

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

February 22, 2022

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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** PRETEXTUAL STOPS SUMMARY – THIRD SET

In looking at revising policy and possibly placing limits on pretextual traffic and pedestrian stops, the Department provided a dedicated email as an additional avenue for public comment on the matter.

The email, [stops@lapd.online](mailto:stops@lapd.online), was open for public comment from February 1-15, 2022. The Police Commission had requested rolling updates of the emails submitted.

This is the third and final update for emails received between February 14-15, 2022. In this timeframe, 73 additional emails were sent to the Department and the breakdown is as follows:

- 2 did not want to impose any additional limitations on officers conducting stops; and,
- 71 were generally against the policy as written stating that it does not go far enough and that all pretext stops need to end.

Of the 71 who want all pretext stops to end, 66 were sent by individuals from different email addresses but used some, all or similar verbiage from a letter sent by the Stop LAPD Spying Coalition, Los Angeles Community Action Network, Black Lives Matter LA on February 10, 2022. That group's letter urges opposition against the policy and in part states, "While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise."

In total between February 1-15, the Department received emails from 123 individuals broken down as follows:

- 17 are in favor of the proposed policy to limit pretextual stops;
- 24 did not want to impose any additional limitations on officers conducting stops;
- 78 are generally against the policy as written, stating that it does not go far enough and that all pretext stops need to end;
- 3 emails were blank and included no written content; and,
- 1 email was categorized as "other" due to contradictory verbiage.

Attached is the last set of emails collected between February 14 – 15. The email addresses and other identifying information (other than the person's name) have been redacted.

Should you have any questions, please contact Director Lizabeth Rhodes, Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy at (213) 486-8730



MICHEL R. MOORE  
Chief of Police

Attachments

**From:** [stops](#)  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:49:47 AM

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**From:** Greg Akili <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:07 AM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>  
**Subject:** Opposition

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Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and never will. Frederick Douglas

**From:** [Zeal Harris](#)  
**To:** [stops](#); [Police Commission](#); [mayor.garcetti](#) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Sister Alexandria Harris](#)  
**Subject:** Civilian opposed to Pretextual Stops  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:11:59 AM

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Dear Police Commission, LAPD, and Mayor of Los Angeles,

As the LA Police Commission is on the brink of convening on the issue of "pretextual" traffic stops, I urge the Commission to reject any policy (such as one I heard about called BPC 22-023) that authorizes any increase in the use of "pretextual police stops." In fact, any sensible proposal would be one the should do it's best to eliminate "pretextual" stops done by police as much as possible.

While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, I am hearing that the proposed BPC 22-023 does not do enough to keep police officers from continuing the problematic race/class profiling that escalates into heated interactions between police and civilians. Studies have shown that Black and Brown people in the U.S. are pulled over and searched more frequently than Whites while they are less likely to be armed than whites and more likely to be killed, jailed, or fined during these stops. In Ferguson, Missouri, studies show that the disproportionate amount of police pullovers and traffic tickets, fees and fines on its Black population have been a primary reason for Black people getting killed (Mike Brown for example) or going to jail and having their lives messed up as a consequence of traffic misdemeanors, while the city of Ferguson profitted/profits immensely in a financial way off the misery of its Black population as a result of the the consequences of these "pretextual stops".

I would like to see the City Council's 2020 request of a *City Transportation Department study* on the possibility of removing police from making traffic stops be fulfilled. I also would like to see that the new "sign and release" law in Minnesota (approved in the wake of the conviction of police woman Kim Potter for shooting Daunte Wright during a pretextual traffic stop) is created, promoted or enforced in Los Angeles. Everyone that I know around me wants to see more creation and enforcement of proactive police reforms **that do more** to keep more of both civilians and police alive, unharmed, and un-jailed unnecessarily during encounters.

These are my comments. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Sincerely,**  
**Zeal Harris**

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**From:** [Sarah Bowers](#)  
**To:** [stops](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the Enabling Pretext Stop Policy  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:19:58 AM

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Dear LAPD,

As a citizen of Los Angeles I'm writing to submit my public comment regarding Chief Moore's proposed pretext stop policy.

LAPD officers should not be part of traffic enforcement at all, let alone have any authority to use pretext stops in any capacity.

Chief Moore claims the policy is to limit the stops, but the policy gives officers specific instructions how to continue them under the protection of policy. These stops subject our communities to constant police harassment, intimidation, abuse, and violence. LAPD's own self-reported data (data that is so often skewed in favor of LAPD) even shows that

1. *The stops are racist.* "Black people are 9% of the city population yet made up 27% of [LAPD] stops" in 2019, "while white people are 29% of the population and 8% of stops."
2. *These stops feed LAPD's racist surveillance tactics:* LAPD uses pretext stops "to gather an individual's personal and physical information, which is recorded on a Field Interview (FI) card and stored in databases accessible to LAPD." In 2019, "LAPD filled out FI cards during 16% of stops of Black people" and "for white people in only 5% of stops."
3. *These stops subject Black communities to worse violence than others:* "During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white."

Furthermore, the policy and LAPD talks about community members only "perceiving" stops to be biased or racist. LAPD again gaslights community members and treats the violence people experience at the hands of police as just "perception."

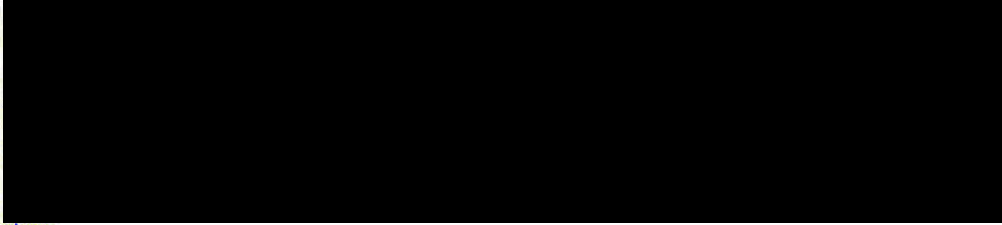
Another reason to reject this policy is that the proposed policy grants officers discretion to continue the same abusive stops! They can target people however they want as long as they don't admit a "pretextual" basis for the stop. If LAPD claims that zero of 4,882 individual complaints were "really racist", then why in the world would they admit a stop to be "pretextual"?

I doubt you will take any of these comments seriously or even care what Angelenos think unless they want to give unlimited power to LAPD, but to summarize this email: This

proposed policy is another sham that LAPD and Chief Moore that will allow LAPD officers to continue pretextual stops, and gives them instructions on how to pass it off as not being pretextual or as being acceptable. Reject the policy. LAPD should not be implementing pretextual stops at all. Period.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Bowers

**From:** [Emma Gerch](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
**Cc:**



**Subject:** [stops](#)  
Public Comment BOPC 2/14/2022  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:21:54 AM

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LAPD's proposed policy notes that "community members sometimes perceive stops as biased, racially motivated, or unfair." This is yet another example of LAPD insulting our communities by treating people's well-documented experience of police violence as a mere "perception." The reference to perception of bias ignores the reality of abusive, discriminatory policing, which in line with LAPD's record of sustaining exactly zero of the 4,882 individual complaints of biased policing that members of the public submitted between 2010 and 2019.

**Finally, the proposed policy grants officers discretion to make these same abusive stops, by** authorizing police to continue using minor traffic offenses to target people they want to stop, so long as they don't admit a "pretextual" basis for the stop. The only sure way to end the harassment of pretextual stops is to strictly prohibit officers from pulling people over on the basis of harmless and trivial traffic charges. This is particularly imperative for charges such as failure to signal a turn, an overdue registration sticker, or tinted windows, all of which are disproportionately used to target Black, brown, and poor people, and none of which require armed police forces stopping a car in transit. This "idea of removing traffic enforcement from the police is not new" and in fact was embraced by a former LAPD chief almost a century ago.

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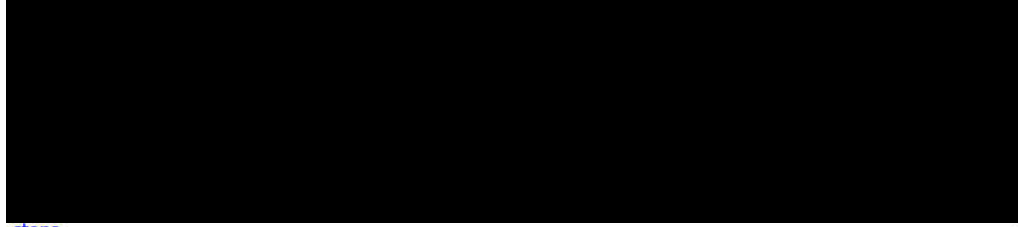
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Signed,

Emma Gerch



**From:** [Lex Ryan](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
**Cc:**



**Subject:** [stops](#)  
Public Comment BOPC 2/14/2022  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:30:08 AM

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To the Commissioners,

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**From:** [Jason Reedy](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
**Cc:**



**Subject:** [stops](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:33:33 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter-to-BOPC-about-BPC-22-023-LAPD-Stops-Policy.pdf](#)

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Fuck off,  
Jason R

**From:** [SHERRY VARON](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
**Cc:**



**Subject:** [STOPS](#)  
Public Comment BOPC 2/14/2022  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:40:14 AM

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Signed,  
Sherry varon



**From:** [Katelyn Hempstead](#)  
**To:** [stops; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** I Oppose BPC #22-023  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:45:05 AM

