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San Francisco Police Commission,  
and President Cindy Elias  
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**Re: Listening Sessions - SFPD General Order 9.01 – Traffic Policy Curtailing Pretext Stops**

Dear Members of the San Francisco Police Commission,

We have recently become aware of a draft proposal before the Commission to ban “pretext” stops of vehicles, pedestrians or bicycles by police officers, in an effort to: 1) eliminate biased law enforcement and; 2) reduce the risk to officers and the public from stops in which the behavior of the participants escalates to create a dangerous situation. However, some aspects of the policy could impact the health and safety of citizens by limiting stops for traffic safety, littering, parking in public safety zones and others.

In his letter of September 1, Paul Henderson of the Department of Police Accountability states: “DPA collaborated with SFPD, the Police Commission, and the Human Rights Commission during the second quarter to create and schedule listening sessions to give the community the opportunity to provide feedback on the Police Commission’s proposed policy.”

We are concerned that we have not been made aware of any such sessions. From information on your website, it appears just 3 listening sessions have taken place, none in Western neighborhoods. **We are writing to request that sessions be scheduled on the West side of the City and that we be notified, so we can inform our members.** It is essential to assure that San Franciscans on the West side of the City have the opportunity to hear directly about this proposed policy, ask questions, and voice concerns or suggestions.

Time is of the essence, as it is now the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the year, and according to Mr. Henderson’s letter, these sessions were to occur during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. We request your immediate response.

Please forward to all Commissioners and post.

Sincerely,

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