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Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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RE: Intergovernmental Agency Sustained Coordination to Address Fentanyl Dealing & Human Trafficking Crisis in Heart of San Francisco's Civic and Downtown Core

Dear Governor Newsom,

I'm writing to solicit your support in coordinating an intergovernmental agency effort to tackle the scourge of open-air Fentanyl dealing and human trafficking in the very heart of San Francisco's Civic and Downtown core.

The Board of Supervisors has supported key elements of Mayor Breed's efforts to invest in public safety, substance abuse treatment and harm reduction programs. And yet the number of Fentanyl drug overdoses has continued to increase, according to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, as well as the numbers of drug dealers asserting their claims on those lives on our streets.

We have invested heavily in our local police force, as well as unarmed ambassador programs. And throughout our robust community engagement around the City's economic recovery, key drivers such as the City's arts and culture, government and hospitality industries all issue the same refrain: **San Francisco's tourism, workforce and resulting revenues will not return until the City can get a handle on the drug dealing crisis on our public streets.**

We cannot do it on our own. Even if we were to just tackle several drug dealing hubs, like United Nations Plaza and the block of the Federal Building, we could begin to demonstrate to San Franciscans that we are working together to take this crisis seriously. Every federal, state and local agency should be laser-focused on working together just to keep the gateways to San Francisco clean, safe and free of drug dealers. If we can do this at United Nations Plaza, we can do it at 16th and Mission Streets BART Station and we can do it at 7th and Mission Streets.

As the President of the Board, and the Supervisor representing the City's economic core, I can no longer be patient and wait for change to happen. The crisis on our streets is beyond politics, and I will do everything in my power to shine a focus on solving it until we can make progress.

Will you join us, and lend the significant power of the Capitol to an intergovernmental agency task force that is committed to:

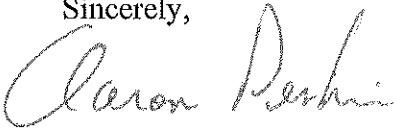
- Focusing on key hot spots with rotating shifts of patrols, including California Highway Patrol where possible; and

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- Accountability and investment in the properties that front state government buildings and along the surrounding block face; and
- Expertise and enforcement support from California agencies that touch this crisis and sharing of resources

If this is already happening, you have my support. I truly believe that we cannot afford to do nothing, though. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Peskin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Aaron Peskin