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Regards,  
Katelyn

**From:** [Blue Reinhard](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
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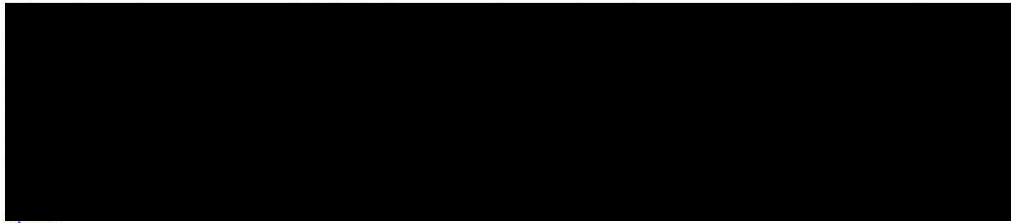
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**Lucy Reinhard**



**From:** [Molly Talcott](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
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**From:** [Carter Moon](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
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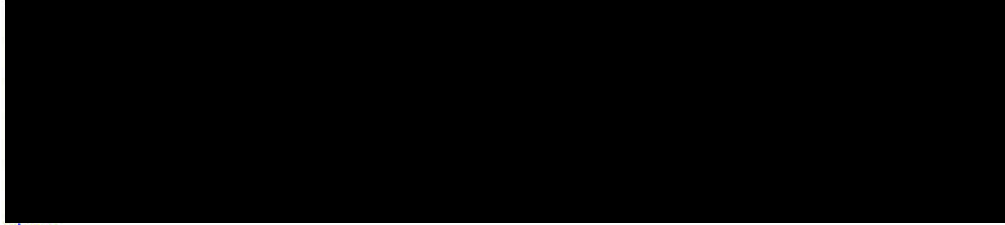
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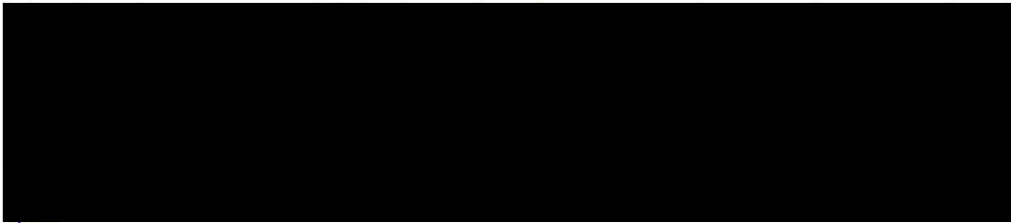
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**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
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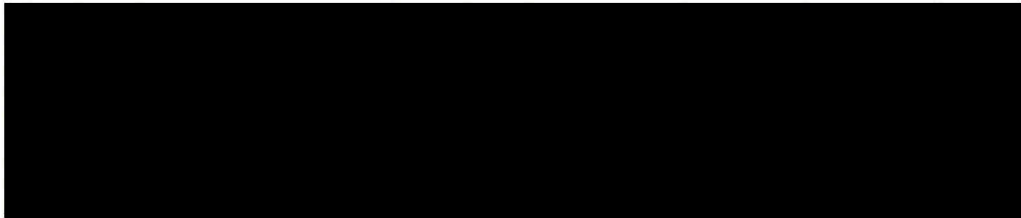
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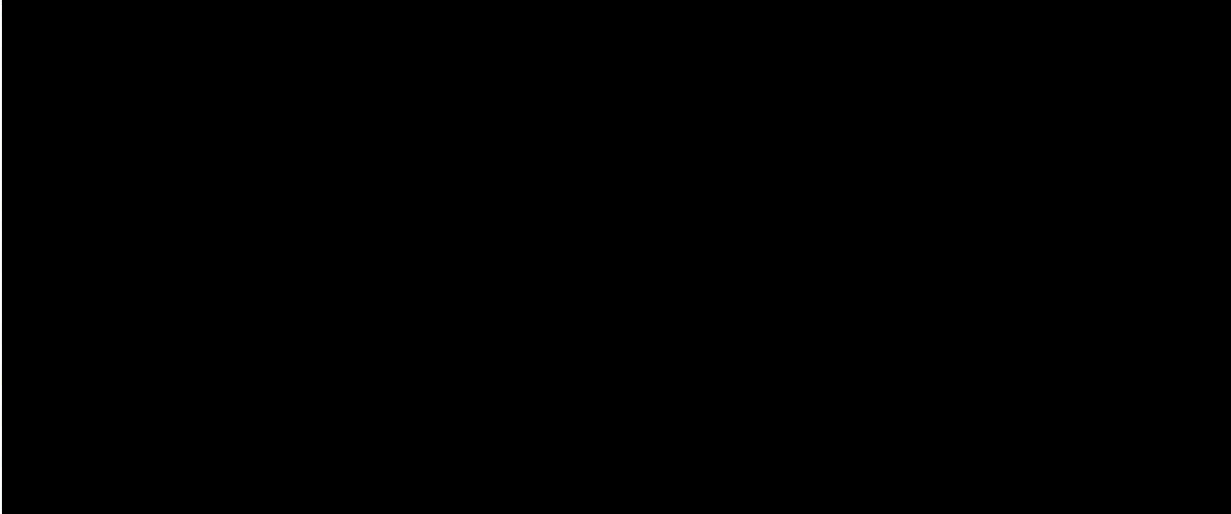
