

On Friday, September 26, the San Francisco Police Department began a new phase in our strategy to address crime and quality-of-life issues around 16th and Mission streets. Part of the strategy involves removing the mobile command van that was stationed at the BART plaza since March and replacing it with additional personnel in the area. The command van served as a visual deterrent and was instrumental in improving conditions on the BART plaza. For the next phase of this work, the SFPD determined we could be more efficient with additional officers in the alleyways and in front of schools in the area. All arrests and citations are a result of our officers.

Part of the new strategy involves deploying a Youth Engagement Officer, who will address quality-of-life issues around schools, work with our law enforcement partners like BART police, as well as our city partners and private security in the area.

The SFPD developed this strategy after numerous community meetings and listening to the needs of the neighborhood. This work continues to be a team effort, in which we work closely with our public and community partners. We will continue to reevaluate our work in the area and adjust resources as needed going forward.