** This is one of the most compelling reasons to approve Tasers for SFPD officers.

#### **A Comprehensive, Restrictive Policy Will Govern SFPD’s Taser Use.**

The Commission must know that the SFPD officers’ use of Tasers will be governed by a strict use-of-force policy. Indeed, when speaking to the Commission on June 21 this year, retired Oakland police officer Michael Leonasio, a recognized Taser expert, characterized the SFPD’s Draft policy as “restrictive.”

We commend to the Commission the SFPD’s chart comparing its Draft Taser policy with the existing policies of 10 other cities plus the proposed policies of PERF and the IACP. In addition to reviewing the important aspects of these 12 other policies in this chart, the **BOARD** reviewed the Taser policies of the LAPD, the San Jose PD, the Oakland PD,

the Baltimore PD, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, the City of Richmond PD, and the University of California, San Francisco PD. This chart and review of these policies confirmed the accuracy of Mr. Leonesio's opinion that the SFPD Draft policy is comparatively restrictive, or at least no less restrictive than some of the others in most important aspects.

(We note parenthetically that it would be very puzzling, and difficult to explain, why the SF Sheriff's Department and the University of California, San Francisco PD have long had the use of Tasers, but the SFPD would not.)

One (undocumented) argument against the use of Tasers for the SFPD is that San Francisco is "different" from other cities whose police officers use Tasers, because our City is rife with an array of the types of suspects who might be especially vulnerable to apprehension by being tased (e.g., the homeless, and suspects with substance-abuse or psychiatric problems). We reject this argument for a number of reasons.

First, no doubt for good reason, we have found no documentation for this argument, the erroneous basis of which is to claim that San Francisco has this certain, inordinately large segment of its population that other cities don't have.

Second, "the percentage of local police departments that authorized their officers to use [Tasers] increased from 7% in 2000 to 81% in 2013." More than 12,000 local police departments in the United States have authorized the use of Tasers.<sup>5</sup> Authorization to use Tasers has *increased* during years that the numbers of homeless and those with substance-abuse or psychiatric problems have likewise increased. San Francisco is not different in this regard, either.

Third, Los Angeles, for example, certainly has as many, if not more, of these types of especially vulnerable suspects for whom a Taser might be used during apprehension. San Francisco is "not different" from Los Angeles in this regard. But officers in the LAPD have had the use Tasers for over 40 years.

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<sup>5</sup> U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (2015) "Local Police Departments, 2013: Equipment and Technology."

Neither is our City different in this regard from other cities whose officers use Tasers, e.g., Richmond, Oakland, Seattle. If the police officers in Los Angeles, Richmond, Oakland, Seattle, and so many other cities with similar demographics utilize Tasers, so should SFPD officers.

Thus, we find entirely unconvincing the argument that SFPD officers should not have Tasers because San Francisco is somehow "different" from all or most of these other 12,000 cities whose populations (supposedly) do not match our City's population of certain suspects who might be especially vulnerable if their apprehension involved being tased.

Our City's population of the homeless and those with substance abuse or psychiatric problems cannot justify denying our police officers' access to a valuable tool under an appropriately restrictive use-of-force policy.

#### **Training in the Use of Tasers Under the SFPD's Use-of-Force Policy.**

Whatever the final content of the part of the General Order regarding the SFPD's use of force involving Tasers, SFPD officers have committed to rigorous and intensive training to ensure all SFPD officers issued a Taser are thoroughly familiar with policy, the device itself, and use of the device.

We fully expect this commitment will be met. Indeed, Michael Leonessio, Oakland's Taser expert, told the Commission on June 21 this year that he had created for the Oakland PD a Taser program that resulted in no deaths due to Tasers: Surely the SFPD can borrow and incorporate the best parts of the training in this program, with the same results.

Many who oppose the use of Tasers cite instances of abuse or misuse of Tasers as the reason for their opposition. We expect, however, that the rigorous and intensive training of SFPD officers in the use of Tasers, coupled with the restrictive Taser policy and the strict oversight of and accountability in the officers' use of these devices (see below), will absolutely minimize the number of instances of claimed misuse or abuse of this device. So we believe there to be little merit in the objection to Tasers based on citing numerous instances of alleged Taser misuse or abuse *by other police departments*.

#### **Oversight and Accountability.**

No doubt, any policy adopted for the SFPD's use of Tasers will include detailed and strict provisions for oversight and accountability. (See, e.g., the SFPD's Draft 05/05/17 policy, pp. 6-7, paragraph O, "DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS" [lists 17 items to be included in an officer's incident or written report, and states "Officers at the Police Academy Physical Techniques and Defensive Tactics staff shall analyze all incident reports involving CED use, upon receipt, to identify trends, including deterrence and effectiveness"]; and "SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES. When a CED has been activated, a supervisor shall follow the protocol outlined in DGO 5.01, Section VII, Section B.2." [This protocol outlines the steps a supervisor must take to determine whether any use of force was necessary or unnecessary.] These detailed oversight and accountability provisions, under discussion by Commissioner Melara's ECW working group, might become even more restrictive for the officers and their supervisors.)