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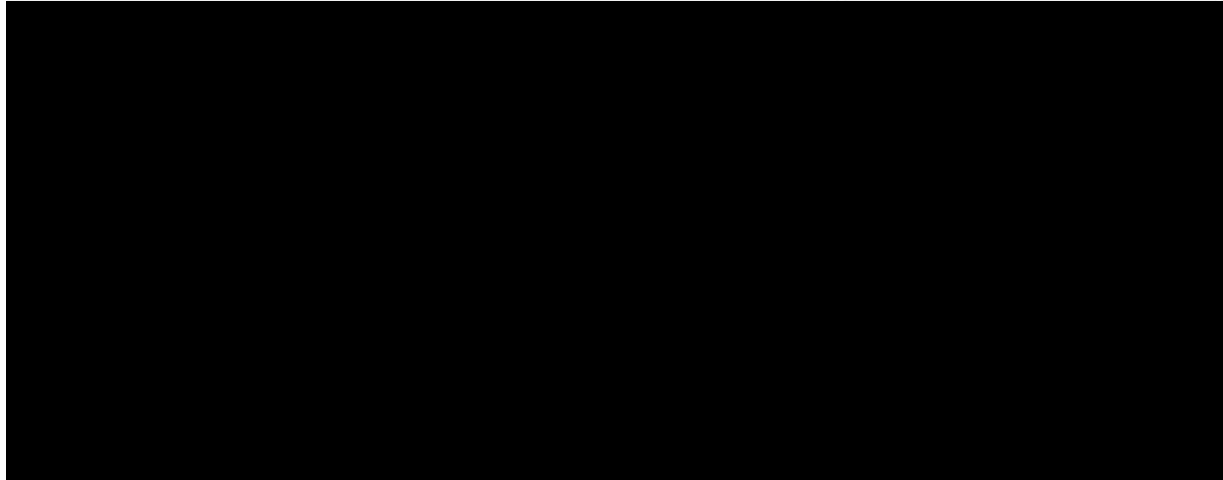
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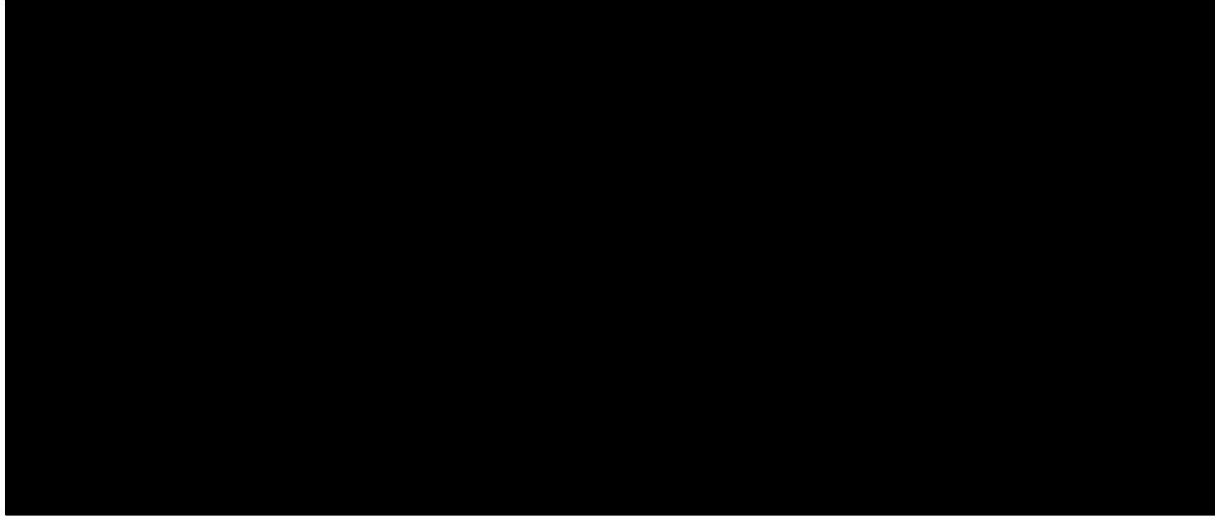
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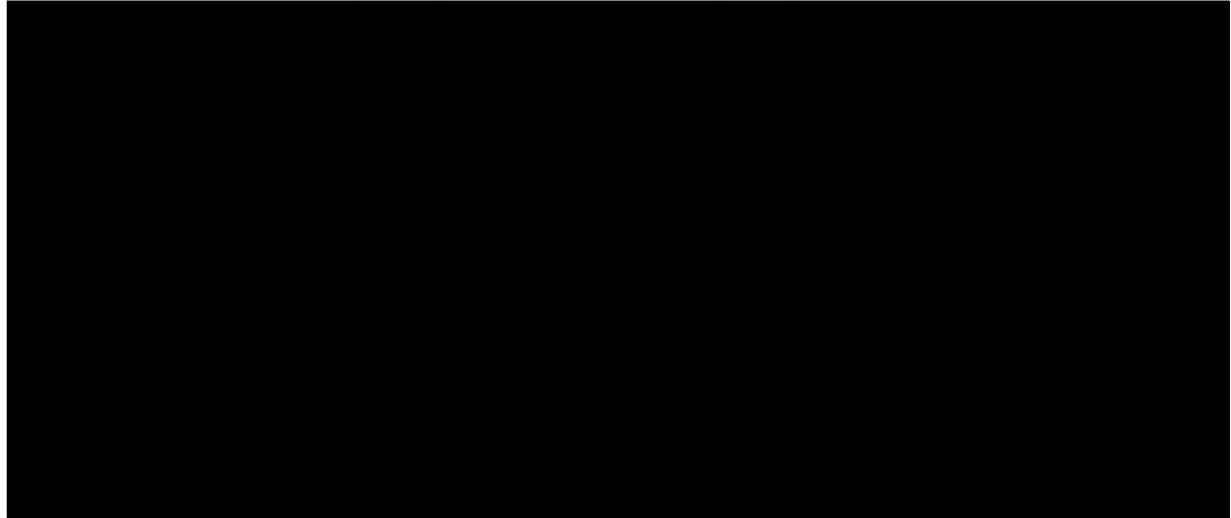
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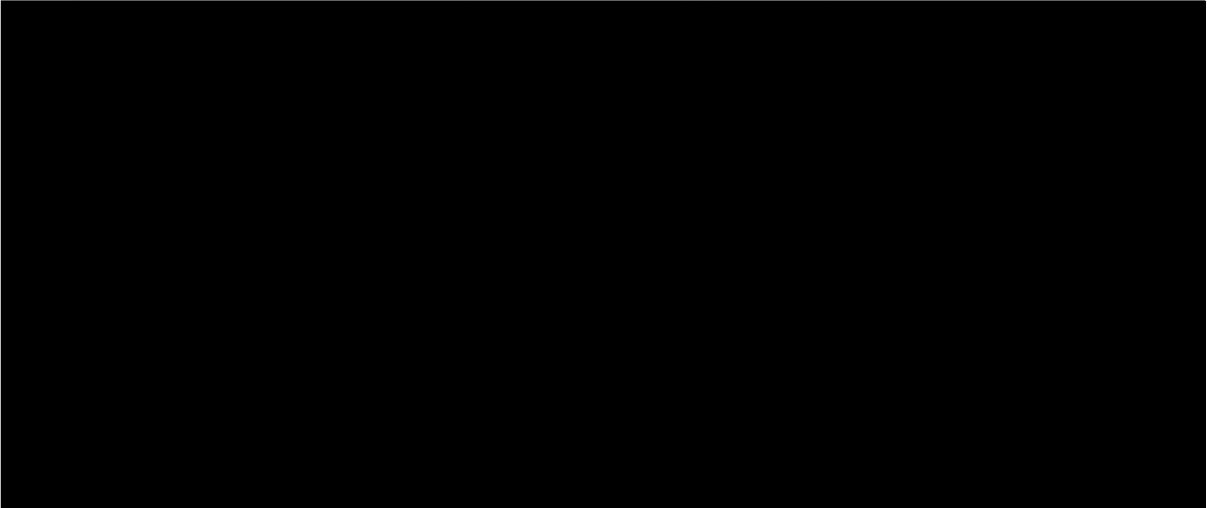
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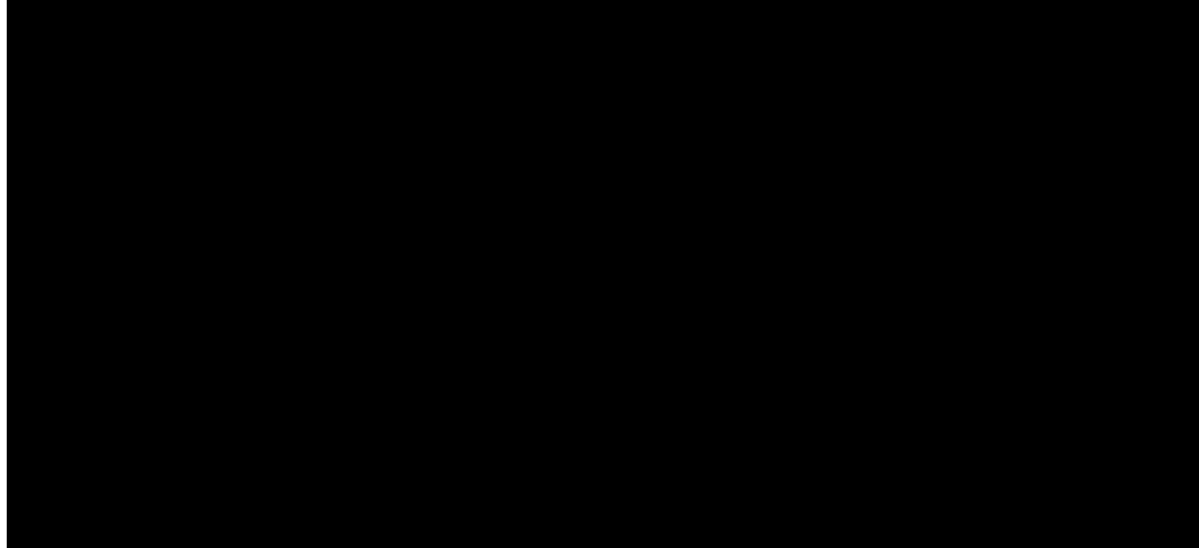
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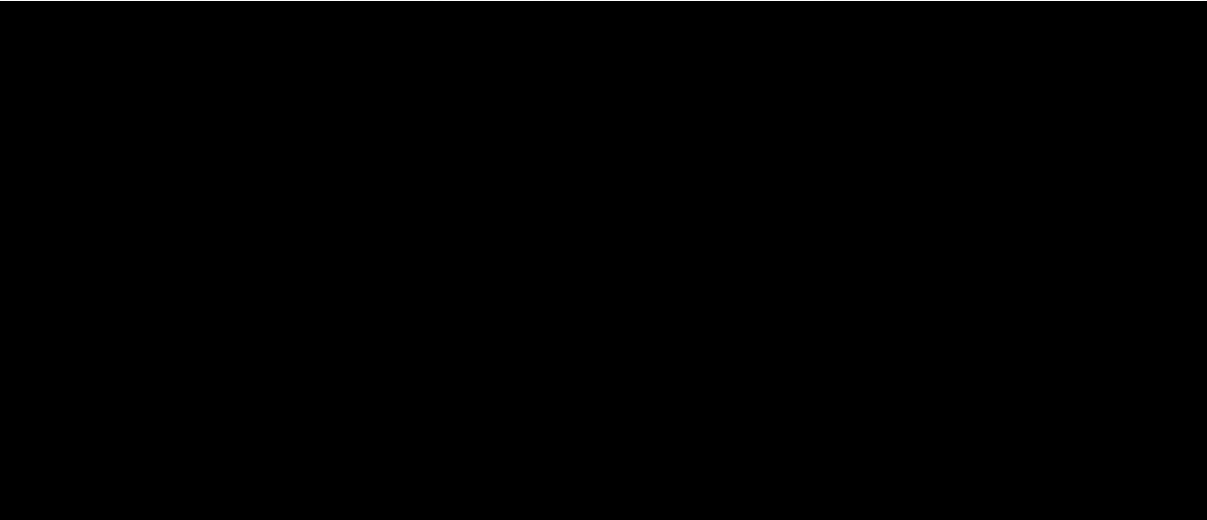
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**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
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**From:** [Sarah Bell](#)  
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**Subject:** FW: Public Comment for 2/15  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 5:43:14 PM  
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Good evening,

