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Hello,

Commissioners who've heard me give public comment might be surprised that I'm against petty traffic stops, except littering from a vehicle shouldn't be grouped w/ the rest, as it's not really a traffic issue.

I don't see and data doesn't reflect notably more traffic danger w/ the significant recent reduction in enforcement. Apparently 10 traffic citations are now issued/day, on average, in San Francisco, down from 74 pre-COVID.

The opposition's violent crime prevention argument is really about stop and frisk. If people want stop and frisk, they should push for it, not use petty traffic stops as the vehicle. No pun intended.

I've never been pulled over for anything meaningful. Every stop has been truly petty, like a California roll past midnight w/ no one around but me and an officer "hiding" in a parking lot. It's not difficult for a reasonable officer to assess traffic danger, for which stops wouldn't be barred.

Let's call petty traffic stops what they are, distractions from important police work and \$ grabs. I'd further argue they're traffic safety risks, as drivers like me lose some critical focus on the road while looking over our shoulders for hiding California roll hawks, pose traffic hazards when pulled over, etc.

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