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Board President Janice Li  
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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 Board President Li,

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.

As you know, 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 claim on those living 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 our major BART transit hubs that workers and visitors use everyday, we could begin to demonstrate to San Franciscans that we are working together to take this crisis seriously. Every federal, state, regional 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.

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.

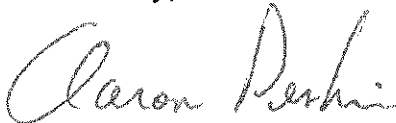
Will you join me, and lend your expertise as a lifelong public servant to an intergovernmental agency task force that is committed to:

- Focusing on key hot spots with rotating shifts of shared patrols; and
- Accountability and investment in the properties that front transit infrastructure hubs and along their surrounding block faces; and
- Working together to secure sustained investment on this crisis from various local, state and federal funding sources

I know that your agency has dealt with its share of public safety issues and that your Board has been engaged around solutions – but we have to do more, and we have to do it together. Even small focused steps are powerful if we can sustain them. I truly believe that we cannot afford to do anything less.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron Peskin".

Aaron Peskin