

## Importance and expense of police reforms

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Hey Adam, just to get my plug about police reform in...

The San Francisco Police Department has been embarked on a voluntary, self-initiated reform effort for many years beginning with the Obama Justice Department, which provided technical support to SFPD. But under the Trump Administration, the U.S. DOJ pulled the plug on collaborative reform. SFPD spent months arranging for a new agreement to reimagine reform as a state-level process. ([See news release here.](#)) ([See the timeline here.](#))

That meant zeroing out achieved reforms and starting again, mostly at SFPD's own expense. Chief Scott has spoken powerfully that command staff structural support is essential to the success of SFPD's reforms.

The *New York Times* agrees, in its brief, "[Where Police Reform Has Worked,](#)" which prominently mentions San Francisco.

Campaign Zero's [#8cantwait campaign](#) listed San Francisco as one of two police departments nationally to have implemented all 8 use of force reforms. The other was Tuscon, Ariz. Since then, more having been coming online -- but not a lot, either.

Best,

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