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**MAYOR LEE'S STATEMENT ON APPROVAL OF REVISED USE OF
FORCE POLICY FOR SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Edwin M. Lee today issued the following statement regarding Police Commission's unanimous approval of proposed revisions of San Francisco Police Department Use of Force Policy:

"Last night we took another significant step towards reforms on how our officers police our streets and communities. I want thank to the Police Commission for working together with community, advocates, Police Officers Association, Department of Human Resources along with recommendations from our nation's highest law enforcement leaders, the United States Department of Justice, to adopt a Use of Force Policy that focuses on using minimal force. We will keep pressing forward with new accountability measures, and stronger oversight over police use-of-force.

We are making critical investments to rebuild trust between our communities and our officers and bring culture of change to how our sworn police officers handle conflicts on our City streets. We are still working under the full review of the U.S. Department of Justice.

We will continue to work collaboratively with the community to develop a 21st Century approach to policing in San Francisco, improve leadership, transparency and accountability within the San Francisco Police Department and strengthen policies, procedures, training and equipment to keep both residents and police officers safe."

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