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**Subject:** RE: HVNA Letter re Crime in Hayes Valley, from Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association

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Dear HVNA and our partners in Hayes Valley,

Thank you for the letter expressing your concerns regarding crimes in Hayes Valley. You will not get any excuses from me, rather I offer you some of the strategies Northern Police Station has devised and implemented to help mitigate crime to the best of our ability in our district neighborhoods. For Hayes Valley specifically:

-Northern Station reinstated a regular foot beat officer for Hayes Valley since my arrival in July 2020 and we plan to assign two additional officers whose primary duty will be the Hayes Valley foot beat during a staffing change to take effect on March 6, 2021.

-Northern Station's Housing Unit will provide supplemental assistance with the new foot beat officers and provide additional uniformed presence in Hayes Valley, Lower Polk and Lower Haight. The Housing Unit will also work with me to "problem solve" for these neighborhoods for issues such as crime trends, traffic enforcement operations, etc.

-Northern Station Platoon Commanders (shift supervisors) are briefed regarding crime issues and trends in Hayes Valley and will deploy patrol staffing as appropriate on a daily basis. I will continue to discuss future strategies with them as Covid subsides and Hayes Valley returns to a vibrant and robust neighborhood.

In regards to working with our City partners, I communicate with Supervisor Preston's office on a regular (weekly at minimum) basis on various neighborhood issues, including some of the incidents you referenced in your letter. Our police department has made arrests in four of the five criminal incidents cited in the letter. I will provide details regarding the status of the arrests in future communications with the Hayes Valley community. I have not and will not "finger point" at the DA and I have agreed to personally consult with him on arrests in Hayes Valley, as needed. I also worked closely with HSOC and DPH regarding encampment resolutions, including a successful resolution with the Octavia Street encampments in the last quarter of 2020. Northern Station will continue to work with our City partners as there is clearly much more work to do. Please continue to hold us all accountable individually and collectively.

I will also not use staffing challenges as an excuse, rather as a reality we accept and will work through. Northern Station currently responds to the most calls for service in San Francisco. You have our commitment to continue to fulfill our roles in public safety and I am proud of the work our officers do everyday. I only ask for some continued patience as we work through these challenges together.

Sincerely,

Paul

Captain Paul Yep

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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