

My name is Patricia C Vener-Saavedra, I live & vote in Hamden. I am writing in support of LCO #3471: An Act Concerning Police Accountability (AACPA) with amendments.

First, let me say that section 41 must be kept in its entirety!

I support:

- Allows Towns/Cities to Form Civilian Review Boards with Subpoena Power
- Outlawing Police Search without Probable Cause, Even with 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 (especially for Officers who Violate Civil Rights
- The Bans on Stops and Frisk
- Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment
- Require Officers to Display their Badge

I disagree with and do not support:

- Increasing Funding for Municipal/State PDs
- Adding Social Workers to PDs. Social Workers Should NOT Work Under Police Departments as this will give them divided and conflicted interests.
- Police and Politicians Make up 12 out of 20 members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council. The Council should be dominated by civilians not politicians nor 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. and people with mental health problems.

Thank you for your service of our state,

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