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**Supervisor Yee's Statement on Call for Police Chief Suhr's Resignation**

While my patience, and that of many our residents, is wearing thin, I do not believe that calling for the Police Chief's resignation will bring us closer to resolution at this time. I am concerned that this conversation has distracted us from the real work and the commitment we have to upholding public safety citywide.

It has become clear that this is about more than just any one individual. Regardless of who the Chief is, there are stronger forces at play. The San Francisco Police Department has a deep and troubling systemic problem with a culture that tolerates racism, impropriety, and the poor decisions of some officers. There are also serious concerns with accountability and fair practices when it comes to hiring and disciplining. Chief Suhr has been willing to push for reform, while others within the force are trying to defend bad behavior. Those who are obstructing progress diminish the character of the many officers who are upstanding and are dedicated to their sworn duty to protect and to serve.

In order for us to move forward, there must be a transformative process to rebuild trust, to ensure transparency, and accountability of the San Francisco Police Department. This is where we should be focusing our attention—on the hard-hitting issues – not on scapegoating. Unfortunately, removing the Chief will likely prolong the change we are trying to seek.

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