From:	Denise LaPointe
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); Lurie, Daniel (MYR)
Cc:	Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Farrah, Michael (BOS)
Subject:	Item 21 - Support
Date:	Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:37:27 AM
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Please find attached a letter in support of making changes to the Police Commission scheduled for a hearing today at the Board of Supervisors.

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February 24, 2025

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman
President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: SUPPORT: February 25, 2025, Agenda Item 21, File 250138 - Hearing - Committee of the Whole - Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from Police Commission

Dear President Mandelman,

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council (WTPCC) voted last night to urge you and the Board of Supervisors to take action to remove Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone. His tenure has been marked by an approach that is fundamentally at odds with the priorities of our neighborhoods and the safety of all San Franciscans.

A particular concern for WTPCC members has been his persistent opposition to pretext stops, which occur when officers pull over a driver for a minor traffic violation as a lawful means to investigate more serious criminal activity, such as the possession of illegal firearms or narcotics. While we do not support racial prejudice in policing, it is important to recognize that pretext stops, when conducted lawfully and without bias, are a crucial tool for addressing violent crime and deterring dangerous activity. The San Francisco Police Department has undergone extensive training and reforms to ensure fair and equitable enforcement practices, making these stops an essential part of maintaining public safety. Carter-Oberstone's efforts to eliminate or severely restrict them have weakened the ability of the SFPD to effectively combat crime at a time when public safety remains a top concern for residents in our homeowner associations and across the city.

Furthermore, Carter-Oberstone has demonstrated a broader hostility toward policing, taking positions that erode public confidence in law enforcement and lower department morale. Rather than balancing necessary oversight with the need for effective crime reduction, he has repeatedly advanced an ideological agenda that puts politics over public safety.

The residents represented by WTPCC want to see a Police Commission that is serious about making San Francisco a safer place to live and work. We need leadership that supports fair oversight while also allowing officers to take the necessary steps to address crime in our neighborhoods that have impacted our overall quality of life. We therefore call on you and the Board of Supervisors to remove Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission and replace him with someone who will prioritize both accountability and public safety.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Denise LaPointe

West of Twin Peaks Central Council

CC: The Honorable Daniel Lurie, Mayor City and County of San Francisco
Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From:	Brian Hofer
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Coalition Opposing Removal of Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
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Hon. Supervisors,

Please see the attached coalition letter.

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February 21, 2025

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Re: Opposition to Removal of Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone

Dear President Mandelman and Supervisors:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to you in opposition to Mayor Lurie's proposed removal of Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone. There is no justification for Mr. Carter-Oberstone's removal, as he has proven himself to be well-qualified, data-driven and thoughtful in his decision making, and independent. He is eligible to continue to serve. These qualities, in addition to his experience on the commission, serve the residents of San Francisco well and provide for the meaningful oversight such a body requires. Although Mr. Carter-Oberstone has certainly earned our highest respect for his hard work in a volunteer, unpaid position, our opposition to his removal goes beyond any one individual commissioner.

In the June 2003 election, San Francisco voters approved Measure H, amending the city charter to require Board approval of Mayoral appointees. In the 2024 election, San Francisco voters supported Measure C, which created the office of an Inspector General to address recent shocking headlines at City Hall pertaining to taxpayer fraud and corruption of administrative officials. In the same election, the voters of San Francisco rejected Measure D, which would have given the Mayor sole authority to appoint and remove Department Heads and provide the Chief of Police with sole authority to adopt rules governing police officer misconduct. These results confirm that a majority of San Francisco voters favor independent oversight and a balance of power between the administrative and legislative branches at City Hall.

SFPD was just released last month by the California Department of Justice from its obligations to implement 272 reforms recommended by the United States Department of Justice. These recommendations came about after a series of scandals including the exchange of racist text messages and unlawful use of force incidents. SFPD's use of force and vehicle stop data continue to reflect a significant racial disparity overwhelmingly and negatively impacting Black individuals residing in or visiting San Francisco. Mr. Carter-Oberstone and his colleagues addressed some of this concern with the creation of a policy prohibiting certain categories of pretextual stops, a practice well-known to cause harm to civil rights, mostly of Black drivers. SFPD is also in active litigation over its many violations of the facial recognition ban and surveillance technology ordinance, actions that have disparately impacted Black individuals.

