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Dear Mr. Mayor of San Francisco,

We believe that the way you’re dealing with graffiti artists and their art is too extreme. For example, you put artists who get caught for doing graffiti in jail instead of just giving them a warning or a fine. Why don’t they just clean their own graffiti and take a warning? They can stay in jail for up to 20 years if they get caught just 3 times, that is unbelievable! That’s a lot of time to serve just for creating art, even some murderers don’t get that much jail time. Police must learn the difference between art and vandalism. These artists are rebelling against you because you aren't helping them.

We also believe that you’re misplacing your funds regarding the matter. Instead of spending 5 million dollars to try and arrest artists, keeping them from expressing their selves illegally. Why not spend that money to create spaces where they could do it legally? Maybe also commission artists to decorate your city. Instead of chasing it away, why not embrace it, as it is such a big part of your city's identity, of its culture. You could pay landlords to let artists express themselves on their walls without the stress of the police. You could lend a couple walls from public buildings to this cities way of expressing itself. You’re already using the money, why not use it to do some good?  
  
We hope you will consider our opinion,

Sincerely,

Your concerned citizens