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Question/Comment for the Policing Advisory Commission *

Members of the Policing Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your commitment to making our County a safer place and our police department more responsive. I understand the commission is questioning the need for rigorous traffic law enforcement, and some, calling for reduced enforcement. I have driven on our County's Roads for more than 50 years and I believe that traffic violations have grown incredibly. Whether major or minor, I feel at great risk of an accident every time I drive due to careless and dangerous drivers. I worry even more for pedestrians, especially the elementary school students in my neighborhood who walk to school. My husband is a bike rider and tells me that almost every time he rides, he is nearly hit by a vehicle. With a rapidly growing population, especially in high density areas, we must anticipate more traffic violations unless enforcement is INCREASED. I urge your support for more robust traffic law enforcement and protection for our residents.

The commission has raised the question of equity among traffic stops. As a long-time resident of the county, I certainly support equitable policies and laws for all. However, I believe some in our community are scape-goating the police as the cause for inequity in traffic stops. In fact, of course, the cause of traffic stops is illegal traffic activity. Further, as a schoolteacher, I believe an entire group should not be blamed for improper actions of one, but rather, the problem individually addressed. Studies and data can be and often are misinterpreted. I ask you to simply consider two indisputable facts: first, traffic violations are dangerous and increasing and will continue to grow making our streets more hazardous; and second, the MCPD is among the most respected, evaluated, and committed to continuous improvement of any in the US. Thoughtfully and fairly considering these two facts will lead to recommendations from your commission which are balanced, equitable and effective for all residents of our county.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,
Maureen and Charles Short
