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MAYOR MARK FARRELL ON PROVIDING CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL DEVICES FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

“I believe that our San Francisco Police Department must have a policy that provides our officers with Conducted Electrical Device (CEDS), commonly known as Tasers.

The deployment of CEDs was one of the 272 reforms recommended by the United States Department of Justice. We have yet to see sufficient progress in the efforts to create a policy that will provide our officers with this less-lethal option.

Protecting the sanctity of life above all else is the most important priority of the San Francisco Police Department, and arming our officers with CEDs will allow us to reach that goal. Until such time as the Police Commission adopts a CED policy that works for our officers and community, I will be supporting the ballot measure to provide our officers with CEDs.”