



City and County of San Francisco
Department on the Status of Women



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 Mayor

Family Violence Council Meeting Minutes
 August 16, 2023, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Seat no.	Agency	Member Present
1	Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee	
2	Mayor or designee	Ivy Lee (joined at 3:15)
3	President of the Board of Supervisors or designee	
4	District Attorney or designee	Karima Baptiste
5	Chief of Police or designee	Antonio Flores Robert O’Sullivan (joined at 3:43)
6	Sheriff or designee	Michele Fisher
7	President of Commission on the Status of Women or designee	Kimberly Ellis
8	Chief of Adult Probation or designee	Adela Martinez
9	Executive Director of Department of Emergency Management or designee	Evora Heard
10	Executive Director of Domestic Violence Consortium or designee	Beverly Upton
11	Director of Human Services Agency or designee	Vellore Adithi
12	Executive Director of Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention or designee	Ali Chiu
13	Executive Director of Safe & Sound, which operates the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Council or designee	Jenny Pearlman
14	Director of the Department of Public Health or designee	Dr. Leigh Kimberg
15	Executive Director of the Department of Adult and Aging Services or designee	Akiles Ceron
16	Executive Director of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families or designee	
17	Medical Examiner or designee	Dr. Ellen Moffatt

18	Director of the Department of Child Support Services or designee	Karen Roye
19	Chief of Juvenile Probation or designee	Gabe Cavillo (joined at 3:35)
20	Public Defender or designee	
21	Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control or designee	Judy Choi
22	Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District or designee	
23	Human Resources Director or designee	
24	Chief of the Fire Department or designee	
25	Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or designee	Elisabet Avalos
26	Director of the Department of Early Childhood or designee	Theresa Zigmara
27	Director of the Department of Police Accountability or designee	Carolyn Wysinger
28	Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission or designee	Dannielle Glover

The meeting was called to order at 3:05PM. Quorum was established with 20 members present. Two additional members joined after 3:30PM.

II. Consent Agenda/Agenda Changes

Action: To approve the Consent Agenda and any Changes to August 16, 2023 Agenda

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes from the May 17, 2023 Family Violence Council meeting
- 2023-24 Family Violence Council Recommendations
- August 16, 2023 meeting agenda

Seat no.	Agency	Member Present	Vote
1	Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee		
2	Mayor or designee	Ivy Lee (joined at 3:15)	Y
3	President of the Board of Supervisors or designee		
4	District Attorney or designee	Karima Baptiste	Absent
5	Chief of Police or designee	Antonio Flores	Y
6	Sheriff or designee	Michele Fisher	Y
7	President of Commission on the Status of Women or designee	Kimberly Ellis	Y
8	Chief of Adult Probation or designee	Adela Martinez	
9	Executive Director of Department of Emergency Management or designee	Evora Heard	Y
10	Executive Director of Domestic Violence Consortium or designee	Beverly Upton	Y
11	Director of Human Services Agency or designee	Vellore Adithi	Y
12	Executive Director of Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention or designee	Ali Chiu	Y
13	Executive Director of Safe & Sound, which operates the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Council or designee	Jenny Pearlman	Y
14	Director of the Department of Public Health or designee	Dr. Leigh Kimberg	Y
15	Executive Director of the Department of Adult and Aging Services or designee	Akiles Ceron	Y
16	Executive Director of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families or designee		
17	Medical Examiner or designee	Dr. Ellen Moffatt	Y
18	Director of the Department of Child Support Services or designee	Karen Roye	Y
19	Chief of Juvenile Probation or designee	Gabe Cavillo (joined at 3:35)	

20	Public Defender or designee		
21	Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control or designee	Judy Choi	Y
22	Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District or designee		
23	Human Resources Director or designee		
24	Chief of the Fire Department or designee		
25	Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or designee	Elisabet Avalos	Y
26	Director of the Department of Early Childhood or designee	Theresa Zigmera	Y
27	Director of the Department of Police Accountability or designee	Carolyn Wysinger	Abstained
28	Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission or designee	Dannielle Glover	Y

Antonio Flores made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Ivy lee seconded. The consent calendar agenda passed with 17 votes in favor with one abstention.

