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District 8



City and County of San Francisco

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San Francisco Police Commission  
850 Bryant Street, Room 505  
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Commissioners:

I understand that you will be discussing the Patrol Special Police at your meeting tonight. I write to express my support for the Patrol Specials. Almost every commercial area in my district, including the Castro, Noe Valley, Glen Park, and Diamond Heights, relies on the Patrol Specials as a supplement to standard police public safety services. The Patrol Specials have a long history in the district, particularly in the Castro and Noe Valley, and merchants and residents rely on them. Indeed, the plaza at 17th and Castro Streets is named for Officer Jane Warner, in recognition of her years of service to the community.

Ending or severely curtailing the Patrol Special Police program would have a negative impact on my district. Doing so would deprive merchants and residents of a good public safety option -- one that does not replace the police but rather provides a valuable supplement.

I know that a report has been prepared analyzing the program and making certain recommendations. I am sure that changes can be made to the program to make it even more effective and reliable. I am not advocating that you ignore these recommendations. I am simply expressing my support for the Patrol Specials and my belief that the program should continue to serve the community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Wiener".

Scott Wiener  
Supervisor, District 8

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