

From: [Jack Murray - Deal Maker](#)
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 \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws! & a special thank you
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 3:01:23 PM

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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.

J Murray
San Francisco Resident, and significant tax payer.

P.S. A special thank you to all involved in law enforcement for all you do for us. You are ALL amazing humans that put your lives on the line for me, and us. This fact is unforgettable, no matter which way the wind blows from time to time.

From: [Margaret Lee](#)
To: [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#); [Elias, Cindy \(POL\)](#); [Carter-Oberstone, Max \(POL\)](#); [Yanez, Jesus \(POL\)](#); [Benedicto, Kevin \(POL\)](#); [Yee, Lawrence \(POL\)](#); [Byrne, Jim \(POL\)](#); [Walker, Debra \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws!
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Dear SF Police Commission,

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When the public is made aware that these laws are no longer going to be enforced, it essentially tells them there is no reason to abide by them, there are no consequences. This is the wrong message to send to San Francisco at a time where most residents don't feel safe in their own communities. Just this morning on my way to work I saw a car with one tail light swerving dangerously between lanes. This person was most likely on the phone (distracted driving), drunk, or high.

Our city is still recovering from the damage done by our former DA. Don't set us back further. Enforce the laws that are on the books. We need to bring safety and civility back to our city.

Thank you,

Margaret Lee
SF Resident 15+ years.

From: [Leah Baugh](#)
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 \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Allow SFPD to Enforce Traffic Safety Laws!
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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.

From: [Youngblood, Stacy \(POL\)](#)
To: [SEPO, Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to GTEO 9.01
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From: Stephen Martin-Pinto <president@westoftwinpeaks.org>

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Subject: Opposition to GTEO 9.01

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December 14, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

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

As a firefighter and sometimes driver/operator of Truck 17 in the Bayview District, lack of traffic enforcement is one of the biggest challenges to me as a firefighter.

On multiple occasions, lack of traffic and parking enforcement has caused several near miss traffic incidents, in which drivers speed through stop signs, traffic lights, and swerve around fire trucks and engines responding to emergencies. In addition to this, illegally parked and pulled-over cars have blocked access to emergencies including structure fires and have blocked access to standpipes and fire hydrants.

These are incredible life safety hazards which pose direct threats to the residents of the Bayview and Hunter's Point neighborhoods. Not permitting the police to use discretion and enforce the traffic laws that are in place for the safety of all residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, and users of the road alike harms us all and only increases the sense of lawlessness that has direct effects on the customers whom I serve, most of whom are low-income minority residents.

As a firefighter, I am downstream from the second and third order effects of these well-intentioned yet harmful policies. When a person is struck by a vehicle or motorcycle, I deal with these emergencies.

Sometimes the victims of these emergencies are young children, and sometimes the vehicles that have struck them do not stop and flee the scene. The police need to use all available resources, legal or otherwise, to enforce laws, solve cases, and help ensure justice is served and criminals are held accountable. By adopting this proposed policy, we are taking one giant step backwards in promoting vehicular safety, and only ensuring that Vision Zero will fail even more, and not succeed.

I strongly urge you to please vote "no" on this proposal.

Thank you!

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Stephen Martin-Pinto

President

West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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From: [Youngblood, Stacy \(POL\)](#)
To: [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: FW: Vote NO on proposed GTEO 9.01 which allows police & public to ignore traffic laws.
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 3:39:04 PM

From: Gideon Kramer <gykramer1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 12:28 PM
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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

Commissioners,

I urge you to 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 (which they already do on a massive scale), 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 IS AN INSANE AND ILLOGICAL APPROACH that 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.

* **More disrespect for the law!**

Some Commissioners claim this traffic order will make us safer by forcing officers to attend to serious crimes instead. Don't take this RIDICULOUS 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. **WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE POLICE COMMISSION THINKING????**

JUST vote “NO” on this irresponsible proposal.

Thank you!