III. Report Out From Elected Officials

Update and Report on Implementation of Office of Victims and Witness Rights

Dominica Donovan and Sam Logan, Office of Supervisor Catherine Stefani

Dominica Donovan shared that Supervisor Stefani is excited to announce alongside with the Mayor that four positions were included in the budget cycle for this year and into next year to establish the Office of Victims and Witness Rights. Ms. Donovan emphasized that these positions are critical, and that Supervisor Stefani fought to keep those positions in the budget which was not easy given that the City and County of San Francisco has almost a billion-dollar deficit. It was further stated that Supervisor Stefani wanted to fulfill the voters mandate to create this office and was grateful for Mayor’s support. Ms. Donovan shared that in terms of next steps community outreach has started and is being led by Bobbi Lopez who has been hired for the Office. Ms. Donovan expressed appreciation to the FVC for their support and advocacy.

Ivy Lee reiterated that the Office has started the community and stakeholder engagement process which is focused on one-on-one and focus group discussions. Ms. Lee shared that the Office will go into every neighborhood in the city, and will interview the Supervisors’ Offices and their staff. Ms. Lee invited the FVC to engage and speak with the Office. She shared that one of the Office’s targets is to finalize by the end of the year one of the mandates of Prop D which is the unmet victims needs survey. The goal is to have a draft report ready for circulation in January. Ms. Lee shared her email and invited the FVC to reach out to the Office to be added to the interview list. Ms. Lee stated that she would like to bring the Office team to a future FVC meeting and present the Office’s priorities. She emphasized

that they are looking to the victims needs survey and the report as the Office's north star and a recommendation list for the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Lee stated that the Board has to pass an ordinance that defines the scope of the Office and defines and establishes expectations for what this Office can do and what it cannot do. Ms. Lee shared that the second big piece of this is the design and recommendation around the right to legal counsel structure and process that the City should support. She concluded by saying that those are the two main endeavors the Office will be working until the end of the year.

Jenny Pearlman shared that the FVC Tri-Chairs would like to meet with Ivy Lee to talk about the Office and victim needs. Ms. Pearlman expressed a concern relative to how legal services might be guaranteed because they are complex, long term and complicated. She further emphasized that there are a lot of nonprofit community partners that already provide those services. Ms. Pearlman also shared that they are currently looking into the FVC recommendations from the past five years, interviewing people regarding those recommendations in terms of where they are and what has happened which might be helpful for this Office.

Ivy Lee emphasized that this Prop D Office will not be a direct service office and that it has become clear that the Office will need community-based organizations, who have been doing this work for decades, to anchor and drive this work. She further stated that the Office is not interested in supplanting the work of the CBOs; instead the Office wants to make sure to support that work and build additional capacity. Ms. Lee added that the Office is working with Supervisor Stefani to ensure dedicated and sustainable source of funding for these types of services. Ms. Lee said that the Office needs FVC support in that regard.

Bev Upton expressed her gratitude to the Office for thinking about some of the issues that have been challenging in this work for decades.

Jenny Pearlman posed a question which was raised in the past relative to how this Office will interact with the District Attorney's Victim Services Unit.

Ivy Lee emphasized again that there is no desire or intention to supplant any existing services. The Office has been in conversation with the Victim Services Unit, and they delineated that if there is a client associated with the criminal process the Victim Services Unit would continue to be the point agency; whereas if there is an uncharged case and the individual still needs assistance that would be referred out.

Bev Upton shared gratitude that the Office has reached out to the Domestic Violence community.

IV. Report Out from the FVC Representative to Sentencing Commission

Andrew Tan, Safe & Sound

Andrew Tan shared that the Sentencing Commissions met on June 20, 2023. The Commission received a presentation from the California Policy Lab regarding the use of sentencing enhancements. Mr. Tan said that despite some recent policy changes aimed at reducing their use, that has not been happening; the California Policy Lab will continue to examine this. Mr. Tan shared that San Francisco has some of the lowest use of sentencing enhancements in the state. The Commission also got an update on the Young Adult Initiative and the DA's office which is continuing to engage transitional age youth to discover the journey that TAY youth take throughout the justice system in San Francisco. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2023.

