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Message to the Police Commission

From your constituent **Marie Hurabiell**

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I am a resident of

District 1

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Dear Commissioners,

I write to oppose the May 6 draft of the General Traffic Enforcement Order that would, in its current form and with some exceptions, largely bar SFPD from citing or arresting in connection with more than a dozen motor vehicle code infractions. While the purpose of the Draft Order is laudable — reducing racial bias in traffic stops — the means to that end are dangerous to public safety and dismissive of voters' alarm about the state of law enforcement in the City generally. Any bias in traffic enforcement should be addressed by officer training and accountability, not by ordering SFPD to abandon the enforcement of duly enacted California traffic laws or city ordinances.

It is common knowledge that traffic enforcement in the City is already casual and largely an afterthought; at the current rate, there will be 31 pedestrian traffic deaths this calendar year even the goal is zero deaths by 2024, with African Americans, the elderly, and the homeless disproportionately killed; and, more broadly, the City is awash in daily reports of crimes, from the petty to the brutal. The traffic enforcement order will make the streets more dangerous. Worse, with all the challenges the City faces, this is not the time to send a message that complying with a dozen traffic laws is largely voluntary. This will encourage the flouting of even

more laws. Some Commission advocates have said this traffic order will make us safer by permitting officers to attend to “serious crimes.” I don’t take this argument seriously and doubt that anyone does. What would make us safer: your advocacy for, and the implementation of, full staffing of SFPD by adding more than the 500 officers that the City is short. And, your proposed traffic order will surely make police hiring and retention more difficult.

More than any other agency or commission, the Police Commission has a special obligation to uphold laws, not to order that they be ignored. And, something like this traffic order that has such profound implications for street safety, the public’s respect for the law generally, and the City’s reputation is well beyond the legal and moral authority of the Police Commission — it is something best left to elected representatives or the voters at large.

Thank you for your reconsideration.