The practice of former Mayor London Breed to impose as a condition of appointment to a commission a pre-signed letter of resignation severely undermined the credibility of your commissions. While this type of influence over a different commission might not have caused a noticeable negative result, when an important body such as a police commission is filled with Mayor appointees who rubber stamp every action by SFPD and does not provide real, objective oversight, the public will naturally distrust its policy recommendations.

Mr. Carter-Oberstone's performance during the pretextual stop policy discussion was exemplary, a model all commissioners should attempt to replicate. His thoughtful approach to working with city departments and community stakeholders to not only identify the concerns but also ascertain whether data existed to justify prohibiting such stops, was remarkable. This is precisely the type of individual San Francisco should want on its commissions.

In these troubling political times, when the very credibility and integrity of San Francisco City Hall has been placed at great risk by corrupt individuals and wasted expenditure of taxpayer funds, now is the time for greater independent oversight, not less. Removing a commissioner like Mr. Carter-Oberstone who has demonstrated his commitment to providing unbiased and rigorous oversight of the police department will lead to weak policies and a lack of accountability regarding misconduct.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you vote No when considering removing Mr. Carter-Oberstone.

Sincerely,

Organizations
3rd Street Youth Center and Clinic
Anti Police-Terror Project
Bernal Heights Democratic Club

California Coalition for Sheriff Oversight – Marin County
California Interfaith Power & Light
Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice
Coalition on Homelessness
Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area
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National Harm Reduction Coalition
Officers For Justice Peace Officers Association
Older Women's League, San Francisco
San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
San Francisco Gray Panthers
San Francisco Public Defender's Office
San Francisco Rising
San Francisco Working Families Democratic Club
San Francisco Tenants Union
Small Business Forward
Secure Justice
Treatment on Demand Coalition/Safer Inside Coalition
Youth Law Center

Individuals (*titles for identification purposes only*)
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Alejandro Garcia
Sara Shortt
Dale Milfay
Karen Fishkin, Senior and Disability Action
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From: Edward Hernandez
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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Sincerely,

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From: Rosario Cervantes
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: The vote to remove Max Carter-Oberstone from the SF Police Commission
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:55:01 AM

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As a San Francisco citizen, I care about human rights and believe in safety for all. Specifically, when it comes to police reform, the Police Commission appeared to be working and moving in the right direction.

Today, there is a motion to remove Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. He asks the right questions and he is the face of reason and oversight next to Board President Elias. To remove him is stating San Francisco is no longer a sanctuary city. He has a law background and is well positioned to serve out his term. He has done nothing wrong but choose to remain in a seat he volunteers on. I ask each one of you to have a conscious and reject the Motion today and let him continue his good work. This sets a precedent and this is a Republican type move. Thank you.

Rosario Cervantes
A SF concerned citizen

From: Luc Bouchard
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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From: Dimitry Yakoushkin
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

To the six or seven of the Members of the Board of Supervisors who are on the right side of history, who are not in the pocket of the SFPOA and Mayor Lurie, and who will listen,

I am writing to urge you to oppose Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone's removal from the SFPD Commission. Without oversight of the SFPD, and with our DA's explicit messaging that she will not prosecute any police, we will be in a functional police state.

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Sincerely,
Dimitry Yakoushkin, district 8 resident and SF resident of 20+ years.

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From: Cindy Rodríguez
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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From: Emilie Struthers
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From: Brette Howard
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From: Alex Lantsberg
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D7 Resident, D2 worker, pedestrian and transit rider

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From: Max Wickham
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From: Lisa Awbrey
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San Francisco needs 100 more Max Carter Oberstones. San Francisco, skins demand and expect oversight, transparency, and accountability from our elected leaders and from the SFPD.
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February 24, 2025

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman
President, San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: SUPPORT: February 25, 2025, Agenda Item 21, File 250138 - Hearing - Committee of the Whole - Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from Police Commission

Dear President Mandelman,

The West of Twin Peaks Central Council (WTPCC) voted last night to urge you and the Board of Supervisors to take action to remove Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone. His tenure has been marked by an approach that is fundamentally at odds with the priorities of our neighborhoods and the safety of all San Franciscans.

