

My name is Alyssa Torres and I live & vote in New Haven. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

I support:

- Outlawing Police Search w/o Probable Cause, Even w/Consent
- Outlawing Police Officers from Asking for any Documents (Green Card/Immigration Docs) Other than Driver's License at Traffic Stops
- Mandating Duty to Intervene if Officer Witnesses Excessive Force
- Ending Qualified Immunity for Officers who Violate Civil Rights - as long as that means that tax payers/Cities do not have to cover or indemnify the officer for legal representation and settlement costs. Unions can cover this item for the officer or the officer can get separate coverage. Stop catering to the plaintiff's attorney lobbyists who do nothing for the black and brown community at the end of the day.
- Bans Stops and Frisk
- Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment
- Require Officers to Display their Badge

I disagree with:

- Increasing Funding for Municipal/State PDs unless it is specifically for better training, race bias training, mental health screening, body cam costs, collection of race based data and other items that further the purpose of this bill.
- Adding Social Workers to PDs. Social Workers Should NOT Work Under Police Departments, they should not be under the same supervision or disciplinary procedures as PD
- Police and Politicians Make up 12/20 Members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council. Council Should be Dominated by Civilians not Politicians/Police

This is just a starting point and doesn't divest from policing or reinvesting in the community as well as a moment in Connecticut's history that we cannot let pass by. You have an opportunity to pass strong legislation that will make Connecticut safer for all of our residents, especially our residents of color.

Thank you for your service of our state,

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