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**PAUL MIYAMOTO  
SHERIFF**

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Mr. Manohar Raju  
San Francisco Public Defender  
555 Seventh Street  
San Francisco, CA 94013

Dear Mr. Raju:

I write to reassure you and summarize some of the actions that the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Health are taking to prevent an outbreak of COVID-19 in our jails and prevent a public health emergency.

The safety and well-being of justice-involved people in our jails is our priority while carrying out our mission to protect public safety in the City and County of San Francisco.

We work hand in hand with the Department of Public Health, which operates our Jail Health Services. They screen everyone for infectious diseases as part of the booking process and do an extensive medical interview within 24 hours of a person being housed.

The Department of Public Health has established guidelines based on the Center for Disease Control protocol to prevent and control the spread of disease in our jails. My office follows these guidelines.

In partnership with Jail Health Services, we continuously identify and monitor our most vulnerable populations who may be older or immunocompromised to ensure their safety. We have emergency plans in place that build on years of public health planning to manage and prevent the spread of infectious disease.

To date, we have not had a single case of coronavirus in our jails. Rest assured, those who are under our care receive medical treatment that is among the best in the country.

Please note: We have one of the lowest incarceration rates per capita in the United States. In consideration of your request regarding release of sentenced persons, the

Sheriff's Office has a proactive policy for evaluating SWAP (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program) and electronic monitoring eligibility. We regularly review every sentenced person in our jail to determine their eligibility for release. This policy will continue.

Please call me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Miyamoto", with a large, stylized initial "P" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Miyamoto

Sheriff

CC: Mayor London Breed, City and County of San Francisco  
Dr. Grant Colfax, Department of Public Health  
Mr. Chesa Boudin, San Francisco District Attorney