A particular concern for WTPCC members has been his persistent opposition to pretext stops, which occur when officers pull over a driver for a minor traffic violation as a lawful means to investigate more serious criminal activity, such as the possession of illegal firearms or narcotics. While we do not support racial prejudice in policing, it is important to recognize that pretext stops, when conducted lawfully and without bias, are a crucial tool for addressing violent crime and deterring dangerous activity. The San Francisco Police Department has undergone extensive training and reforms to ensure fair and equitable enforcement practices, making these stops an essential part of maintaining public safety. Carter-Oberstone's efforts to eliminate or severely restrict them have weakened the ability of the SFPD to effectively combat crime at a time when public safety remains a top concern for residents in our homeowner associations and across the city.

Furthermore, Carter-Oberstone has demonstrated a broader hostility toward policing, taking positions that erode public confidence in law enforcement and lower department morale. Rather than balancing necessary oversight with the need for effective crime reduction, he has repeatedly advanced an ideological agenda that puts politics over public safety.

The residents represented by WTPCC want to see a Police Commission that is serious about making San Francisco a safer place to live and work. We need leadership that supports fair oversight while also allowing officers to take the necessary steps to address crime in our neighborhoods that have impacted our overall quality of life. We therefore call on you and the Board of Supervisors to remove Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission and replace him with someone who will prioritize both accountability and public safety.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Denise LaPointe

West of Twin Peaks Central Council

CC: The Honorable Daniel Lurie, Mayor City and County of San Francisco
Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From:	Brian Hofer
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject:	Coalition Opposing Removal of Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
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Hon. Supervisors,

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Re: Opposition to Removal of Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone

Dear President Mandelman and Supervisors:

We, the undersigned organizations, write to you in opposition to Mayor Lurie's proposed removal of Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone. There is no justification for Mr. Carter-Oberstone's removal, as he has proven himself to be well-qualified, data-driven and thoughtful in his decision making, and independent. He is eligible to continue to serve. These qualities, in addition to his experience on the commission, serve the residents of San Francisco well and provide for the meaningful oversight such a body requires. Although Mr. Carter-Oberstone has certainly earned our highest respect for his hard work in a volunteer, unpaid position, our opposition to his removal goes beyond any one individual commissioner.

In the June 2003 election, San Francisco voters approved Measure H, amending the city charter to require Board approval of Mayoral appointees. In the 2024 election, San Francisco voters supported Measure C, which created the office of an Inspector General to address recent shocking headlines at City Hall pertaining to taxpayer fraud and corruption of administrative officials. In the same election, the voters of San Francisco rejected Measure D, which would have given the Mayor sole authority to appoint and remove Department Heads and provide the Chief of Police with sole authority to adopt rules governing police officer misconduct. These results confirm that a majority of San Francisco voters favor independent oversight and a balance of power between the administrative and legislative branches at City Hall.

SFPD was just released last month by the California Department of Justice from its obligations to implement 272 reforms recommended by the United States Department of Justice. These recommendations came about after a series of scandals including the exchange of racist text messages and unlawful use of force incidents. SFPD's use of force and vehicle stop data continue to reflect a significant racial disparity overwhelmingly and negatively impacting Black individuals residing in or visiting San Francisco. Mr. Carter-Oberstone and his colleagues addressed some of this concern with the creation of a policy prohibiting certain categories of pretextual stops, a practice well-known to cause harm to civil rights, mostly of Black drivers. SFPD is also in active litigation over its many violations of the facial recognition ban and surveillance technology ordinance, actions that have disparately impacted Black individuals.

The practice of former Mayor London Breed to impose as a condition of appointment to a commission a pre-signed letter of resignation severely undermined the credibility of your commissions. While this type of influence over a different commission might not have caused a noticeable negative result, when an important body such as a police commission is filled with Mayor appointees who rubber stamp every action by SFPD and does not provide real, objective oversight, the public will naturally distrust its policy recommendations.