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Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sarah  
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Public Information Director  
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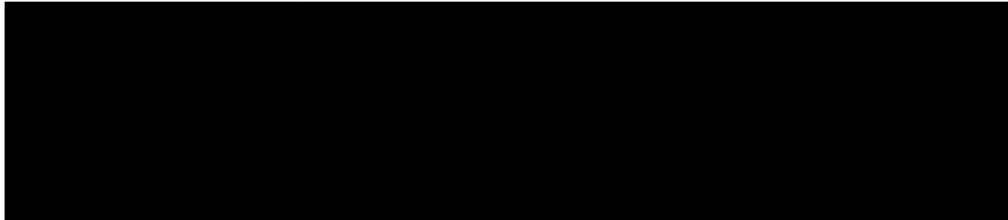
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**From:** [Keely Crum](#)  
**To:** [mayor.garcetti](#); [Police Commission](#); [stops](#)  
**Subject:** Angeleno against pretextual stops  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:57:35 PM

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**From:** [Verneen Mincey](#)  
**To:** [Mayor Eric Garcetti](#); [stops](#); [Police Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: BPC #22-023  
**Date:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:06:11 PM

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LA Police Commission:

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Verneen Mincey

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**From:** [Phillip Jackson](#)  
**To:** [stops; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti](#) [REDACTED]  
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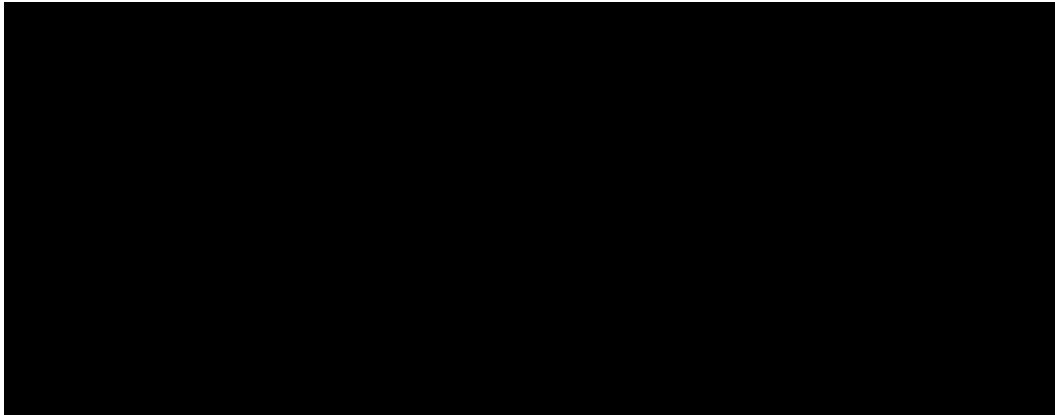
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Phillip Jackson

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**From:** Gina Viola <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:22 AM  
**To:** Police Commission  
**Cc:**



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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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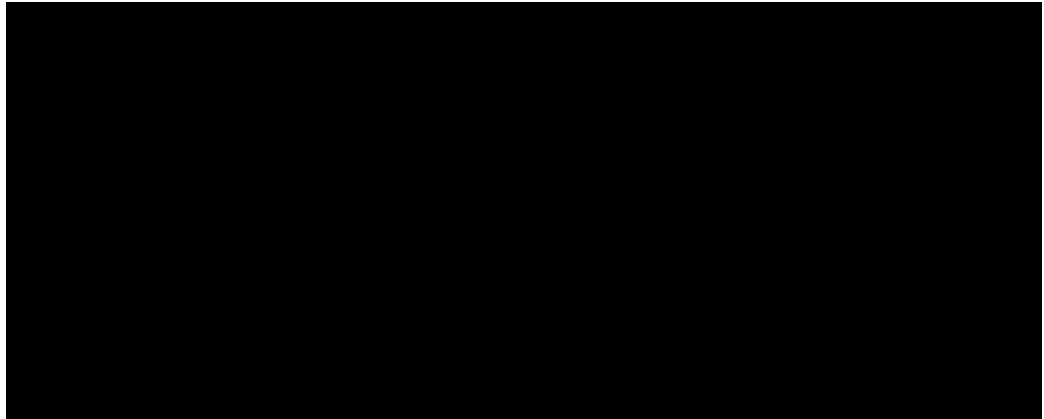
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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 9:51 AM  
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**Cc:**



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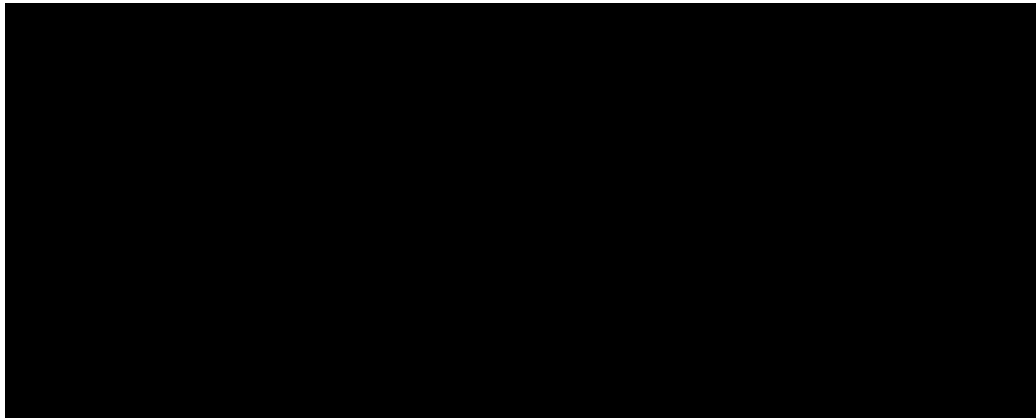
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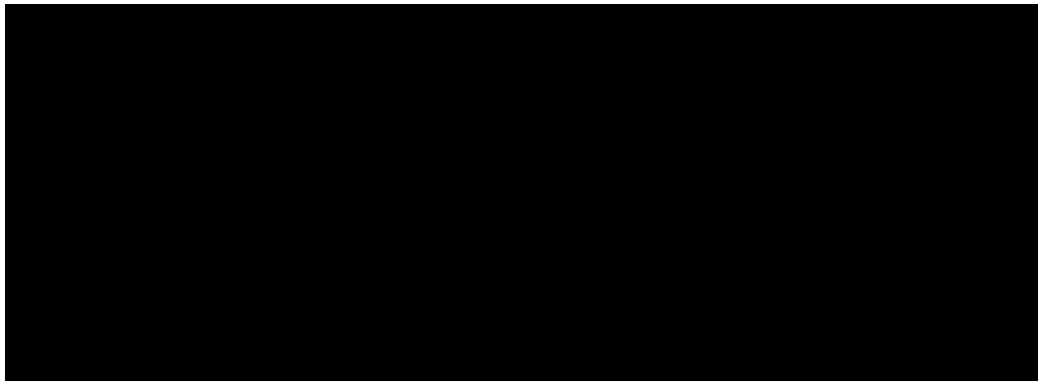
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**Cc:**



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I'm probably rounding up, but literally every fucking time I see a cop, they aren't wearing a mask. Chief Moore told us two weeks ago that this wouldn't be tolerated. Please insist that he let us know where I can "say something," as it is such a routine occurrence for me to "see something," and since Chief Girmala encouraged us so fervently at last week's meeting to do the former when the latter occurs.

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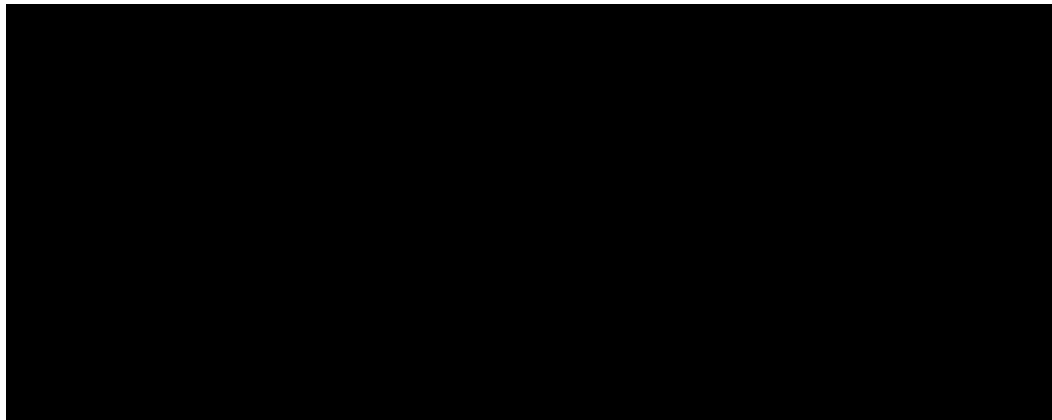
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**Cc:**



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In order to protect lives, it is imperative that LAPD stop harassing our communities using pretextual stops. As Chief Moore's proposed policy recognizes, these stops subject people "to inconvenience, confusion, and anxiety." In addition, they subject our communities to constant police harassment, abuse, and violence.

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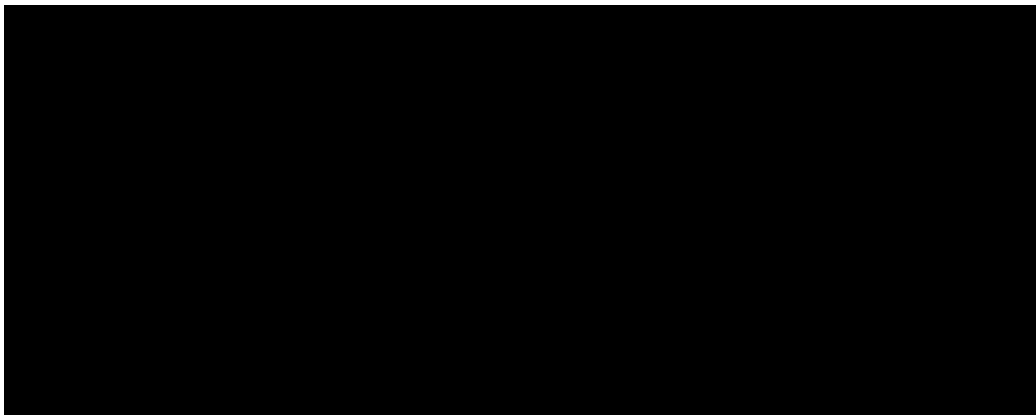
With gratitude,

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*I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which I live and work, the Tongva and their elders past and present.*

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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:16 AM  
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:30 AM  
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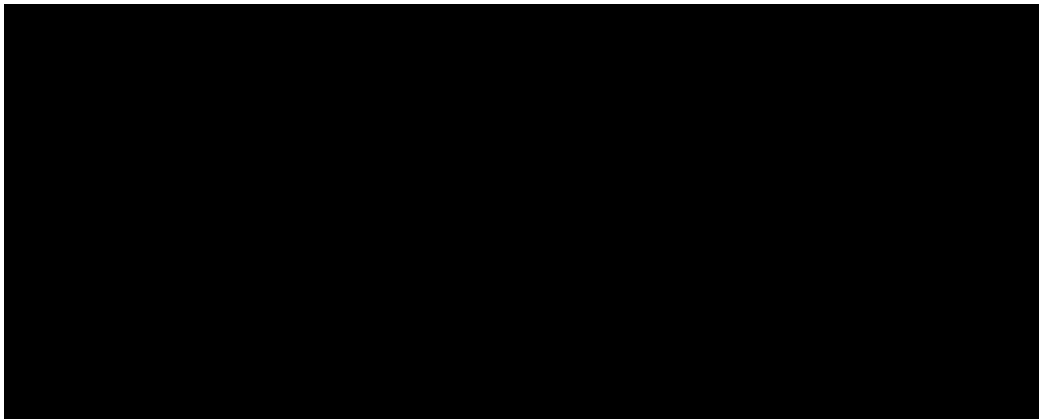
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*"Justice is what love looks like in public" - Cornel West*

