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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PRESIDENT AARON PESKIN CALLS ON MAYOR BREED TO FOCUS ON SHUTTING DOWN OPEN-AIR DRUG DEALING – NOT DRUG TESTING PEOPLE ON WELFARE

San Francisco – In response to Mayor Breed's announcement this morning that she would be cutting off any San Francisco-based public funding to welfare recipients without forced drug testing and treatment, Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin responded with the following statement:

"These are serious times in San Francisco – and we need serious ideas, not politicians desperately grasping for a political lifeline. Mayor Breed does not have the ability, nor the will, to organize our many public safety resources to close down drug supermarkets and open-air fencing of stolen goods. If she can't find the way to prevent several hundred brazen criminals from selling deadly drugs—how does she think she will find the resources to drug test thousands of welfare recipients? The answer is she can't, and she won't, and this would simply be silly politics if the issues we face as a city were not so serious. We need Mayor Breed, and every leader, to get focused, get real, and get the job of making this city safe and clean done."

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