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**Subject:** Fwd: [HVNA] HVNA Letter re Crime in Hayes Valley, from Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association  
**Date:** February 22, 2021 at 12:59 PM



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City Leaders,

It has been more than a week since we sent you our letter about a surge in crime in Hayes Valley and almost four days since our deadline for a plan to address it. Because our letter raised issues that are urgently important to our entire neighborhood, we put a lot of time and thought into it. Your response to date? None. Not one of the five addressees of our letter has even acknowledged it, much less shown any willingness or ability to address the urgent issues it raised.

Supervisor Preston, thank you for your thoughtful response and the legwork you've already put into a concrete proposal. We share your optimism that the Community Ambassador program may help increase the number of eyes on our streets. And Captain Yep, thanks to you too, for your email, for your continued partnership with our organization, and for the work that you and your officers do every day for our neighborhood, often under difficult conditions. We are very glad to hear that additional regular foot beat officers will be assigned to the neighborhood in the near future. We look forward to working with both of you to successfully implement these programs, as we have done on other projects in the past. We will reach out to each of you separately to discuss details.

But while we appreciate your responses to our letter, we didn't direct our letter to you, and for good reason—because our understanding is that neither of you is in a position to implement the kind of high-level, inter-agency changes necessary to actually solve the problems in our public safety and criminal justice infrastructure. As just one example: we applaud the SFPD for making arrests in four of the five early-February crimes listed in our letter. But what happens now? Are those arrestees already back out on the streets, likely committing more crimes?

We're concerned that the city leaders' silence in response to our letter may actually speak volumes. To say that we are disappointed, frustrated, and frightened would be a vast understatement.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Laska  
HVNA Vice President

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**From:** "Barbara Early, HVNA" <hvnacorrespondingsecretary@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** [HVNA] HVNA Letter re Crime in Hayes Valley, from Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association  
**Date:** February 15, 2021 at 10:47:29 AM PST  
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Dear Mayor Breed, District Attorney Boudin, Director Colfax, Chief Scott, and Judge Feng:

Please see the attached subject letter in PDF format about crime in Hayes Valley, from HVNA Board President Craig N. Hamburg, Board Vice President Jennifer Laska, HVNA Public Safety Chair Bob Barnwell, and HVNA Merchant Group Chair Lloyd Silverstein.

Respectfully,

Barbara Early  
HVNA Corresponding Secretary

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