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**From:** Athena Wheaton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:21 AM  
**To:**



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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:49 AM  
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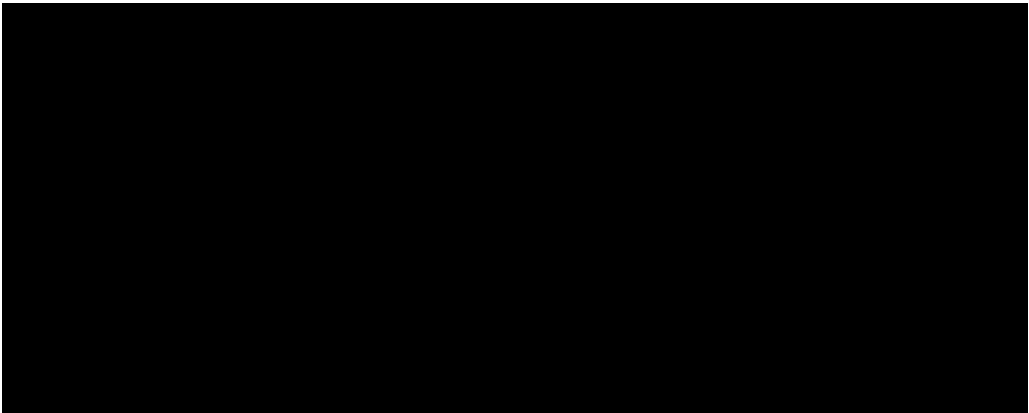
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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 10:57 AM  
**To:** Police Commission  
**Cc:**



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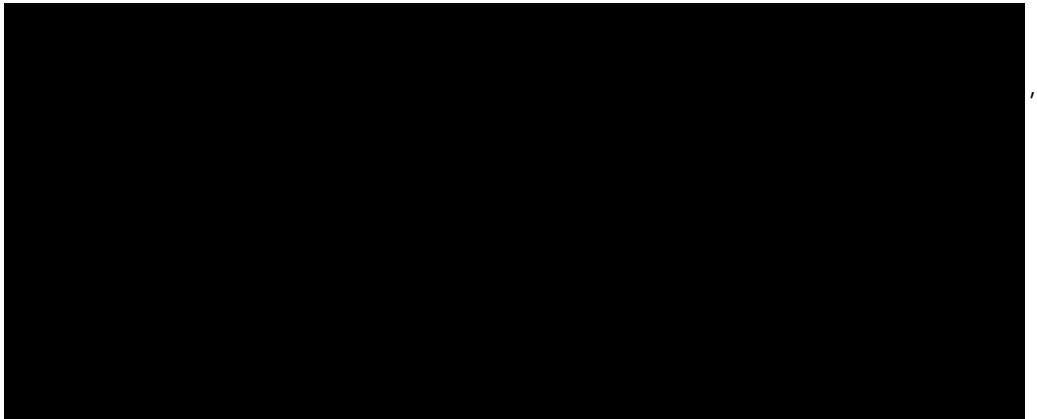
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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]

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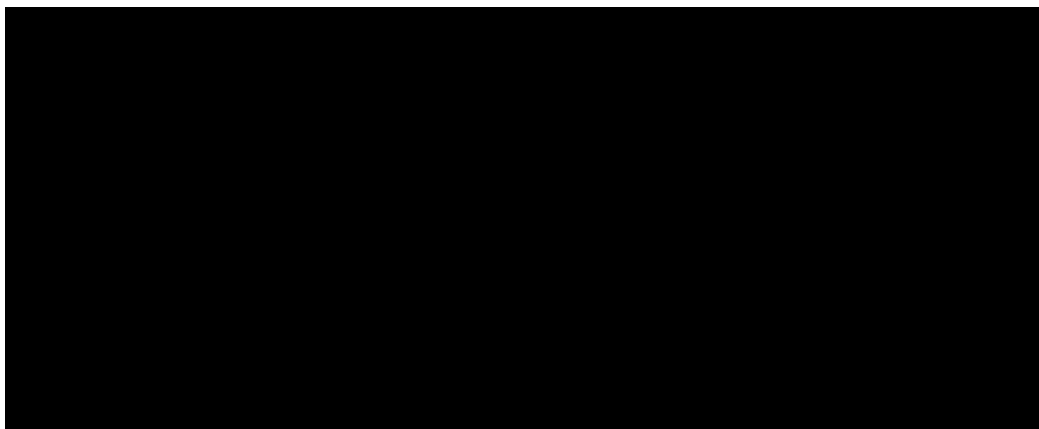
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**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2022 11:15 AM  
**To:** Police Commission  
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**Subject:** My public comment for the PC meeting on 2/15/22

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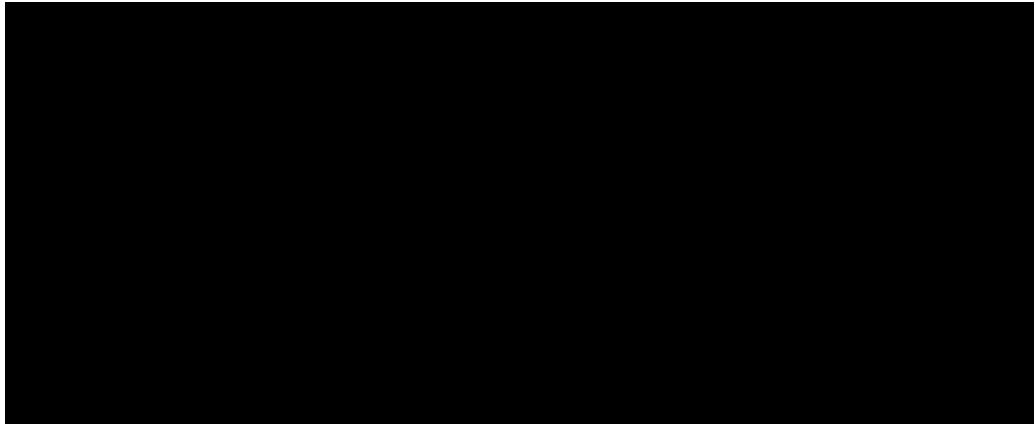
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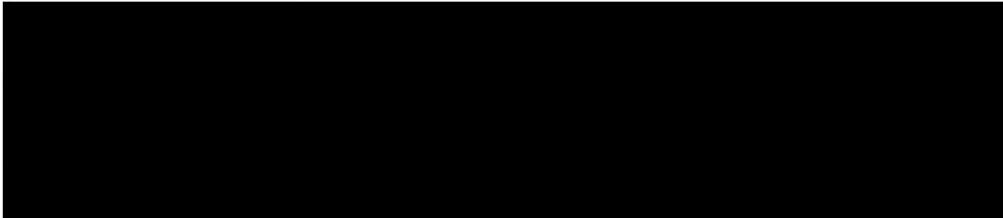
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**From:** [Kirsten Caplan](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#)  
**Cc:**



**Subject:** [stops](#)  
Public Comment BOPC 2/15/2022  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:29:23 AM

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**Finally, the proposed policy grants officers discretion to make these same abusive stops, by** authorizing police to continue using minor traffic offenses to target people they want to stop, so long as they don't admit a "pretextual" basis for the stop. The only sure way to end the harassment of pretextual stops is to strictly prohibit officers from pulling people over on the basis of harmless and trivial traffic charges. This is particularly imperative for charges such as failure to signal a turn, an overdue registration sticker, or tinted windows, all of which are disproportionately used to target Black, brown, and poor people, and none of which require armed police forces stopping a car in transit. This "idea of removing traffic enforcement from the police is not new" and in fact was embraced by a former LAPD chief almost a century ago.

In contrast, policies like the one proposed here continue a long line of sham "reforms" that LAPD has embraced as a means of sanitizing, expanding, and codifying its violence and discrimination. The fact that Chief Moore appears to view this issue as a "perception of bias" rather than a systematic pattern of deliberate discrimination might explain why the policy does nothing to actually address the problem. We are not fooled by this sham. Nor should you be.

In addition: Give Moore another platform! This Board needs to honor listening to the PUBLIC!! Please Decrease Moore's time in Police Commission meetings and open up public comment, with no restrictions on number of speakers and no 45-minute time limit. Perhaps if this board listened more to PEOPLE, the perception that the LAPD was actually about protecting and serving the people would change. Members of the communities most affected by policing are by far the most knowledgeable the consequences of the LAPD in our neighborhoods, and you need to hear what they have to say.

THESE "STOPS" WILL SET UP POLICE OFFICERS TO FAIL, TO KILL, AND TO CONTINUE TO HIDE BEHIND THIS BOARD.

Please do not grant this new policy AND please, open up public comment.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
**KIRSTEN CAPLAN**  
**suburban Mom**

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**From:** [Rebecca Himmelstein](#)  
**To:** [stops](#); [Police Commission](#); [mayor.garcetti](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Reject BPC 22-023  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:50:12 AM

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I urge the Commission to reject Chief Moore's proposed policy BPC 22-023 authorizing use of "pretext stops" in certain circumstances. While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise. It is the same song with a different melody. Because of the racist results and impact, all the stops must end.

I'm strongly opposed to item BPC #22-023 a policy revision regarding pretextual stops as it dismisses the lived realities of Black and Brown

Angelenos and continues the failed policies that have resulted in unjustly targeting Black and Brown people with tragic consequences. End all pretextual stops. Do not allow police to define, target and make abusive stops.

