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Retail Theft Prevention Meeting Committee

September 1, 2020 9:00am – 10:30am

Virtual Meeting- Zoom

**MINUTES**

The following committee members were present: Alex Nocon (DA's Office), Andy Wong (Nordstrom), Anthony Oropeza (Lbrands/Victoria Secret), Bob Miller (Westfield SF Centre), Chase Abinader (Westfield SF Centre), Chris Arbeene (Abercrombie & Fitch), Dmitri Shimolin (AVS), Jason Basco (Abercrombie & Fitch), Jennifer Marino (SFPD), Jonathan Ching (Hublot), Minako Yoshizawa (Bulgari), Myles Campbell (Office of the SF District Attorney), Orlando Torres (GAP), Paul Leynes (Loro Piana), Randy Moore (Loro Piana), Roland Tolosa (AVS), Ryan Doughty (Bloomingdale's), Thau Long (SFPD), Tom Ostley (US Department of Justice), and Wylie Broshar (Old Navy).

The following staff members were present: Karin Flood (Executive Director), Chris Boss (Director of Services), Karen Gagarin (Member Services Lead), Joshua Chan (Sr. Project Coordinator), and Eva Schouten (Intern).

Guests: Amanda Pritters (Victoria's Secret), Sergeant Watson (California Highway Patrol), Victor Hui (SFPD).

**1. Welcome, Introductions & Brief Announcements**

Committee Chair Orlando Torres called the meeting to order at 9:05am. Introductions were made.

**2. Public Comments**

Orlando Torres asked for public comment. Discussion took place among members regarding recent protests, lootings, and feasibility of a district-wide alert systems. (See Item 4b)

**3. Action to approve committee meeting minutes from 7/7/20**

Committee members were directed to the meeting minutes included in their virtual packets.

**Action:** As moved by Orlando Torres and seconded by Wylie Broshar, the committee unanimously approved the meeting minutes from 07/07/20 as presented.



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#### **4. Updates**

a. Top 10 offender list member discussion determining chronic offenders

Orlando Torres gave an overview of the importance of the top 10 offender list. The USBID intended to share this list with businesses in the district so that businesses can take preventative measures against said individuals. A brief discussion regarding increasing police visibility in the district took place.

b. Nextdoor

An overview of past alert platforms was provided. The USBID is looking to implement a new district-wide alert system through Nextdoor; discussion regarding feasible features of the system took place. The estimated launch of the use of the Nextdoor platform is winter of this year. Brief update was provided regarding the suspension of the USBID's overnight security program.

c. Best Practices & Protocols Process for USBID welcome kits member discussion and feedback on what should be included in the welcome kit.

Brief update was provided regarding the background and the publishing plan of a welcome kit, which will provide information regarding best practices and protocols of retail theft related crimes within the district. A draft of the document will be presented on the next RTP meeting.

#### **5. Best practices for prevention and reporting during COVID-19**

Discussion took place among members regarding best practices for retail theft prevention and reporting during COVID-19; members provided examples of protocols they have implemented in-store. Brief summary of USBID services and marketing efforts during COVID-19 was also provided.

#### **6. SFPD Union Square Area Updates & Reports**

The SFPD provided an overview and an update regarding the statuses and prosecution process regarding the looting; a summary of some of the gathered statistics was also provided. Members were encouraged to contact the SFPD for more information regarding a specific case.

#### **7. District Attorney updates**

Myles Campbell introduced himself to the committee. A brief overview of the current prosecution and indictment process was provided; committee members were reminded of the importance of including any possible testimony for all reporting, which will help streamline said processes. A discussion took place among members regarding Stay Away Orders and possible list



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of individuals imposed with a Stay Away Order in Union Square. The best way to reach Myles is through his email: [Myles.Campbell@SFGov.org](mailto:Myles.Campbell@SFGov.org)

**8. Adjourn—10:22am**

Next meeting on 11/03/2020