V. Panel Discussion Relating to Barriers, Prevention, and Intervention of Elder Abuse

Anni Chung, Self Help for the Elderly

Akiles Ceron, HSA-APS

Ali Chiu, IOA

Esther Leong, APILO

Anni Chung moderated the panel and introduced the panelists. She shared that Mr. Ceron will present first about the role of the Adult Protective Services (APS), what services they provide, and highlight the self-neglect cases which seem to be on the rise. She further shared that Ms. Chiu will follow and talk about the work and the impact of the multidisciplinary teams, the work of the IOA and the consortium that she oversees. Lastly, Ms. Chung shared that Ms. Leong will talk about the work of the API Legal Outreach on elder abuse prevention, intervention, and what barriers the Pacific Islander elderly experience.

Mr. Ceron started by stating that the FVC report section on elderly noted a high volume of reports being made to APS, about 7,000 a year, over the last several years. He also noted that the response rate to those reports is low, and it mostly included arrests. Mr. Ceron shared that not all abuses are criminal and thus, do not warrant a law enforcement response. He mentioned the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act which mandates reporting of suspected abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation not only to law enforcement, but to APS and to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman. Mr. Ceron shared about the types of abuse that are reportable in California and what populations are considered vulnerable. He stated that in addition to physical abuse, which may involve over medication, under medication, chemical restraint, battery, there is also neglect, which is not always criminal; it may be due to lack of resources and access to systems. Mr. Ceron further shared that self-neglect constitutes 60% of all reports to APS, which have increased by 1,000 over the last year, up to 8,000 reports a year. Mr. Ceron reported that often self-neglect is accompanied by another type of abuse usually committed by another person, intentional or unintentional. There is isolation, another significant aspect that contributes to abuse, neglect and exploitation, self-neglect, abandonment, mental suffering, abduction and deprivation of goods and services by a care custodian. In California, APS receives those reports for suspected victims who are not in a licensed facility. For those individuals who are in skilled nursing facilities or residential care facilities for the elderly, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman receives those reports. APS's primary response is advocacy and connection to systems of

help. Mr. Ceron said that part of the response system in San Francisco is either a social work-related intervention, a medical intervention, a civil remedy intervention, and those that may be appropriate for referral to law enforcement. He also mentioned that APS funds multidisciplinary teams such as the forensic center, high risk self-neglect, elder and disability death review, and Elder Abuse Task Force. These teams include professionals from other fields such as mental health, geriatricians, the public guardian, public conservator, and the probate court. Mr. Ceron shared that the legal partners and SFPD special victims' unit are also included to help determine the best route to intervene.

Ali Chiu restated that IOA runs the three Multidisciplinary Teams (MDTs), the forensic center, high risk self-neglect, and elder and disability death review teams. Part of the IOA program is also a training on mandatory reporting. Ms. Chiu shared that the forensic center focuses on the abuse committed by known or unknown abuser. For the high-risk self-neglect team, the focus is on those who are unable to take care of themselves health wise, financially and in other ways. Ms. Chiu shared that through these MDTs, the IOA has had different partners. For the forensic center, IOA has partnered with the police, District Attorney, public guardian, and public conservators. For the high-risk self-neglect MDT, Ms. Chiu shared that they partner with the EMS and fire department. The elder and disability death review team, which started two years ago, reviews cases they receive from the Medical Examiners Office and deliberate on what can be done to prevent future abuse. This team proposes recommendations on abuse and untimely death prevention. Ms. Chiu offered that through the high-risk self-neglect MDT she learned that there is a number of elders who are not proficient in English and who may have different cultural viewpoints. She shared that IOA is aware of situations of people with intellectual disability but without a record of receiving services through the Golden Gate Regional Center which provides services to people with intellectual disabilities. The possible conclusion Ms. Chiu shared is that people from different cultures may not want to acknowledge that they have an intellectual disability due to stigma. In those cases what the team recommends trying to find is the person's school record. Ms. Chiu shared that every six weeks IOA holds public MDT meetings and people can sign up to attend.