I oppose the proposed policy BPC 22-023 pretextual stops. These stops disproportionately harm Black people: "During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white. This is clearly racist. All the stops need to end.

Rebecca Himmelstein

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**From:** [Laura Napoli](#)  
**To:** [mayor.garcetti](#); stops; [Police Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** I oppose the proposed policy BPC 22-023 pretextual stops.  
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To Whom Has Power to Change This:

I oppose the proposed policy BPC 22-023 pretextual stops. These stops disproportionately harm Black people: "During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white. This is clearly racist. All the stops need to end.

Thank you,  
Laura Napoli  
Very Concerned Citizen

On Tue, Feb 15, 2022, 1:32 PM Black Lives Matter- Los Angeles <[REDACTED]> wrote:



Greetings BLMLA Family,

This Wednesday will mark ONE WHOLE YEAR of Black Lives Matter's #EndPoliceAssociations campaign. It is police associations that are behind harmful policies like no-knock warrants - which stole the lives of #AmirLocke and #BreonnaTaylor and qualified immunity - which shield the police responsible for #AndrewJosephIII's death from accountability. It is police associations that bully and bribe elected officials and candidates for office

as they “pilfer the public purse,” by demanding budget increases that take funds away from vital resources - like housing. Police associations are not unions, and they must be ousted from the House of Labor. They threaten the lives and work against the interests of working class people.

For a whole year now...every Wednesday at 4pm, #BlackLivesMatter and allies come together to take over the streets in front of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, summon the spirit of our most righteous Ancestors, stand with the families of those killed by police, and demand justice.

It's time to get cops out of the labor movement and out of our neighborhoods. It's time to demand the resources that are so urgently needed.

JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 4PM TO #ENDPOLICEASSOCIATIONS, 1313 W. 8TH STREET IN LOS ANGELES.

60 SECONDS FOR JUSTICE: Quick Things You Can Do Right Now

1. [SEND](#) an email to the Los Angeles Police Commission demanding an end to pretextual stops.
2. [NOMINATE](#) a Black Divine Woman to be honored during our #BlackWomenAreDivine campaign in March.
3. [SIGN AND SHARE](#) the petition demanding that Mayor Garcetti #FireChiefMoore for leading one of the most murderous and corrupt policing units in the nation.
4. [SIGN AND SHARE](#) a letter to your county supervisor demanding they support a charter amendment to #CheckTheSheriff.
5. [SIGN AND SHARE](#) the petition to #EndQualifiedImmunity.



This Week's BLMLA Actions/Events (2/14/2022-2/21/2022):

- MONDAY, 2/14/2022 at 4:30PM – Demand Justice for #AnthonyMcClain at the Pasadena City Council Meeting on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/161482446> – At last week's Pasadena City Council meeting, they tried to stall out community members demanding accountability. This week we need more people to continue uplifting the demand to fire the officers that murdered #AnthonyMcClain! Please submit speaker cards prior to the public comment period [at the link here](#). To participate by phone, call 1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 161 482 446. [Learn more and find talking points here.](#)
- TUESDAY, 2/15/2022 at 9:30AM – Los Angeles Police Commission Meeting on Zoom at <https://lapd.zoom.us/s/289225944> – The fight to end LAPD's pretextual stops continues at this week's Commission! We must raise our voices against the racist practice, in the name of #EzellFord and so many others. Send an email to the Police Commission before Tuesday, 2/15/2022 at 5pm. Make public comment during the weekly Commission meeting, using the [coalition talking points here](#). Please use the "raise hand" function to speak. To participate by phone, call (855) 880-1246, Meeting ID: 289 225 944. Press \*9 to be put in the cue for public comment.
- WEDNESDAY, 2/16/2022 at 4PM (and every Wednesday at 4PM) – ONE WHOLE YEAR of Fund Services, Not Police! #EndPoliceAssociations at 1313 W. 8th St., Los Angeles – It's the one-year anniversary of the weekly Fund Services, Not Police rally to #EndPoliceAssociations! Come out and stand in the streets as we protest against the police associations that protect killer cops from being held accountable. Wear masks and bring your bodies, spirits, energy, drums, signs, flags and dedication. Streamed live on Instagram at @blmlosangeles.
- SATURDAY, 2/19/2022 8-10AM – This Is Not a Drill! on KBLA Talk 1580AM or [facebook.com/BLMLA](https://www.facebook.com/BLMLA) – This week's show will discuss "Ending Qualified Immunity," the policy that provides police officers with extra protections that shield them from accountability. The conversation will include Professor Jody Armour of USC's School of Law, co-hosted by Audrena Redmond of Black Lives Matter-Long

Beach & Black Lives Matter-Grassroots, hosted by our own Sister Dr. Melina Abdullah. Listen live on KBLA Talk 1580 AM, [kbla1580.com](http://kbla1580.com), download the KBLA app, or watch the livestream with ASL interpretation by ProBonoASL on [facebook.com/BLMLA](https://facebook.com/BLMLA). Taking your calls at 800-920-1580.

## Recap

- Last Monday, the #CheckTheSheriff Coalition, including families of those killed by sheriff deputies, Black Lives Matter-LA, CentroCSO, ACLU, and more, hosted a press conference in front of the Hall of (In)justice to push the proposed charter amendment that would give real sheriff accountability! The amendment that would provide checks and balances and allow the Board of Supervisors to impeach a sitting sheriff. [Read more about the amendment and sign the petition here.](#)
- This weekend, the Black Lives Matter team was in Tampa Florida demanding justice in the name of #AndrewJosephIII. Andrew was only 14-years-old when he was targeted, criminalized, and abducted by Hillsborough County Sheriffs from “Student Day” at the Florida State Fair, then abandoned on the side of a busy interstate where he was hit and killed by a white motorist. His family has been fighting for justice in his name for 8 years now and still hasn’t even gotten a day in court because police are shielded by special protections that block accountability. It’s beyond time to #EndQualifiedImmunity! Be sure to sign and share the petition right now online at [tinyurl.com/BLMEndQI](http://tinyurl.com/BLMEndQI).
- Last Wednesday’s #EndPoliceAssociations rally continued our focus on Black History Month and why honoring our Ancestors requires us to continue the fight for total liberation. As always we made space for the families whose loved ones were stolen by police violence and were joined by the family of #VanessaMarquez.
- Last Saturday’s This Is Not A Drill on KBLA Talk 1580AM talked about Medical Apartheid and healthcare access with Jan Robinson Flint of Black Women for Wellness, Dr. Emilee Bargoma of Black Lives Matter-LA, and Jeanna Harris from Health Care for LA, with the family of #MichaelBrown joining for our #MoreThanAHashtag segment. Hosted by our very own Baba Akili. Missed it? [Watch here.](#)



BLMLA in Media and Must-Reads:

Super Bowl

- [Super Bowl LVI Will Not Benefit Working-Class Angelenos. Here are 5 Super Bowl Myths We Need to Squash](#) (NOlympics LA)

Andrew Joseph III

- [Parents of teen killed after 2014 state fair 'student Night' still calling for change](#) (WTSP)
- [Family, community holds demonstration to remember Tampa teen killed on I-4 in 2014](#) (WFLA)

Additional News and Reads

- [Fatal police shootings in 2021 set record since The Post began tracking, despite public outcry](#) (Washington Post)
- [Karen Bass calls for more hiring at the LAPD](#) (LA Times)
- [Black FedEx driver allegedly shot at by White father and son says he sees similarities with Ahmaud Arbery case: 'I feel it's my responsibility to speak up'](#) (CNN)
- [White father and son charged for chasing and shooting at Black FedEx driver](#) (CNN)
- [California sues Tesla over alleged rampant discrimination against Black employees](#) (NPR)
- [3 Ways Intergenerational Trauma Still Impacts The Black Community Today](#) (Forbes)
- [A Black School Principal Changed My Life. Here's Why We Need Black People In Positions Of Power.](#) (Huffington Post)



[1 in 10 Black people in the U.S. are immigrants, new data finds](#) (NBC)

- [Teachers Tackle Black History Month, Under New Restrictions](#) (NY Times)
- [Artwork from the Black Lives Matter memorial has a new home: the Library of Congress](#) (NPR)

Tune in –

- Move the Crowd airs every Monday morning at 7AM on 90.7FM KPFK [kpfk.org](http://kpfk.org), hosted by our own Sister Melina and co-produced by Tyler Boudreaux. Listener calls around 7:40 at 818-985-5735.
- Tune in to This Is Not a Drill! every Saturday 8-10AM, with a rebroadcast on Sundays on KBLA Talk 1580 and [kbla1580.com](http://kbla1580.com) and on [facebook.com/blmla](https://facebook.com/blmla) with ASL translation by Pro Bono ASL.
- Be sure to listen to “BOLD Conversations About Race” with hosts, Dahlia Ferlito and Ivette Ale, posted monthly on every podcasting app.

Black Lives Matter is truly a labor of love, and our work produces real expenses. To support our work, please donate to [gofundme.com/BLMLA](https://gofundme.com/BLMLA).

For the most updated information and more on our work, please visit our website at [blmla.org](http://blmla.org) and follow us on social media: @blmlosangeles on IG, @blmla on Twitter, and Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles on Facebook.

