

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
COMMITTEE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 8, 2021 - 10:00 AM

**Held via Videoconference
(remote public access provided via teleconference)
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Regular Meeting

Members: Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

BOARD COMMITTEES

Committee Membership

Meeting Days

Budget and Appropriations Committee
Supervisors Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Wednesday
1:00 PM

Budget and Finance Committee
Supervisors Haney, Safai, Mar

Wednesday
10:30 AM

Government Audit and Oversight Committee
Supervisors Preston, Chan, Mandelman

1st and 3rd Thursday
10:00 AM

Land Use and Transportation Committee
Supervisors Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Monday
1:30 PM

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Supervisors Mar, Stefani, Haney

2nd and 4th Thursday
10:00 AM

Rules Committee
Supervisors Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Monday
10:00 AM

Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee
Supervisors Ronen, Safai, Melgar

2nd Friday
10:00 AM

Members Present: Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, and Matt Haney

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on April, 8, 2021, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>. Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: john.carroll@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Regularly-scheduled Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Committee agendas and their associated documents are available at <https://sfbos.org/committees>.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Mar, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Haney were noted present.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Ronen was noted present at 10:01 a.m. Supervisors Chan and Melgar were noted present at 10:11 a.m.; thereby constituting a quorum of the Board of Supervisors. A Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened at 10:11 a.m.; although, the meeting was conducted in all respects as a committee meeting for items on the agenda and any substantive decisions constitute a recommendation of the committee and not action taken by the Board.

Supervisor Safai was noted present at 10:52 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Chan, Haney, Mar, Melgar, Ronen, Safai, and Stefani.

210258 [Public Works Code - Graffiti Abatement - Suspension on Issuance of Certain Violations; Waiver of Certain Unpaid Fees and Fines]

Sponsors: Ronen; Haney, Chan, Stefani, Mar, Melgar, Mandelman and Preston

Ordinance suspending provisions of the Graffiti Removal and Abatement Ordinance regarding issuance of certain violations and waiving certain unpaid assessed fees and fines due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, subject to specific conditions; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisors Hillary Ronen and Connie Chan (Board of Supervisors); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Moises Garcia; Elizabeth Vazques; Speaker; Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Supervisors Mar and Melgar requested to be added as co-sponsors.

Chair Mar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

ADJOURNMENT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

At the hour of 12:58 p.m., Supervisors Ronen and Melgar were noted absent; thereby adjourning the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Safai noted absent at 1:11 p.m.

210156 [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]

Sponsors: Mar; Chan, Melgar, Preston, Safai, Walton, Haney and Ronen

Hearing to address concerns on crime and violence targeting Asian-American seniors and other vulnerable groups and the rise of anti-Asian racism, including crime prevention efforts, status of investigations, victim services programs, other public safety resources, and strategies the departments are deploying to reduce crime and violence targeting the Asian Pacific Islander and person of color communities and to promote cross-racial solidarity; and requesting the Police Department, Office of the District Attorney, Human Rights Commission, Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs, Adult Probation Department, and Juvenile Probation Department to report.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisors Myrna Melgar, Connie Chan, and Hillary Ronen (Board of Supervisors); Cynthia Choi (Coalition for Community Safety and Justice); Supervisor Ahsha Safai (Board of Supervisors); Sarah Wan, Executive Director (Community Youth Center); Lai Wa Wu (Chinese Progressive Association); Shakirah Simley, Director (Office of Racial Equity); Adrienne Pon, Director, and Richard Whipple (Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs); Arturo Carrillo (Street Violence Intervention Program); Stephanie Felder (Department of Public Health); Chief William Scott, Commander Raj Vaswani, and Commander Daryl Fong (Police Department); Chesa Boudin, District Attorney (Office of the District Attorney); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. David Woo (SoMa Pilipinas); Jenny Fox (API Council); Nikita Saini (Office of the Public Defender); Ashley Renick (Safe & Sound); Lai Wa Wu (Chinese Progressive Association); Crystal Yan (Chinese for Affirmative Action); Francisco da Costa; Khanh Nguyen (Southeast Asian Development Center); Speaker; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 3:25 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee and the Special Board of Supervisors on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 11, 2021.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board