

THE SAN FRANCISCO REPUBLICAN PARTY

Resolution in Support of Upfunding the Police

WHEREAS San Francisco Democrats, including elected officials such as Supervisor Hillary Ronen, have zealously crusaded, in word and in deed, to defund the San Francisco Police Department (the “SFPD”) and Sheriff’s Department and to reduce the number of sworn SFPD officers¹;

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of academic studies examining the effects of police staffing levels has found that more police officers means both less incarceration and less crime²;

WHEREAS the United States (a) spends far more on prisons and far less on police³, and (b) has far fewer police officers per capita⁴, than almost every other developed country in the world;

WHEREAS a study commissioned by the City of San Francisco at the request of Supervisor Norman Yee found that, even pre-pandemic, SFPD staffing levels were “severely inadequate” and recommended hiring more than 200 additional officers⁵; and

WHEREAS there is almost no public support for “defunding the police” outside of wealthy communities and privileged ideologues who are sheltered from street violence and can afford their own private security^{6, 7};

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Republican Party (the “SFGOP”) applauds Supervisor Ronen’s acknowledgment of her past errors, and welcomes her belated arrival to the conclusion that more police officers are necessary to address the “shocking” increase in street violence in the Mission⁸; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the SFGOP invites the Mayor, the District Attorney, and all members of the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco to “follow the science” and support the hiring of more police officers to protect our diverse communities from the devastating impacts of crime.

¹ <https://twitter.com/SafeHaight/status/1443970530550247425/photo/1>

² <https://www.city-journal.org/bolstering-police-forces-reduces-crime>

³ <https://blog.skepticalibertarian.com/2019/01/09/charts-police-vs-prisons-in-the-us-and-europe/>

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Police,_court_and_prison_personnel_statistics

⁵ <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/study-finds-sfpd-patrol-staffing-severely-inadequate/>

⁶ <https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2019/2/13/18193661/hire-police-officers-crime-criminal-justice-reform-booker-harris>

⁷ <https://bariweiss.substack.com/p/cori-bush-wants-to-defund-the-police>

⁸ <https://twitter.com/SafeHaight/status/1443970530550247425/photo/2>