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**Supervisor Jane Kim: Time to Launch Search for New Chief of Police**

San Francisco, CA – In the wake of a recent independent report citing systemic problems in the San Francisco Police Department, Supervisor Jane Kim today urged the Mayor and the San Francisco Police Commission to launch a comprehensive search for a new police chief so there can be an orderly transition to leadership able to implement needed reforms.

The preliminary report from Blue Ribbon Panel on Transparency, Accountability, and Fairness in Law Enforcement, composed of three highly regarded retired judges, found serious problems in areas ranging from discipline, training, hiring, oversight and relations with communities of color.

Kim issued the following statement in calling for the launch of a search for a new chief:

“A panel of retired judges has just found comprehensive problems in the department that must be addressed with new training, a new culture and new leadership. These findings are coming on the heels of weeks of protests from individuals and community leaders who have grave misgivings over whether the current department leadership can fairly work with all communities in our city.

“It is clear that we need a change to address these systemic problems and bring our city together.

“Chief Greg Suhr has served San Francisco for over 30 years and we should thank him for that service. But even he must acknowledge that leading a culture shift in that department would be easier and faster if there was new leadership there. It is time to launch a search for a new chief who can implement fundamental reform.

“Many are calling for the Chief to be fired at once. I believe we could actually do worse than Chief Suhr, which is why we must begin this process at once so we can make sure the next chief can lead our department, reform it and do so in a way that rebuilds the community trust so vital to public safety.

“The reality is that as long as Chief Suhr continues to lead this department, as long as we focus on City Hall politics rather than the best interests of the city, we will be unable to truly address the very serious problems raised by this report and the very serious concerns raised by residents



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of San Francisco. And we certainly won't be able to address the day-to-day problems facing our city such as the spike in property crime.

"We cannot allow loyalty to a single individual overshadow doing what is right for San Francisco. Our loyalty must be for the people of San Francisco and the rank and file officers who serve ably and deserve top-notch leadership.

"Simply asking for new training or new money is not enough. We need new leadership as well, and to make that shift in a way that protects the public and our police officers we should launch a national search at once. Perhaps we will find a candidate from the department who is ready to lead change. Perhaps we will not. But we owe it to the public and the police to find the very best leadership for our department."

**Supervisor Kim will be available for phone or in-person interviews today until 2pm. Please contact Ivy Lee for more information.**

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