

West of Twin Peaks Central Council

P. O. Box 27112 • San Francisco, CA 94127

December 1, 2005

Honorable Gavin Newsom
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: San Francisco Police Department Staff

Dear Mayor Newsom:

At the West of Twin Peaks Central Council's November 28 meeting, association delegates discussed the understaffed status of the San Francisco Police Department. Our concerns have been prompted by a San Francisco Chronicle's November 17 article in which Chief Heather Fong proposed that five 50-officer Police Academy classes per year for the next three years would be required to bring the force to levels necessary to protect the citizens of San Francisco.

In 1994 the San Francisco residents voted for a minimum police officer level, and the current number of police officers on duty in San Francisco is 264 less than that required minimum.

Among the many demands on the San Francisco City budget, we urge you to place a high priority on Chief Fong's request for funding of Police Academy classes and make our homes and streets safe.

Sincerely,

David Bisho
President

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Members of the Board of Supervisors, Police Chief Heather Fong, Police Commission President Louise Renne, Police Captains Paul Chignell, Keith Sanford and John Ehrlich, San Francisco Chronicle

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