Esther Leong shared that API Legal Outreach has several practice areas such as elder abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, housing, immigration, senior law, and youth law. It is because APILO has so many different project areas and partnerships, Ms. Leong shared that they are able to capture an elder abuse issue that may be an ancillary issue to another one. She shared that APILO offers elder abuse legal service representation, consultation, and referrals. APILO emphasizes outreach in their work especially as it relates to communities of color who may experience trust issues and where cultural sensitivity and language competence is important. Ms. Leong shared that APILO learned early on that the issue of elder abuse is hidden due to feelings of shame. Certain cultures do not want to acknowledge that relatives or children would perpetrate abuse and there may also be confusion about what constitutes elder abuse. Ms. Leong stated that is the reason they started the Elder Abuse Task Force as another forum where partners can share information. As it relates to elder abuse, APILO has two goals. One is about outreach, especially in the communities that are the most marginalized and newcomers. Second is provision of education on a quarterly basis about elder abuse intended to empower the participants and provide an opportunity to share cases and challenges. APILO also provides legal services. Ms. Leong iterated that it is important to make communities aware of elder abuse and make them feel safe to come forward and share information. She highlighted that a significant problem is language barriers which contribute to this issue being hidden. Ms. Leong shared that in APILO's work with the API community they have noticed that bringing up the issue of elder

abuse may break up the family. There are also concerns with immigration status if the issue of elder abuse is brought up. Ms. Leung raised a concern about the increase in assaults on the elderly and the importance of addressing those. She said that seniors are scared to go out into the public, use transportation, go see their doctors which is a form of isolation and self-neglect. Ms. Leong said that the pandemic has further trapped seniors inside and made them more vulnerable to scams. She encouraged everyone to connect with the seniors in their families and communities.

Tony Flores shared that SFPD notice came out on June 30, 2023, and with that, reporting and investigating suspected elder and dependent adult abuse. The notice explains how the officers shall take and make these reports, interact with individuals, and investigate these cases. This improvement was enabled due to the partnerships of SFPD with the elder abuse prevention community.

Anni Chung shared that a group of individuals active in the elder abuse community want to regroup again and follow up with SFPD and District Attorney's Office, and other appropriate groups. She said that Jenny Pearlman asked this group for recommendations on elder abuse.

Jenny Pearlman asked how do we make sure we collect the data? Are they going to put together some recommendations on how to better collect the data and who we should reach out to? What are some of the questions we should be asking now that are different than we've asked in the past?

Anni Chung said that she thinks the group she convened is headed that way. She added that of the 7,000 reports APS receives annually, it is not clear where those reports are coming from and who is being left out.

VI. Update Relating to the FVC Data Collection and FVC Report Timeline

Kevin Roach, Department on the Status of Women Discussion

Dr. Kevin Roach briefly presented per the request of the Tri-Chairs about the Family Violence Council report, data collection and the update DOSW will provide at the November 15 FVC meeting. Dr. Roach provided a quick reminder that the Family Violence Council annual report is on the prevalence of and response to child abuse, elder abuse and domestic violence in San Francisco. He stated that this is a comprehensive, large report that deals with multiple measures within each of those 3 categories. Dr. Roach said that this fiscal year, FVC will be producing the full report and that the report relies on data submitted by the FVC members. He stated that DOSW will send out data requests in late August and early September to each of the organizations serving on the FVC. Dr. Roach said that DOSW will be requesting the same data that has been requested in the past and that it covers the prevalence and response in the areas of child abuse, elder abuse, and domestic violence. The data request will be for the previous two fiscal years, fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023. Dr. Roach concluded that DOSW will report at the FVC November meeting with the data collected and a preliminary analysis of that data.

Ceron Akiles asked if FVC will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input on how the data will be put together?

Dr. Kevin Roach answered that in November, DOSW will be doing a quick snapshot of the data, but the

translation from data to report is something that DOSW will be taking feedback from the FVC.

Bev Upton asked if community-based data will be integrated with the law enforcement and City department data at the next meeting, or will that be in the report?

Dr. Kevin Roach shared that DOSW plans to report on all the data that DOSW has, and he presumed that it would be the data from both community-based organizations and law enforcement.

Michele Fisher expressed a concern that the absence of data is not the absence of a problem. She shared that during the first days of COVID, people assumed instances of domestic violence were down, but the opposite was the truth because victims were trapped in the same home with the abuser unable to reach out for help.

Dr. Kevin Roach expressed that those are important and valid concerns, and that this was something that DOSW tried to touch in the data dashboards that were presented at the last meeting. He said that the analysis section is where those discrepancies are addressed in terms of what data is not being gathered and where reporting is difficult and reaching survivors is not always equally the same across time. Dr. Roach added that in the early stages, the goal is to collect as much data as possible, and in the analysis stages, we will look at patterns and what might be causing them.

