

**From:** [jack meyer](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)  
**Subject:** San Francisco's proposed police reform policy on traffic stops on hold  
**Date:** Thursday, December 15, 2022 3:26:56 PM

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Dear Police commission,

I just finished watching the news of how the SF Police commission was recommending the banning of the following traffic stop infractions by SF police officers.

- Expired registration
- Broken tail lights or brake lights
- Failure to signal

Putting it mildly, this is irresponsible for the SF Police commission to even think about doing something like this. The roadways are already becoming anarchistic. People don't obey traffic laws anymore because there is not enough enforcement. Years ago, you could count on police pulling people over for those minor violations. It kept people in check and adhering to the rules of the road and the law. Now because of all the other things that police have to respond to, there isn't enough time or resources to do enough of that. I would love to see more enforcement of those so-called minor infractions for multiple reasons. I watched commissioner Kevin Benedicto make the comment that this would free up police time to do other more important things and reduce racial bias. Let me be straight forward here. His main concern is racial bias. This isn't about freeing up police time. I'm half Mexican and I don't believe his argument. If someone is targeted because of the color of their skin, that's one thing and clearly that shouldn't be done. If they have an expired registration and you pull them over and they just happen to be a person of color or Caucasian, you hand them a ticket and move on.

Commissioner Benedicto fails to understand that if you tell the public they don't have to be accountable to their vehicle or the rules of the road and there is no cost associated with them violating those rules, then people just start stretching the law further and further and you drift into road anarchy. People run traffic lights all the time now at intersections. And I'm not just talking about 1 or 2 cars. I've seen 4, 5, 6 cars do this, and it happens every day. And why do they do it... because they can. There is no enforcement or cost to them for not doing this. And now the commission wants to lower the bar to following the rules. Don't signal when you make a lane change, so the guy merging next to you doesn't know what you are doing, and you have just created a higher risk for an accident happening. Don't fix your broken brake light so the car behind you doesn't know when you are braking and plows right into to you because they can't tell you are stopping. At night that's just compounded. I'm sure the insurance companies would love to have a discussion with the commission on your logic and lack of common sense. And you try and mask your real objective, "Racial bias" behind this.

Commissioner Benedicto also says there is data showing that relieving officers of this type of policing works. Please show me the data on the number of accidents that happened because you quit enforcing fixit tickets for brake light repair or the number of accidents that occurred because in a high stress road environment, someone failed to signal causing an accident. I can tell you I see this stuff happening everyday on the roadways and it does raise the risk of higher accidents. What's next? The commission suggesting police not ticket people for running red lights or stopping first before making a right hand turn at a stop light all because it potentially is racially biased. I don't care what color your skin is. If you are driving on expired registration, your brake light is out or you fail to signal to make a turn, if caught you should be ticketed period.

Let's get back to upholding the rules of the road and make people accountable for driving because right now it's going the wrong way and your thought process is only going to enable people to make it worse. This smells a lot like the current problem associated with gangs of thugs going into stores and stealing goods under \$999.00. Let's not bother going after them and let them continue that behavior which does nothing but perpetuate more of the same.

Regards,

Jack Meyer

**From:** [Richard Selsted](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#)  
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Dear SF Police Commission.,

I am writing to urge you to **not** prohibit SFPD from enforcing existing traffic safety laws (agenda item 11 on your 12/14 meeting). These traffic safety laws exist for a reason - to keep our families, seniors, and streets safe. By prohibiting police officers from enforcing the law, you are prohibiting them from keeping our communities safe.

Rich Selsted

**From:** [Mike Kuldane](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#)  
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**From:** [Youngblood, Stacy \(POL\)](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Vote NO on proposed GTEO 9.01 which allows police & public to ignore traffic laws.  
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**From:** doug lenzo <douglenzo@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Vote NO on proposed GTEO 9.01 which allows police & public to ignore traffic laws.

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December 13, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

We shouldn't be trying to reduce our traffic laws but rather how to enforce them even better! Let's begin with handling our existing laws.

I drive my son to and from preschool here in the city every day. In those 4 trips, I cannot count the amount of traffic violations and blatant disregard for the laws which make my simple 15-minute drive dramatically unsafe for my son and me. Please do the opposite of the below and give more and more tickets for ALL of these infractions! Hopefully, the more tickets handed out and police on the street will remind the drivers that they should obey even the simplest of laws!

