

Oppose Nancy Tung & Geoffrey Gordon-Creed:

Choose Your Own Talking Points

Good afternoon, Supervisors, my name is [REDACTED], and I [live/work] in San Francisco.

George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Ahmaud Arbery. This month has been a powerful reminder of what happens without police accountability.

I oppose Nancy Tung and Geoffrey Gordon-Creed for Police Commission because now, more than ever, we need independent commissioners who will hold police officers accountable, who do not have a long-standing cozy relationship with the police, who will advocate for policies that will protect all vulnerable communities and decrease use of force, not drive it up further.

[Choose Option 1, overview of all the issues, or Option 2, delving into 1-2 issues below in depth]

Option 1: Overview of all the issues

Nancy Tung supports giving tasers to San Francisco

police officers when “there is more trust”, even though tasers have been shown to increase use of force and deaths.

During her campaign last year and today, Nancy Tung argued all recent SFPD shootings have been legally justified and last Tuesday opposed prosecuting and firing police officers who were involved in shootings of San Francisco residents.

Nancy Tung supported Prop H, which would have neutered the commission she seeks to serve on, by stripping the Police Commission of the power to oversee taser use of force policy.

Nancy Tung opposes closing San Francisco’s juvenile hall, an appalling institution where children have been abused for decades.

Nancy Tung received funding for her campaign early last year from police officers and the polarizing and conservative SF POA.

Nancy Tung opposed ending cash bail.

Since Nancy Tung has worked hand in hand with police departments for decades, she cannot provide neutral citizen oversight of law enforcement.

Geoffrey Gordon-Creed is unqualified for the position given his history of defending officers and his lack of experience engaging with criminal justice issues or representing communities impacted by policing. Gordon-Creed also said he had no opinion on whether the officers involved in recent shootings by SFPD should have been

fired/disciplined. Deciding this would be his primary role if he were to serve on the police commission.

San Francisco's Chinese American community *deserves* representation on the Police Commission. Mayor Breed should nominate people who represent San Francisco values, who have demonstrated interest in holding police accountable, who will not promote policies that increase use of force and uphold racial and wealth disparities already embedded in our criminal justice system. Our community deserves better. Please vote NO on Nancy Tung.

END OPTION 1

Option 2: Choose one issue below (or more if you have time) and spend your public comment time on that ONE issue.

Geoffrey Gordon-Creed is unqualified for the position given his history of defending officers and his lack of experience engaging with criminal justice issues or representing communities impacted by policing. As a result, we know nothing about his nomination and the Mayor's office has declined to respond to immediate disclosure Sunshine requests for more information.

Nancy Tung supports giving tasers to San Francisco police officers if she deems there to be enough "trust restored".

- Tasers would worsen relations with communities of color and vulnerable groups such as the homeless and mentally ill, upon whom tasers would be disproportionately used.
- One UCSF study of California police and sheriff departments found the rate of in-custody sudden deaths involving non-lethal force increased 640% in the first full year of Taser deployment compared with the previous year.
- I oppose Nancy Tung for the Police Commission because her priorities run contrary to our community's values: just two years ago, San Franciscans voted overwhelmingly against Proposition H, which would have given police tasers.
- Nancy Tung supported Prop H, which not only would have given police tasers, but would have stripped the Police Commission of its power to regulate those weapons. We need Police Commissioners that actually respect the Commission!
- Studies show that police departments equipped with Taser do not show a reduction in the use of lethal force. Tasers aren't replacing guns, they're being used in addition to, and more broadly than, guns.
- With all the recent abuses of the Police Department, we need Police Commissioners who will hold officers accountable, not give them more tools to perpetrate violence on our neighbors. Please vote no on Nancy Tung.

Nancy Tung opposes closing San Francisco's juvenile hall, even though it is an appalling institution where children have been abused for decades.

- The US Department of Justice investigation of San Francisco's Juvenile Hall found frequent arbitrary use of solitary confinement to punish children, and denying bathroom

access, and refusing to let kids use phones to contact their families for weeks or even months.

- It costs the city \$266k a year to house a child in a cage. Restorative justice diversion costs \$10k. The recidivism rate for the juvenile legal system is 53%, while it's just 13% for those going through restorative justice diversion. Caging children isn't just inhumane and expensive, it also doesn't work.
- It's unconscionable that Nancy Tung would want this facility to remain open, in any form.
- Our Police Commission needs members who reflect community values, including respecting the rights of the accused and our children—that's the opposite of what Nancy Tung and juvenile hall stand for.
- I thank the Board of Supervisors for doing the right thing by voting to close the juvenile hall last year.
- Now, I ask that you do the right thing by voting **against** Nancy Tung.
- I envision a better world for our children and families in San Francisco.