Add to these rigorous provisions the use of body-held cameras by each officer. These cameras will help create even greater accuracy in determining how the device was used, and thus, greater accountability.

Furthermore, the devices themselves will provide even more accountability: In response to the public outcry over police shootings, in 2015 the LAPD decided to equip every patrol officer with a Taser; it ordered new Tasers that record the date, time, and duration of the firing, whether the Taser wires actually strike the suspect, and how long the electricity pulsed through the wires.

Thus, these strict policy provisions, the body-held camera, and the information from the Taser itself will provide a seemingly unrivaled level of accountability for an officer's use of the device.

One additional benefit: This level and detail of accountability and oversight should have a deterrent effect on unnecessary or premature displays or uses of the device.

This expected high level of oversight and accountability for these devices is one more reason for approving their use by all SFPD officers, and, the Board believes, substantially lessens the force of any objections to Tasers based on potential misuse or abuse of the device.

For all the reasons outlined above, the Board of the MCA reiterates its strong recommendation that the Commission approve the use of Tasers for the SFPD.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of the Marina  
Community Association

### **Appendix A to MCA Board letter to the Commission**

In preparation for this submission one or more Board members(s): attended the June 21, 2017 Commission meeting at which "Taser experts" made presentations; attended meetings of Commissioner Melara's working group on Electronic Controlled Weapons (ECW working group); reviewed and analyzed the SFPD's proposed Department General Order (Draft revision 05/05/17) regarding the use of Tasers and the many proposed amendments to that policy from various members of the ECW working group; the SFPD's chart comparing various Taser policy provisions, titled "Conducted Energy Device Policy Comparison"; the International Association of Chiefs of Police Model Policy for "Electronic Control Weapons," and the policies governing the use of Tasers by the San Francisco Sheriff's Department, the University of California, San Francisco Police Department, the San Jose Police Department, the Oakland Police Department, the Seattle Police Department, the Baltimore Police Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Richmond Police Department; the "Report on Electronic Control Weapons (ECW's) Submitted to the City of Berkeley" by the Stanford Criminal Justice Center at Stanford Law School; the June 20, 2016 and May 26, 2016 submissions to the Commission by the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF); the April 7, 2015 updated report from the Shorenstein Center of Media, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School, titled "U.S. Department of Justice: Police Use of force, Tasers and other weapons"; the National Institute of Justice's October 8, 2014 report titled "Assessing the Safety of Conducted Energy Devices"; the U.S. Department of Justice's May 2011 report titled "Police Use of Force, Tasers and Other Less-Lethal Weapons"; the September 2009 report of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) titled "Comparing safety outcomes in police use-of-force cases for law

enforcement agencies that have deployed Conducted Energy Devices and a matched comparison group that have not: A quasi-experimental evaluation”; the July 2015 U.S. Dept. of Justice’s statistical report titled “Local Police Departments, 2013: Equipment and Technology”; the 2012 report titled “Wake Forest Baptist Medical Study Suggests Tasers Don’t Cause Cardiac Complications”; the January 15, 2009 report from the American College of Emergency Physicians titled “Serious Injuries From Taser Are Extremely Rare”; the May 2010 article in the Journal of Trauma titled “Conducted Electrical Weapon Use by Law Enforcement: An Evaluation of Safety and Injury”; the 2007 report titled “Amnesty International’s concerns about Taser use: statement to the US Department of Justice Inquiry into deaths in custody”; the May 18, 2017 letter from the Department of Police Accountability to Commissioners Melara and Hing summarizing previous hearings before the Commission on the topic of [Tasers]; the manufacturer’s May 19, 2017 version “TASER Handheld CEW Warnings, Instructions, and Information: Law Enforcement”; the San Francisco Examiner article on March 6, 2017 reporting on the Chamber of Commerce’s poll supporting police use of “stun guns”; and various other postings on that part of the SFPD’s web site devoted to “Conducted Energy Devices.”

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**From:** Tara Patanian <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Statement in favor of CEDs

Good afternoon Police Commission,

While I attended one of the public forums regarding CEDs, I would like to make a formal statement via email as well. I am a resident, home owner and worker in the SoMa District.

I strongly believe that no officer on the SFPD has the intent to kill any citizen, but everyday situations can get heated very quickly. It is imperative officers are given all options of less lethal methods available to protect the public and themselves in instances of aggressive behavior.

One of the best options is the CED or Taser. My hope is this option will decrease the number of lethal incidents which not only impact victims and officers, but their families as well. I have confidence in the training of our city's officers by the chief and Captains of the SFPD.