Mr. Carter-Oberstone's performance during the pretextual stop policy discussion was exemplary, a model all commissioners should attempt to replicate. His thoughtful approach to working with city departments and community stakeholders to not only identify the concerns but also ascertain whether data existed to justify prohibiting such stops, was remarkable. This is precisely the type of individual San Francisco should want on its commissions.

In these troubling political times, when the very credibility and integrity of San Francisco City Hall has been placed at great risk by corrupt individuals and wasted expenditure of taxpayer funds, now is the time for greater independent oversight, not less. Removing a commissioner like Mr. Carter-Oberstone who has demonstrated his commitment to providing unbiased and rigorous oversight of the police department will lead to weak policies and a lack of accountability regarding misconduct.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you vote No when considering removing Mr. Carter-Oberstone.

Sincerely,

Organizations
3rd Street Youth Center and Clinic
Anti Police-Terror Project
Bernal Heights Democratic Club

California Coalition for Sheriff Oversight – Marin County
California Interfaith Power & Light
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Secure Justice
Treatment on Demand Coalition/Safer Inside Coalition
Youth Law Center

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Dale Milfay
Karen Fishkin, Senior and Disability Action
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Sincerely,

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From: Rosario Cervantes
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: The vote to remove Max Carter-Oberstone from the SF Police Commission
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:55:01 AM

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As a San Francisco citizen, I care about human rights and believe in safety for all. Specifically, when it comes to police reform, the Police Commission appeared to be working and moving in the right direction.

Today, there is a motion to remove Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. He asks the right questions and he is the face of reason and oversight next to Board President Elias. To remove him is stating San Francisco is no longer a sanctuary city. He has a law background and is well positioned to serve out his term. He has done nothing wrong but choose to remain in a seat he volunteers on. I ask each one of you to have a conscious and reject the Motion today and let him continue his good work. This sets a precedent and this is a Republican type move. Thank you.

Rosario Cervantes
A SF concerned citizen

From: Luc Bouchard
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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From: Dimitry Yakoushkin
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To the six or seven of the Members of the Board of Supervisors who are on the right side of history, who are not in the pocket of the SFPOA and Mayor Lurie, and who will listen,

I am writing to urge you to oppose Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone's removal from the SFPD Commission. Without oversight of the SFPD, and with our DA's explicit messaging that she will not prosecute any police, we will be in a functional police state.

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Sincerely,
Dimitry Yakoushkin, district 8 resident and SF resident of 20+ years.

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To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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Sincerely,

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From: Julien Ball
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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From: Ian James
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From: Max Wickham
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From: Noah Sloss
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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From: Anya Worley-Ziegmann
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From: Lisa Awbrey
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From: Nicole Greene
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From: Lindsey Coonan
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We need more oversight of SFPD, not less. Eliminate overtime and use that $100M to invest in communities, not cops working second jobs as private security contractors.

Sincerely,

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From: Ian Hewitt
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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From: Danny Spitzberg
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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You have an opportunity to demonstrate what a just, fair, and positive form of government looks like with Mayor Lurie under Trump.

In a city with ongoing displacement and harassment of Black and brown people, San Francisco's police department is not helping. SFPD Commissioner Carter-Oberstone knows this and speaks out, with evidence, too. Thankfully, he has independence from the Mayor's office -- a status that constituents have defended several times over the past two decades.

After reading an EXTENSIVE timeline of this Commission and its activities, I see only positive reasons why it ought to maintain its autonomy -- and why Commissioner Carter-Oberstone ought to stay in his role.

I urge you to oppose the Mayor's attempt to remove Commissioner

Sincerely,
Daniel Spitzberg

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From: Christine Wei
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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From: Katherine Na
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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From: Kimberlee Howley
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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Sincerely,
Kimberlee

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From: Zachary C
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 12:13:49 PM

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My name is Zachary Courtney, and I live in district 8.

I urge you to uphold an independent and effective Police Commission by ensuring that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is allowed to complete his term.