Emberly Cross asked, as it relates to the community data, if that data will at least partially be coming from the reports that the DOSW funded organizations provide to DOSW? Or are there separate questions that will be coming out to community members?

Dr. Kevin Roach responded that DOSW will follow the same pattern as before and ask each organization a set of questions tailored to what they're doing. He said that most of the data collection comes from the request to the FVC members. Dr. Roach said he will have to check if a separate request will be sent out to DOSW grantees or if DOSW will rely on the quarterly reports data.

Bev Upton added that there is a lot of rich data in the DOSW quarterly reports and that it would be a great place to start.

Anni Chung asked if DOSW will come back in November with a full report? Will the same report be submitted to the Board of Supervisors? Or when would that happen?

Dr. Kevin Roach clarified that DOSW will not report in November with the full report and that will take months after November. In November, DOSW will report on what data DOSW collects and a preliminary data analysis.

Anni Chung shared that when she first joined the FVC, Supervisor Stefani convened a hearing to hear the report from the Family Violence Council and allowed for a lot of input. She said that she hopes that will happen again when the report is ready from DOSW and that it won't come out too late or else the data will not be very useful. Ms. Chung added that she hopes that the timing of the report will be current and relevant so that we can focus on the gaps and what can be done better.

Dr. Kevin Roach responded by asking folks to respond to the data request and that DOSW will work as quickly as possible.

Bev Upton added that when the report comes out, we need to be speedy in getting on the Board of Supervisors calendar. Perhaps Supervisor Stefani's office can have a hearing in public safety; maybe we can do a report out to the full Board as soon as possible so the data is as fresh as possible.

VII. Report on the Implementation of Recommendation One From 2021-24 Recommendations

Jenny Pearlman

Jenny Pearlman reminded the FVC that Recommendation One from last year's recommendations was to take stock of all the tremendous work of the Family Violence Council and organizations and agencies on the Council do to both prevent abuse of victims and respond to those victims and provide supportive services as well as to understand where we are as a city and what we need to keep doing. Ms. Pearlman shared that they are reviewing the status of key FVC recommendations and achievements over the past five years to help inform our recommendations for the following report. She shared that they have started that process, and they pulled information from all the prior reports since 2009. Ms. Pearlman said that her colleagues are also asking if there are other people they should reach out to and find out more information about the status of the recommendations. She thanked everyone for responding when they get such an email asking for information or directing her colleagues to the person who would be most knowledgeable within one's organization.

Bev Upton asked if Ms. Pearlman wanted the FVC to touch base a little bit on the recommendations or should the FVC wait and do the interviews?

Jenny Pearlman said that FVC should wait and do the interviews. She added that they pulled the information from the past recommendations and once they start to gather that data, they can give an update and see how those fold into the FVC report and recommendations for the following year. Ms. Pearlman said that they are just starting the interview process. She concluded by saying that the Family Violence Council is working on ensuring that in our following year reports, we continue to provide updates on what progress we've made on recommendations.

VIII. Key Issues in Family Violence

- a. Domestic Violence Update – Bev Upton
- b. Elder Abuse Update – Anni Chung
- c. Child Abuse Update – Jenny Pearlman

Bev Upton asked Emberly Cross and anyone else from the domestic violence community to provide an update if they have any.

Emberley Cross shared that they are bringing in two expert trainers next Tuesday for an all-day training in the Women's Building: Mariam El-menshawi, director of the California Victim Resource Center at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento, and Kim Conover from Southern California, who is the former executive director of the Family Justice Centers in Riverside County. They will be talking about Marsy's Rights that all victims of crime in California have, and how we, as advocates can use those rights, inform our clients about those rights and how they can exercise those. Ms. Cross shared that those could be the right to participate in the proceeding, be informed about every hearing that happens, the right to make a statement at pre-sentencing, or the right not to participate in the process. These are practical tips for clients and how they can navigate a very confusing criminal legal system. Ms. Cross said that they will hold additional training sessions on this topic over the next few months.

Michele Fisher shared that many victims don't have the slightest idea what is going to happen when the perpetrator or offender, depending on where they are in the court process, goes out and gets on the electric monitoring program. A lot of people don't know what their rights are or what to do.