Gideon Kramer

From: danolley@aol.com
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 \(POL\)](#)
Subject: In opposition to Order 9.01
Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 1:56:37 PM

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2022 Dear Commissioners, Please oppose the December 14 revised draft of proposed General Traffic Enforcement Order 9.01, because 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. Order 9.01 would also allow bicyclists to flout traffic laws, most surely creating a threat to public safety, especially pedestrians.. Bicyclists could also intentionally drive slowly in the middle of the road in order to block traffic, as has been observed on Thursday evenings in the past, therefore depriving children of their working parents who're simply on their way home so as to be available to render homework guidance, be examples for their offspring as cleaning up after dinner, etc. 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. Now then, I do oppose Any racial bias in traffic stops. But Order 9.01 is the wrong way to do it because this order is dangerous to public safety. And, I take this issue personally, as a "mixed race" person. I strongly resent that non-White folks are more likely to be ignorant of or even to purposefully avoid adherence to the sorts of Policing that this Order would make impossible. Shame on you! Bias in traffic enforcement is already contrary to law and the Constitution. Any remnants can be addressed by officer training and accountability, not by ordering SFPD to abandon enforcement of duly enacted California traffic laws and city ordinances. Order 9.01 would only add to the crisis on our roads. And, 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. Order 9.01 would only makes the streets more dangerous. Note that there have been 51 murders to date in San Francisco, and the year isn't over. * And to add to existing road rage, the order would permit bicyclists to intentionally drive slowly in the middle of the road to block traffic without being detained, even with dozens of vehicles backed up. Order 9.01 goes against the proven effectiveness of "broken windows" policing. Instead, the Commission's advocacy for and implementation of full staffing of SFPD by adding the 500 officers that San Francisco is short. Please vote "no" on this proposal. Thank you! David, a decades-long resident of San Francisco and proud that I contributed to returning San Francisco to it's pre-1989 splendor during my almost 60 years of being a proud worker.

From: [David Aaronson](#)
To: [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)
Cc: [Justice4 Mario](#); [Phelicia Jones](#)
Subject: Public Comment 12/14/2022 - Over-representation of Police in review of DGO 9.01
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My name is David Aaronson and I volunteer with Wealth and Disparities in the Black Community.

The following is a quote from Founder, Phelicia Jones:

(quote) "Addressing the injustices of Black San Franciscans is urgent. I am going to call this what it is - anti-Blackness – [in terms of] Use of Force, Arrests and Racial Profiling (traffic stops) . . by SFPD. I've grown tired of talking to the Police Commission, to SFPD, and to the Board of Supervisors. Where is the Urgency? If the tables were turned and these statistics represented white folks, I know there would be an urgency . . . When are you going to take responsibility and address the harsh, biased, and unjust statistics . . . You took an Oath to uphold the law . . for all San Franciscans. As I said I am tired – not tired enough to quit – however, tired of beating a dead horse, and tired of our concerns falling on deaf ears. We've reached out to new sources who find this anti-Blackness . . an Urgency – and therefore we've sought help from Attorney General Bonta." (end quote)

Long ago Wealth and Disparities in the Black Community called out the problem of having police officers dominate so-called public feedback on DGO 9.01 addressing biased pretext traffic stops. It was in full evidence at last week's Commission's meeting that our cautions to Commissioners on this issue were valid. San Francisco police have dominated the working group meetings on pretext stops, as well as the written comments submitted by the working group, effectively overwhelming input from the impacted public. Over 50% of comments submitted came from officers or officers groups (e.g. the POA). Now in the latest draft of the DGO, we see that the Commission has succumbed to officer input - officers who don't want to see this DGO happen in the first place by taking out many of the non-enforceable infractions (e.g., tinted windows & no license plates displayed). They also removed language that would limit or prohibit police asking about probation and parole which disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, especially black men. **Police should not be making "public" input.** Given the content of police comments, it is clear that **police are working to sabotage the process.** You need to fix this.

Thank you.

David

From: [DENESE BROUSSARD](#)
To: [SFPD, Commission \(POL\)](#)
Subject: Traffic law
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Please keep enforcing the traffic laws in our city. We need to be safe,I need to be safe. God bless you and the hole police department.

John Casolla

Sent from my iPhone