Peace, Health, and Justice,

The Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles Team

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**To:** [stops](#)  
**Subject:** End racist policing - stop proposal for pre-text stops  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:15:15 AM

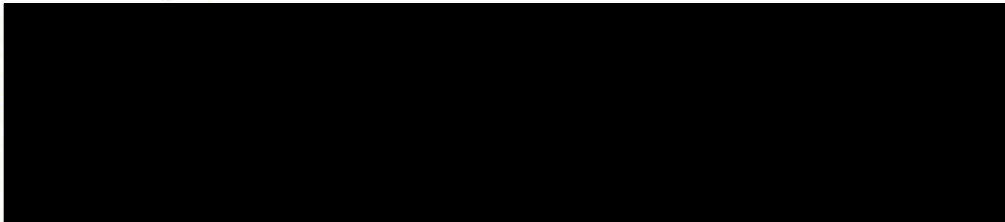
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LAPD's proposed policy for pre-text stops, which claims to limit or restrict these stops in fact formalizes and sanitizes the framework by which they will continue. LAPD current policy is unconstitutional and racist as is the proposed police for pre-text stops.

Darrell Park

**From:** [Tiff Guerra](#)  
**To:** [Police Commission](#); [stops](#)  
**Cc:**



**Subject:** public comment Feb 15th 2022, and comment on Stops Policy  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:28:10 AM  
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Commissioners,

Here is my public comment for today's meeting. Also it should not take a person having to audit the length of public comment, for the full 45 minutes to be observed. Again, 45 minutes is too short; open up public comment to hear all callers.

Commissioner Calanche, you can be assured that ICE was present at the Super Bowl and in the area - this was reported many times by the community, who are experts in identifying ICE agents, and was also publicly announced by DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas - [see one reference to this here](#). LAPD should not be relied upon as a source of information regarding ICE, as LAPD has lied about collaborating with and sharing info with ICE, and they continue to downplay or erase the violence even the presence of ICE in the community presents. Fuck ICE, and fuck LAPD.

Further, taking the possessions of vendors under the guise of "safety" and "national security" is so evil and does not contribute to the well-being and security of communities, especially poor communities - rather it further traumatizes and destabilizes them.

here's the rest of my comment.

I reject the stops policy proposed by Moore, which will not decrease stops. First of all, LAPD does not enforce its own policies, and that is clear repeatedly and at the highest level. Second, police are already empowered to make statements either at the time of police violence (including stops) or after the fact, giving justification for their actions, and are coached on how to do that within the bounds of the system. This policy just formalizes that further, and gives the guise of reform or legitimacy, while cementing the fact and promise of more stops.

We know who is most targeted and profiled in LAPD stops at a rate that is wildly racist, and we see how Moore over and over attempts to link race to criminality, using data-driven policing, and through the lens of institutions and using measures that are deeply rooted in

white supremacy. And we understand this policing by race, as a continuation of history, and a continuation of colonization and imperialism, with the purpose of taking land and controlling populations - we discuss this in much more detail in the Coalition's report, [Automating Banishment](#).

The proposed policy will not limit stops, but would ensure that they continue, along with LAPD's occupation and ongoing racialized harassment of individuals and entire communities. We reject this policy.

Additionally, on the agenda today is a commendation of one of LAPD's Human Trafficking Task Force units, which in the span of 18 months made 1459 arrests, and claims to have "rescued" 19 adults and 16 youth, which may not mean folks were victims of Human Trafficking, as Journey Out's annual report indicates, but they were willing to participate in an anti-prostitution diversion program. So 1459 arrests made, and 19 adults and 16 youth did a diversion program.

As stated in a letter to the board last year (attached) from Minouche Kandel, a Senior Staff Attorney the LGBTQ, Gender, and Reproductive Justice Project regarding the arrests of this task force: *"when there is a large disparity between the number of 'rescues' and the number of 'arrests,' it is extremely unlikely that there were that many persons engaged in sex trafficking for every survivor that was 'rescued.' It seems far more likely that the persons being arrested are either persons selling sex or persons buying sex... the conflation of prostitution with human trafficking is a problematic narrative that leads to tactics that harm both persons who are being trafficked, and those engaging in consensual sex work."*

We reject this commendation and demand the decriminalization of sex work.

Defund and Abolish LAPD -

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T Guerra  
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**From:** [Diana Chang](#)  
**To:** [stops](#); [Police Commission](#); [mayor.garcetti](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Reject BPC #22-023  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:38:59 AM

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To the LA Police Commission,  
I am a 10-year Los Angeles resident writing to urge the Commission to reject Chief Moore's proposed policy BPC 22-023 authorizing use of "pretext stops" in certain circumstances.

While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise.

It is the same song with a different melody. Because of the racist results and impact, all the stops must end.

Thank you,  
Diana Chang

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**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:22:09 PM  
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**From:** Jordan Harari <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:46 PM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>  
**Subject:** REJECT LAPD'S Proposed Pretext Stops

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Dear all,

I have attached a letter from STOP LAPD Spying as I urge to reject LAPD's proposed pre-textual stops.

I appreciate you taking the time to review my comment which is exemplified in the attachment.

Respectfully,

Jordan



February 10, 2022

Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners  
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Lizabeth Rhodes, Director for the Office of Constitutional Policing and Policy

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti

SENT BY EMAIL

**RE BPC 22-023: LAPD Proposed Policy on Limitation on Use of Pretextual Stops**

We urge you to reject Chief Moore's proposal for a policy authorizing use of "pretext stops" in certain circumstances. **While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise.** The Los Angeles Police Protective League's (LAPPL) aggressive opposition to this policy underscores the threat that police will exploit this guise to continue harassing our communities. And more broadly, that opposition – in line with LAPPL's efforts to build political power by decrying every possible effort to place rules on their work – is a sham intended to fool the public into believing this policy will change officer behavior.

We have long demanded that LAPD stop harassing our communities using pretext stops. As Chief Moore's proposed policy recognizes, these stops subject people "to

inconvenience, confusion, and anxiety.” More than that, they subject our communities to constant police harassment, abuse, and violence. LAPD’s own self-reported data has revealed:

- **These stops are plainly racist:** “Black people are 9% of the city population yet made up 27% of [LAPD] stops” in 2019, “while white people are 29% of the population and 8% of stops.”<sup>1</sup>
- **These stops feed LAPD’s racist surveillance tactics:** LAPD uses pretext stops “to gather an individual’s personal and physical information, which is recorded on a Field Interview (FI) card and stored in databases accessible to LAPD.” In 2019, “LAPD filled out FI cards during 16% of stops of Black people” and “for white people in only 5% of stops.”<sup>2</sup>
- **These stops subject Black communities to worse violence than others:** “During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white.”<sup>3</sup>

LAPD’s proposed policy notes that “community members sometimes perceive stops as biased, racially motivated, or unfair.” This is yet another example of LAPD insulting our communities by treating people’s well-documented experience of police violence as a mere “perception.” The reference to perception of bias ignores the reality of abusive, discriminatory policing, which in line with LAPD’s record of sustaining exactly zero of the 4,882 individual complaints of biased policing that members of the public submitted between 2010 and 2019.<sup>4</sup> If anyone “sometimes perceives stops” incorrectly here, it is LAPD, which has repeatedly been exposed to have lied about the scale of these stops.<sup>5</sup>

**The proposed policy grants officers discretion to make these same abusive stops.** The policy’s first paragraph, titled “Use of Traffic/Pedestrian Stops,” states that “officers should make stops for minor equipment violations or other infractions” whenever “the officer believes that such a violation significantly interferes with public safety.” This paragraph authorizes police to continue using minor traffic offenses to

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<sup>1</sup> Black Lives Matter LA, Stop LAPD Spying Coalition, Los Angeles Community Action Network, and White People 4 Black Lives, [LAPD Confirms Continued Criminalization, Harassment of the Black Community](#) (November 2020), at 1.

<sup>2</sup> Id.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at 2.

<sup>4</sup> Id. at 1.

<sup>5</sup> See Kevin Rector, “[LAPD admits it made hundreds more traffic stops in South L.A. than it told The Times](#),” L.A. Times (Feb. 23, 2021).



target people they want to stop, so long as they don't admit a "pretextual" basis for the stop. Given how easy it is to find a basis for a stop in the Traffic Code – which is "so large and so difficult to obey perfectly that virtually everyone is guilty of a violation, permitting the police to single out almost whomever they wish for a stop"<sup>6</sup> – as well as the impossibility of surfacing an officer's true personal motivations for stopping a person, this paragraph undermines any restrictions that the policy otherwise attempts to establish on "pretext stops."

This "Use of Traffic/Pedestrian Stops" paragraph will mean that an officer who wants to stop a person can assert they are in compliance with LAPD's proposed policy by finding a basis for the stop in the state's vast menu of equipment and regulatory violations and claiming that these rules are "intended to protect public safety." Given the aggressive resistance that LAPPL has already mounted to the prospect of a limit on their ability to harass the community with pretextual stops, it is safe to assume that police will abuse this loophole in this way.

**The proposed policy only gets more meaningless as it goes on.** In a section titled "Duration and Scope of All Stops," the policy notes that "[o]fficers' actions during all stops (e.g., questioning, searches, handcuffing, etc.) shall be limited to the original legal basis for the stop." But the U.S. Supreme Court held almost two decades ago that a traffic stop "that is justified solely by the interest in issuing a warning ticket to the driver can become unlawful if it is prolonged beyond the time reasonably required to complete that mission."<sup>7</sup> More recently, the Supreme Court has held that "a police stop exceeding the time needed to handle the matter for which the stop was made violates the Constitution."<sup>8</sup> That case established that even a single "dog sniff conducted after completion of a traffic stop" can violate the Fourth Amendment.

In other words, this "Duration and Scope of All Stops" paragraph is merely instructing officers to abide by minimal standards long ago set by the U.S. Supreme Court. The fact that LAPD is trying to sell this baseline compliance with the U.S. Constitution as some kind of generous reform speaks to the impunity and lack of accountability that LAPD is used to operating with.