I'd like to also give a special thank you to Captain Darryl Fong of the Southern Station for being an anchor in our community in strength and leadership. His good deeds do not go unnoticed by residents, visitors and business owners of the Southern District.

Thank you,

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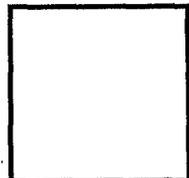
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Email: [REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]

TO:

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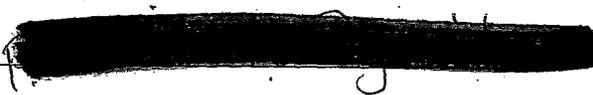
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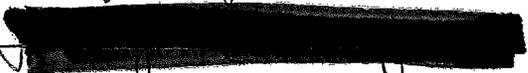
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Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Name Mary Leathersman

Address [REDACTED]

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Name Rose Kelly

Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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 Address   
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Name Steven Goldberg

Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Email [REDACTED]

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Name Michelle Medina

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Email [REDACTED]

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Name BRENDA ROGERS

Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Name Mimi Klausner

Address [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

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Name Cassandra Inglesby

Address [REDACTED]

Email Cassandra.Inglesby@

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Name William Redmond

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Email [REDACTED]

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Address [REDACTED]  
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Address [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

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Name Dwight Ost

Address [REDACTED]

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Address [REDACTED]  
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 Email [REDACTED]

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 Email [REDACTED]

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 Email [REDACTED]

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Email [redacted]

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Email [redacted]

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Name [signature]  
Address [redacted]  
Email [redacted]

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Address [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

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Address [REDACTED]  
Email [REDACTED]

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Address [REDACTED]  
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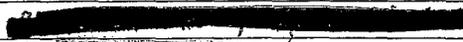
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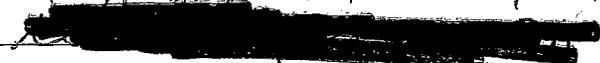
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Name Bruce Neuburger

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October 2, 2017

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

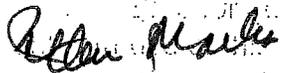
Police Commission:

My husband and I are alarmed that the Police Commission will again be considering use of Electronic Control Weapons i.e. tasers. This issue has been voted down in 2004 and twice in 2010 for good reasons. There are serious dangers and risks attendant with use of this weapon. Although the weapon is marketed as an alternative to lethal force, there is no data which confirms this. A 2009 UCSF study found that fatal shootings by police increased following adoption of use of tasers. Police resources and focus should be on implementation of Crisis Intervention Teams, rapport-building communication and de-escalation in place of confrontation

There is a long list of "Warnings" published by the manufacturer cautioning use of their product. It is clear when one looks at this list, use of tasers creates hazardous situations which increases the risk of death or serious injury.

The duty of the Police Commission is to protect public safety. We urge you to vote against use of Electronic Control Weapons.

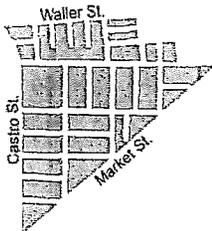
Sincerely,



Steve and Esther Marks



*[Faint, mostly illegible text, likely a letterhead or footer containing contact information and organizational details.]*



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(415) 267-1821 / [www.dtna.org](http://www.dtna.org)

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October 7, 2017

by Email to David.Lazar@SFGov.org, Garret.Tom@SFGov.org

Commander David Lazar  
Captain Garret Tom  
San Francisco Police Department  
Community Engagement Unit  
1245 Third Street  
San Francisco CA 94158

Re: SFPD Use of Conductive Energy Devices (CED's, aka "Tasers")

Dear Commander Lazar and Captain Tom,

This confirms that the Board of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association (DTNA) voted to SUPPORT San Francisco Police Department's use of Conductive Energy Devices (CED's, aka "Tasers."). We urge the San Francisco Police Commission and other approving bodies and individuals to promptly adopt this as policy, and to fully implement it with appropriate training and operational procedures as soon as possible. DTNA represents more than three thousand households in San Francisco's Duboce Triangle.

Please share this message of support through appropriate channels with all members of the San Francisco Police Commission. Please let us know if you have questions regarding DTNA's SUPPORT for CEDs/Tasers and related items. Please also arrange for this letter to be included in the matter's permanent file and any successor files, and assure that it is provided to all relevant Commissions, hearing panels and individuals at the time that this matter is considered by them. Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,

Dennis Roybal  
President, Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association  
415 850 5651

Cc by email: Supervisor Jeff Sheehy, Capt. John Sanford

**Tom, Risa (POL)**

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**From:** Tom Escher <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:19 AM  
**To:** SFPD, Commission (POL)  
**Subject:** Taser discussion

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  
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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]