

14th District Council Calls for Commission to End Pretextual Traffic Stops

The 14th District Council recommends by unobjected vote that the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability adopt a CPD General Directive with the following three policy elements as put forward by the Free2Move Coalition, in order to prevent racially discriminatory and ineffective pretextual traffic stops.

These are:

1. End pretextual stops, prohibiting officers from initiating a stop for a code violation when their intent is to conduct a suspicionless investigation for unrelated criminal activity.
2. Limit traffic stops for low-level offenses including minor code violations that don't impact public safety.
3. End suspicionless consent searches by requiring officers to have an independent legal basis to search vehicles and occupants.

A policy proposal expanded from this initial vote was the first in history to receive support from the majority of elected District Councilors, being formally presented at the June 2024 Quarterly Meeting and included in the 2025 Commission priorities at the November 2024 Annual Meeting.

You can read the full Policy Proposal [here](#).