The only sure way to end the harassment of pretextual stops is to strictly prohibit officers from pulling people over on the basis of harmless and trivial traffic charges. This is particularly imperative for charges such as failure to signal a turn, an overdue registration sticker, or tinted windows, all of which are disproportionately used to target

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<sup>6</sup> Whren v. United States, 517 U.S. 806, 818 (1996).

<sup>7</sup> Illinois v. Caballes, 543 U.S. 405, 407 (2005).

<sup>8</sup> Rodriguez v. United States, 575 U.S. 348, 350 (2015).

Black, brown, and poor people, and none of which require armed police forces stopping a car in transit. This “idea of removing traffic enforcement from the police is not new” and in fact was embraced by a former LAPD chief almost a century ago.<sup>9</sup>

In contrast, policies like the one proposed here continue a long line of sham “reforms” that LAPD has embraced as a means of sanitizing, expanding, and codifying its violence and discrimination. The fact that Chief Moore appears to view this issue as a “perception of bias” rather than a systematic pattern of deliberate discrimination might explain why the policy does nothing to actually address the problem. We are not fooled by this sham. Nor should you be.

Sincerely,

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition  
Los Angeles Community Action Network  
Black Lives Matter LA

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<sup>9</sup> Liz Mineo, “[Historian urges end to police traffic-law enforcement](#)” Harvard Gazette (Nov. 22, 2021).

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**From:** Andrea Canizares-Fernandez <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 1:27 PM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>; Police Commission <[REDACTED]>;  
mayor.garcetti [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opinion on BPC 22-023

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Hello,

My name is Andrea CF and I am a concerned citizen of Los Angeles. I urge the Commission to **reject Chief Moore's proposed policy BPC 22-023** authorizing use of "pretext stops" in certain circumstances. While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise. It is the same song with a different melody. Because of the racist results and impact, **all the stops** must end. End all pretextual stops. Do not allow police to define, target and make abusive stops.

Thank you,  
Andrea Cañizares-Fernandez



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**From:** Sophia Li <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:24 PM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>; Police Commission <[REDACTED]>;  
mayor.garcetti [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Stop ALL pretextual stops

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To whom it may concern,

I urge the Commission to reject Chief Moore's proposed policy BPC 22-023 authorizing use of "pretext stops" in certain circumstances. While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise. It is the same song with a different melody. Because of the racist results and impact, all the stops must end. Pretextual stops allow for racial profiling and have resulted in death for Angelenos like Ezell Ford.

Please do the right thing,  
Sophia Li

[Redacted]

**Subject:** FW: End All Pretextual Stops  
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**From:** Karen Garcia <[Redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:44 PM  
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**Subject:** End All Pretextual Stops

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Hello,

I am writing as a resident of Council District 1 to express my strong opposition to item BPC #22-023, a policy revision regarding pretextual stops. It dismisses the lived realities of Black and Brown Angelenos and continues the failed policies that have resulted in unjustly targeting Black and Brown people with tragic consequences. During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person, 23 were Black people; 3 were white. This is clearly a racist policy. End all pretextual stops. Do not allow police to define, target, and make abusive stops.

Sincerely,  
Karen

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Karen Garcia

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**Subject:** FW: Police Commission public comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:22:41 PM

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**From:** Connie Elliot <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:53 PM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>  
**Subject:** Police Commission public comments

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Please put me on record as being opposed to restricting traffic stops by police. Most of the time they can't even see who is driving the car in front of them. They should be able to pull the car over for an infraction and further charge them if there are more than one conditions that are against the law. We need the police to be able to protect law abiding citizens and uphold the law.

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Connie Elliot  
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**Subject:** FW: Bpc 22 023  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:22:50 PM

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**From:** Paul P <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:06 PM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>; Police Commission <[REDACTED]>;  
mayor.garcetti [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Bpc 22 023

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To the recipients above,

I am strongly opposed to item bpc 22 023, a policy revision regarding pretextual stops as it dismisses the lived realities of Black and brown Angelenos and continues the failed policies that have resulted in unjustly targeting Black and brown people with tragic consequences. End all pretextual stops. Do not allow police to define, target and make abusive stops.

Paul Patterson

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: REJECT Proposed Policy for pretextual stops!  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:22:57 PM

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**From:** Avalon Igawa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:31 PM  
**To:** stops <stops@lapd.online>; Police Commission <[REDACTED]>;  
mayor.garcetti [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** REJECT Proposed Policy for pretextual stops!

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Hello,

As someone who lives and works in Los Angeles, I'm strongly opposed to item BPC #22-023 a policy revision regarding pretextual stops as it dismisses the lived realities of Black and Brown Angelenos and continues the failed policies that have resulted in unjustly targeting Black and Brown people with tragic consequences. End all pretextual stops. Do not allow police to define, target, and make abusive stops.

These stops disproportionately harm Black people: "During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white." This is clearly racist. All the stops need to end.

Thank you.  
Avalon Igawa



**From:** Julia Keplinger <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:57 PM  
**To:** Police Commission  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Public Comment BOPC 2/14/2022

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Commissioners,

We reject Chief Moore’s proposal for a policy authorizing use of “pretext stops” in certain circumstances. **While claiming to restrict or limit these stops, the policy in fact spells out how officers can continue the same abusive behavior under a new guise.**

We have long demanded that LAPD stop harassing our communities using pretext stops. As Chief Moore’s proposed policy recognizes, these stops subject people “to inconvenience, confusion, and anxiety.” More than that, they subject our communities to constant police harassment, abuse, and violence. LAPD’s own self-reported data has revealed:

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- **These stops are plainly racist:**
- “Black people are 9% of the city population yet made up 27% of [LAPD] stops” in 2019, “while white people are 29% of the population and 8% of stops.”
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- **These stops feed LAPD’s racist surveillance tactics:**
- LAPD uses pretext stops “to gather an individual’s personal and physical information, which is recorded on a Field Interview (FI) card and stored in databases accessible to LAPD.” In 2019, “LAPD filled out FI cards during 16% of stops of Black people” and “for white people in only 5% of stops.”



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- **These stops subject Black communities to worse violence than others:**

- “During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white.”
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LAPD’s proposed policy notes that “community members sometimes perceive stops as biased, racially motivated, or unfair.” This is yet another example of LAPD insulting our communities by treating people’s well-documented experience of police violence as a mere “perception.” The reference to perception of bias ignores the reality of abusive, discriminatory policing, which in line with LAPD’s record of sustaining exactly zero of the 4,882 individual complaints of biased policing that members of the public submitted between 2010 and 2019.

**Finally, the proposed policy grants officers discretion to make these same abusive stops, by** authorizing police to continue using minor traffic offenses to target people they want to stop, so long as they don’t admit a “pretextual” basis for the stop. The only sure way to end the harassment of pretextual stops is to strictly prohibit officers from pulling people over on the basis of harmless and trivial traffic charges. This is particularly imperative for charges such as failure to signal a turn, an overdue registration sticker, or tinted windows, all of which are disproportionately used to target Black, brown, and poor people, and none of which require armed police forces stopping a car in transit. This “idea of removing traffic enforcement from the police is not new” and in fact was embraced by a former LAPD chief almost a century ago.

In contrast, policies like the one proposed here continue a long line of sham “reforms” that LAPD has embraced as a means of sanitizing, expanding, and codifying its violence and discrimination. The fact that Chief Moore appears to view this issue as a “perception of bias” rather than a systematic pattern of deliberate discrimination might explain why the policy does nothing to actually address the problem. We are not fooled by this sham. Nor should you be.

In addition: Decrease Moore’s time in Police Commission meetings and open up public comment, with no restrictions on number of speakers and no 45-minute time limit. Members of the communities most affected by policing are by far the most knowledgeable about the real-world effects of the matters before the board, and about LAPD in their neighborhoods, and you need to hear what they have to say.

Signed,  
Julia Keplinger

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**From:** Akhil Gopal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:28 PM  
**To:** stops  
**Subject:** Reject Absurd Pretextual Stops Policy

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LA Police Commission,

I'm a resident of Los Angeles urging you to reject the absurd pretextual stops policy that claims to limit or regulate the practice but actually provides a path for the LAPD to use this tool of racial profiling. I have little hope that you will suddenly learn the word "no" and act like more than a bullshit rubber stamp body, but will use this online public comment to uplift the letter of Stop LAPD Spying, LA CAN, and BLM-LA: <https://stoplapdspying.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Letter-to-BOPC-about-BPC-22-023-LAPD-Stops-Policy.pdf>

Reject this sham of a policy and abolish pretextual stops.

Sincerely,  
Akhil Gopal

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**From:** Rae Huang <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:38 PM  
**To:** stops; Police Commission; mayor.garcetti [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** No to BPC 22-023

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Dear LAPD and Mayor Garcetti,

I oppose the proposed policy BPC 22-023 pretextual stops. These stops disproportionately harm Black people: "During traffic stops, police pointed guns at over 5 times as many Black people as white people. Of 54 times when police dogs bit or held a person during an officer-initiated stop, 23 were Black people; 3 were white. Because of the racist results and impact, all the stops must end.

We need to and must find alternative ways to protect our people that does not include police who have been trained to fear, use force, and, as a result, harm the people they vowed to protect.

We must and will find another way. BPC 22-023 is not it.

Reverend Rae Chen Huang  
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**From:** KB Edwards <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:47 PM  
**To:** stops  
**Subject:** Limitation of Use on Pretextual Stops

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Pretextual Stops are a tool our officers can use in their efforts to prevent crime. Using "racism," as an excuse for removing tools that help law enforcement is unfounded and dangerous!

Respectfully,

KB Edwards

**From:** [Daniela Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [stops](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 15, 2022 10:08:15 AM

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Remove LAPD from traffic enforcement! Pre-text stops aren't helping anyone and most definitely aren't keeping people more safe.