Bev Upton reminded everybody that it will be Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October and that she will get a calendar of events out soon. She echoed what Esther Leong said about making sure that San Francisco does not become tolerant of violence against elders, violence against women, violence in general. Ms. Upton brought up the example of the tragic unfolding of finding Kelly Koike's earthly remains in the Golden Gate Park on Sunday and the deep concerns of the communities who stand with Kelly's family. She shared that she wrote to the Domestic Violence Consortium and said to them that she can tell by the way the media is covering this that the lead of the story is that Kelly perhaps had some mental health issues, and perhaps she had experienced some homelessness at some time. Ms. Upton highlighted that somebody put Kelly's body in a duffel bag and that we need to know what happened. She shared that we do not know that it's domestic violence, but somebody had a hand in this; we cannot become tolerant of this.

Anni Chung shared that on June 15th they announced the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and the 15 Day Challenge Campaign walkathon. She stated that with the help from the Assessor Recorder Juaquin Torres that night, City Hall was lit up in purple, which is the official color of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Ms. Chung highlighted that 14 or 15 million steps were collectively walked to bring awareness or to stop elder abuse. She added that a follow-up evaluation with Ms. Leung and Ms. Chiu will take place on what to do next year, and they will send an invitation to all FVC members. The last event had 12 sponsors and they hope that the number will double next year. Everybody who joined the campaign got a T-shirt.

Jenny Pearlman shared that exciting things are happening, particularly at the state level, and that they

are also working on collaborating with various counties and partnering with child welfare on reforming mandated reporting. The intent of mandated reporting is to protect children and provide safety. Ms. Pearlman shared that child abuse also results in significant trauma for the family, for the child, for the community and society, and ends up a huge burden and cost on society. She shared that the data is showing that mandated reporting is not working and that there is significant overreporting and surveillance particularly of black and brown families. In California, only about 16% of reports are verified cases of child abuse where child welfare ends up opening as a case. Ms. Pearlman stated that the majority of reports that are made, primarily by those who work with children and mandated reporters, are not substantiated. They do not become a case that child welfare ends up taking on. However, the impact of those reports is severe and disproportionate on black and brown families. Ms. Pearlman shared that the field is saying something is wrong. The field has gone in the direction of pushing people to report but what the family really needs is support. Ms. Pearlman shared that over 60% of those cases are what are called neglect cases, which is highly correlated with poverty; often a family is brought to the attention of child welfare because of a situation that is related to their poverty, and they need other kinds of support. She shared that the field is looking at this and that there is a big movement to reform the mandated reporting system and to build a system of community support. Ms. Pearlman highlighted that a task force has been formed at the state level that has been approved by Secretary Ghaly of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Task force has put out applications across sectors and is seeking people with lived expertise to serve on the task force. Over 150 applications were received. Ms. Pearlman has been serving on the working group for the task force. The task force will hold its first meeting in September and will have several subcommittees. Ms. Pearlman said that the task force has about a year to come up with recommendations for the state, and that recommendations will be broad from training to funding to other types of legislation and reform. She stated that they have been partnering with child welfare at the local level to move forward some of the recommendations and reforms with the mandated reporter training.

Ms. Pearlman also shared that Safe & Sound has a “lunch and learn” on this topic next Wednesday with her, Dana Blackwell from Casey Family Programs and a parent. Ms. Pearlman added that a lot is coming out and going on for community agencies with respect to support and funding in the city and that the primary sources of funding for community agencies that support families and children are coming out today. DCYF put out a new RFP today which will be significant in determining the funding that goes to children in the city for the next five years. Applications are due in October, and award announcements will come out in March. She expressed her gratitude to the city that the funding remained intact for family resource centers as well as under baby Prop C for early childhood childcare and education.

Robert O'Sullivan introduced himself to the Council as the Deputy Chief assigned to the investigations in the Police Department and said he looks forward to working with everyone.

IX. Public Comment

This item is to allow members of the public to comment, for a maximum of two minutes each, on matters within the Council's purview, as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Council's future consideration.

There were no members of the public who asked to address the Council.

X. Adjourn to November 15, 2023 at 3PM

The meeting was adjourned to November 15, 2023 at 3PM.