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## **Board of Supervisors, President**

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Board President Aaron Peskin Calls for Joint Federal, State, Regional and Local Task Force to Help Address Fentanyl Dealing & Human Trafficking Crisis in San Francisco

San Francisco – Aaron Peskin, President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, today asked former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Governor Gavin Newsom, the BART Board of Directors and the UC Board of Regents to coordinate with San Francisco police to help end the deadly epidemic of Fentanyl dealing and human trafficking in San Francisco.

"The federal government can help with greater presence around their buildings in the Tenderloin and elsewhere. UC Police can help us keep the area around UC College of the Law in the Tenderloin free from drug dealing. The DEA can respond to the Mayor's request for help. Rec and Park Rangers can have a visible presence in UN and Civic Center Plazas, BART police can help protect the public at their stations, and the California Highway Patrol can step up their presence here in San Francisco," said President Peskin. "And all of them can be supported by the myriad of ambassador programs that the City funds."

"We're all in this together. And if we work together, we will save lives and send the clear message – we're serious about tackling this crisis head-on because it frankly transcends politics," President Peskin said.

Peskin was sending a letter today to each of the agencies and leaders he was asking to coordinate with the San Francisco Police in a joint task force – and would ask Mayor London Breed to report to the Board on how she was coordinating San Francisco's many resources, including the Sheriff's Department, the Health Department, the DA's office (particularly the DA's Investigators office), Adult Probation, the Department of Public Works and all other agencies tasked with making the city healthy, safe and clean.

"These City resources are managed by the Mayor, and the Mayor alone. But our job at the Board of Supervisors includes oversight, and we will provide that oversight every day until we tackle this Fentanyl crisis and the people of San Francisco can walk their own streets without fear," President Peskin said.

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