Nancy Tung accepted funding for her campaign early last year from police officers and the polarizing and conservative San Francisco Police Officers Association.

- In her campaign for DA she accepted a contribution from the POA, the same police "union" that has defended officers who made racist jokes and shot innocent people.
- We *need* Police Commissioners who are **independent** from the Police Department they are supposed to monitor.
- Tung EVEN accepted \$800 from three officers--Ryan Crosby, Ronald Liberta, & Britt Elmore--who got the city sued for the extreme racist and sexist behavior they demonstrated against African-Americans in the Tenderloin.
 - **Today Tung said she donated \$500 to the Rafiki Coalition to make up for the POA contribution. This is not about one contribution. This is about a pattern of behavior:**
 - I appreciate your trying to make amends for the POA contribution, but accepting money from these officers (Ryan Crosby, Liberta, Elmore) in particular suggests that you condone their behavior and you have a pattern of doing so. **How can our community trust that you will hold individual police officers, who engage in racist or sexist behavior accountable?**
- The POA is a far-right organization that has condoned acts of police violence and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars disseminating racist fear-mongering ads during the recent District Attorney race. By accepting their money, Tung made clear that she can **never** be trusted to hold police officers accountable.
- The POA does not reflect San Francisco values like tolerance and compassion, but I do, and I hope you will, too.
- Nancy Tung has been a part of law enforcement for almost two decades, working closely not just with police departments, but with ultra-conservative factions of law enforcement. We need neutral citizen oversight on this board, not members of law enforcement policing their own. Please vote NO on Nancy Tung.

Nancy Tung opposed ending cash bail.

- Money bail is an oppressive, draconian system that reinforced and upheld racial and wealth disparities in criminal justice in San Francisco.

- When our city still had cash bail last year, African-Americans paid over \$120 per capita in non-refundable bail fees while White residents paid \$10 per capita.
- Justice outcomes should **never** be determined by how much money someone has, and it's shameful Nancy Tung said otherwise.
- I'm glad that money bail ended in San Francisco this year, and I would never want to return to that system--my friends, family, and neighbors wouldn't want to either.
- Nancy Tung is clearly out of step with San Franciscans and supports policies that perpetuate racial and wealth disparities. That's why I'm asking you to please oppose Nancy Tung for Police Commissioner today.

During her campaign last year, Nancy Tung argued all recent SFPD shootings have been justified and opposed prosecuting police officers who were involved in shootings of San Francisco residents. Today she said she would not have disciplined any of these officers. (involved in the the kiling of Mario Woods, Luis-Gongora Pat, Alex Nieto, Jessica Williams).

- As documented by the US Department of Justice, SFPD has a terrible history of excessive use of force. This is appalling: police officers should be held to the same legal standards we all are.
- Police officers are sworn to protect and serve, and when they abuse their authority by hurting people, **they must be held accountable**. This is the whole point of having a Police Commission.
- We need Police Commissioners who will exercise meaningful independent oversight over the Police Department.
- As we've seen in other cities recently, failing to prosecute police officers who kill our neighbors does not protect public safety, it fosters societal breakdown.
- By promising not to prosecute officers involved in previous shootings, Nancy Tung has shown that she will not hold officers accountable. We need Police Commissioners to hold police accountable, so please oppose Nancy Tung's nomination today.

Nancy Tung is on the Board of Directors of "Stop Crime SF," a group with close relationships to the SFPD that pushes for stricter laws and harsher criminal punishments.

- Stop Crime SF opposes criminal reform efforts and advocates to roll back initiatives like Prop 47. Nancy Tung's support for harsher punishments and mass incarceration run counter to San Francisco values.
- Stop Crime SF regularly complains that criminal justice reforms "tie the hands" of law enforcement. The Police Commission does not need a member who believes we need to roll back the meager reforms we've fought to enact.
- Stop Crime SF serves as a PR vehicle for the SFPD, even embedding SFPD station twitter feeds on their website. We need an independent Police Commissioner, not one working to boost SFPD.
- Stop Crime SF opposed the recent legislation to ban facial recognition. We need a Police Commissioner that respects our civil liberties!
- Stop Crime SF supported Prop H, which would have stripped the Police Commission of its power to regulate deadly Taser weapons.