Please oppose the December 14 revised draft of proposed General Traffic Enforcement Order 9.01.

With some exceptions, it would ban police from enforcing violations of nine traffic laws such as failure to signal when making a turn or changing lanes: missing license plates; driving in the fog with broken headlights, taillights or brake lights. It would also allow bicyclists to flout traffic laws, creating an unacceptable threat to public safety, especially pedestrians. Bicyclists could also intentionally drive slowly in the middle of the road in order to block traffic.

Bicyclists would be allowed to engage in reckless behaviors, such as riding on the sidewalk or blowing through stop signs when pedestrians or other vehicles are present – even when there is immediate danger that the cyclist will crash with a pedestrian.

While we strongly support eliminating racial bias in traffic stops, this is the wrong way to do it

because it is dangerous to public safety. Bias in traffic enforcement is already contrary to law and the Constitution. Any remnants should be addressed by other means, including officer training and accountability, not by ordering SFPD to abandon altogether the enforcement of duly enacted California traffic laws or city ordinances. This will result in the following negative effects:

\* Increased traffic accidents: Traffic deaths skyrocketed nationwide last year. In San Francisco, at the current rate there will be 31 pedestrian traffic deaths this calendar year even though the professed city goal is Zero deaths, with the elderly, Blacks, and the homeless disproportionately killed. It is common knowledge that traffic enforcement in San Francisco is already lacking due to the shortage of police officers and Police Commission inattention. This policy only adds to the crisis on our roads, including essentially legalizing turns and lane changes without signaling, and other critical infractions that cause accidents.

\* More shootings and deaths. There is an epidemic in gun violence - an increase of over 70% shootings in San Francisco from 2019. How are police supposed to reduce shootings if the Police Commission makes it even more difficult to spot illegal guns in vehicles?

\* More crime. Small traffic crimes are often just the tip of the iceberg - criminals convicted for serious and violent crimes are often arrested after a traffic stop, as are those violating the terms of probation or parole.

This order only makes the streets more dangerous. Note that there have been 51 murders to date in San Francisco, and the year isn't over.

\* More road rage. One particularly ridiculous provision would allow bicyclists to intentionally drive slowly in the middle of the road to block traffic without being detained, even with dozens of vehicles backed up.

Some Commissioners claim this traffic order will make us safer by forcing officers to attend to serious crimes instead. Don't take this argument seriously. In fact, it creates additional reporting requirements and thus reduces police availability. And it goes against the proven effectiveness of "broken windows" policing.

What would make us safer: the Commission's advocacy for and implementation of full staffing of SFPD by adding the 500 officers that San Francisco is short. Instead, this proposed traffic order will surely impede morale and make police hiring and retention more difficult.

Please vote "no" on this proposal.

Thank you!

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**From:** [Leea Pulliam](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#)  
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Leea Pulliam

**From:** [Travis Marsh](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#)  
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Thanks - Mission Resident - Harrison St.  
Travis Marsh



**From:** [Jim Salinas](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Youngblood, Stacy \(POL\)](#)  
**Subject:** I oppose the revised draft of the General Traffic Enforcement Order!  
**Date:** Sunday, December 18, 2022 12:55:34 AM

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## Message to the Police Commission

From your constituent      Jim Salinas  
Email                              jimsanfran@gmail.com

I am a resident of      District 7

### **I oppose the revised draft of the General Traffic Enforcement Order!**

Message to the Police  
Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I write to oppose the December 14 revised draft of General Traffic Enforcement Order 9.01 that, with some exceptions, would largely prohibit SFPD from citing or detaining anyone in connection with at least nine vehicle code infractions.

While we strongly support eliminating racial bias in traffic stops, this is the wrong way to do it because it is dangerous to public safety. (Bias in traffic enforcement is already contrary to law and the Constitution). Any remnants should be addressed by other means, including officer training and accountability, not by ordering SFPD to abandon altogether the enforcement of duly enacted California traffic laws or city ordinances. This will result in the following negative effects:

\* Increased traffic accidents: Traffic deaths skyrocketed nationwide last year. In San Francisco, at the current rate there will be 31 pedestrian traffic deaths this calendar year even though the professed city goal is Zero deaths, with the elderly, Blacks, and the homeless disproportionately killed. It is common knowledge that traffic enforcement in San Francisco is already lacking due to the shortage of police officers and Police Commission inattention. This policy only adds to the crisis on our roads, including essentially legalizing turns and lane changes without

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\* More crime. Small traffic crimes are often just the tip of the iceberg - criminals convicted for serious and violent crimes are often arrested after a traffic stop, as are those violating the terms of their probation or parole. This order only makes the streets more dangerous.

