

TAXPAYERS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

February 15, 2019

The Honorable London Breed
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Breed;

The San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project (SF Pretrial) provides support to individuals at one of the most vulnerable points in their lives. As a neutral partner in what can be an overwhelming legal process while individuals face a potentially life-changing criminal conviction, their ability to navigate within the criminal justice system to assure court appearances and support public safety is a critical resource for San Francisco.

With a strong track record of outcomes validated by third party research partners, our City is fortunate to have a program that has been a bail reform innovator and leader for 43 years. We support maintaining the independent and neutral structure of SF Pretrial, and we will continue to collaborate with them to serve our mutual clients as they navigate a daunting legal situation

SF Pretrial's ability to partner in decreasing our jail population by 47% while maintaining a 90% public safety rate is cost-effective and in the best interests of our City. Their caseloads are disproportionately represented by homeless and African American clients. As San Francisco strives to increase equity, appropriate medical placements and housing as well as reduce out-migration, we share their priority in effectively serving our most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely,

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