

Hi,

My name is Rishi Agarwal and I live & vote in New Haven, CT. 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
- Banning Stop and Frisk
- Demilitarization of CT Police Depts, Including Disposal of Existing Equipment
- Requiring Officers to Display their Badge

I disagree with:

- Increasing Funding for Municipal/State PDs
- Adding Social Workers to PDs. Social Workers Should NOT Work Under Police Departments
- The Fact That Police and Politicians Make up 12/20 Members of Police Officer Standards and Training Council. The Council Should be Dominated by Civilians not Politicians/Police.

This is just a starting point and doesn't divest from policing or reinvest in the community, but it is also 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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