\* More road rage and pedestrian injuries. One particularly ridiculous provision would allow anyone to walk (or bike, scooter or use a vehicle moving by human power) down the middle of the street or sidewalk slowly and block traffic without fear of being detained, even on highly trafficked roads with dozens of vehicles backed up. The same provision would allow bicycles to speed down sidewalks regardless of the danger to pedestrians.

Some Commissioners claim this traffic order will make us safer by forcing officers to attend to serious crimes instead. Don't take this argument seriously. In fact, it creates additional reporting requirements and thus reduces police availability. And it goes against the proven effectiveness of "broken windows" policing.

What would make us safer: the Commission's advocacy for and implementation of full staffing of SFPD by adding the 500 officers that San Francisco is short. Instead, this proposed traffic order will surely impede morale and make police hiring and retention more difficult.

Please reject this proposal.

Jim Salinas Sr  
Former S.F. Police commissioner

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**From:** [Vikram Gupta](#)  
**To:** [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)  
**Cc:** [StefaniStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws  
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This is going to get mighty interesting indeed:  
<https://calmatters.org/justice/2022/12/police-officer-shortage/>

And when all the police leave/retire/don't sign up and result in empty academies/won't use force even on dangerous criminals then we will have reached progressive utopia where no person of color is ever cited or arrested for anything!

Then wealthy neighborhoods will buy protection and many more people will buy guns. And we will continue to lie about the realities of criminality because it isn't politically correct to arrest and deport Honduran dealers or to talk about the young black kids pummeling Asian elders or their fellow classmates and robbing our neighborhood merchants.

What a world... Carry on folks. Carry on...

On Tue, Dec 13, 2022 at 1:57 PM Vikram Gupta <[vkgsfca@gmail.com](mailto:vkgsfca@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear SF Police Commission,

As a 23 year resident of San Francisco, I am writing to urge you to **not** prohibit SFPD from enforcing existing traffic safety laws (agenda item 11 on your 12/14 meeting). These traffic safety laws exist for a reason - to keep our families, seniors, and streets safe. By prohibiting police officers from enforcing the law, you are prohibiting them from keeping our communities safe.

I am shocked that we are prioritizing ideology over basic safety and law enforcement. When I asked my "black and brown" friends outside of S.F. about this they were incredulous. One even said I don't understand your city where they think people of color can't do basic things like have plates and valid tags.

The overall approach S.F. is taking towards law enforcement (lax and ideological) is statistically leading people to buy more guns. You folks are not going to like the consequences of your misguided and ideological actions. We are going to see more gun ownership and more vigilante justice as citizens tire of the impotence of the city to carry out basic functions of safety and cleanliness.

I am a POC and have been stopped for expired tags and blown bulbs in the past. As I should have. These are basic safety and even environmental things (eg smog check). I was treated kindly and asked to take care of what I should have taken care of.

Lastly, I found the article about “racist” traffic stops in the Chronicle fascinating. In a supposedly racist traffic enforcement system designed by white people, whites are stopped three times more than Asians. So maybe it’s not a racism thing unless you believe that every officer has a bias towards not stopping and fining Asian drivers.

When we stop enforcing basic societal rules and norms, chaos ensues. San Francisco has become the Petri dish for ideology over reality and our city will continue to suffer for it as we approach a 40% commercial vacancy rate and closing and fleeing business.

Regards,

Vikram Gupta  
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San Francisco, CA 94123

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**From:** [Toby Frankenstein](#)  
**To:** [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#)  
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I am writing to urge you to not prohibit SFPD from enforcing existing traffic safety laws (agenda item 11 on your 12/14 meeting). These traffic safety laws exist for a reason - to keep our families safe.

We have small children and the city is increasingly hard for us to feel safe, and this feels like one more step in the wrong direction.

By prohibiting police officers from enforcing the law, you are prohibiting them from keeping our communities safe.

Please help us.