Commissioner Cater-Oberstone's work has direct impact on my life. I'm a queer veteran who is reassured by our city's Police Commissioner history. I shouldn't be required to do this much follow-up to ensure that I can trust and advocate for our emergency services. Queer people, emergency services, SF Board of Supervisors, and others have spent a great deal of effort connecting LGBTQ+ communities and the SFDP after former emergency service worker Dan White murdered SF Board of Supervisors member, Supervisor Harvey Milk. Our police should understand and honor this. A strong stedfast commissioner is capable of delivering on this, ensuring SFPD doesn't slide backwards into homophobia and transphobia as it has as recently as 2016. I can not stress this enough given the growing vulnerability of these communities.

Please help Mayor Laurie by preventing him from making this mistake. Mayor Laurie, should avoid discrediting himself and his staff, so early in their time serving our great city. A healthy democracy requires checks and balances. Daniel Laurie requires this check. City agencies require the balance Commissioner Cater-Oberstone has been delivering. The work of a healthy democracy is hard, so its' healthy governing is also hard. I don't accept the commissioner's dismissal over claims he's difficult to collaborate with, and neither should you.

Supervisor Mandelman, I proudly campaigned and voted for you. Board of Supervisors, your role in our city is a point of pride of mine. Whenever hosting visiting professionals and personal guests I share with them how robust and trustworthy SF's government is because of our board's power. I urge you to vote NO on the motion to consent to the Mayor's removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. The removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone will weaken oversight, undermine accountability, and reduce transparency in the police department.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Aditya Bhumbla
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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Sincerely,

Joey, sunset resident

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From: Simone Manganelli
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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Sincerely,

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Resident, District 8

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No thanks
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From: Harlo Pippenger
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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Sincerely,

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From: Susan Lake
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Re: Item #250130
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 1:37:44 PM

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My name is Susan Lake, and I live in the Lower Haight, in District 5.

I'm writing to urge you to uphold an independent and effective Police Commission by ensuring that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is allowed to complete his term.

I urge you to vote NO on the motion to consent to the Mayor's removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. His removal will weaken oversight, undermine accountability, and reduce transparency in the police department. In light of recent efforts to weaken federal oversight, it is more important than ever to strengthen local oversight of institutions such as police departments.

Thank you for considering my email.

Dr. Susan Lake

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From: Matthew Rutherford
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 1:42:10 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to oppose Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone's removal from the SFPD Commission. I was dismayed to learn that Supervisor Stephen Sherrill, representing District 2 where I reside, had already voiced support for Mayor Lurie's request. A member of a of an independent oversight Commission should not be expected to resign partway through their term at the simple request of a new mayor. I applaud Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's dedicated commitment to the work of the Commission and his repeatedly unwillingness to cede the independence of his position to the Mayor's Office, no matter what administration. I would hope that a dedicated public servant that has pushed for reform and public safety measures would also be one that the new Lurie administration would be eager to work with, rather than just simply replace.

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From: Eric Chen
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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From: Noriko Nakano
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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Sincerely,
Noriko Nakano

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From: Susan McCarthy
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130 (Commissioner Carter-Oberstone)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 1:47:14 PM

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Dear Board Members --

Please vote no on Item #250130, so that Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is able to finish his term.

I strongly approve of and am grateful for the expertise he brings to the Commission. I especially value his attention to the issue of pretextual stops. As the grandparent of a mixed-race child who will be growing up in San Francisco, I hope she never encounters that kind of suspicion and harassment, and I strongly supporter Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's work in this area.

Sincerely,
Susan McCarthy

From: Carol Brownson
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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From: Paul Wermer
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

Yes, much of what follows you will have heard from many others. I trust this section adds some additional points:
1) If we have appointees who follow the Mayor's bidding - or the Police Chief's bidding - rather than examine the information presented, we do not have independent oversight.
2) In my nearly 40 years in San Francisco, I remember assorted police related scandals, such as: Fajitagate, violence by police officers the Police Command staff attempted to cover up; the multiple instances of officer involved shootings where such shootings could and should have been avoided, largely involving vulnerable people as victims; the racist text message groups.
3) As a pedestrian, I regularly observe SFPD vehicles violating the California Vehicle Code - in the course of a patrol, not on a call. Totally tolerated by SFPD Commanders.
4) The abysmal history of police chases - crashes in a large percentage, about the same percentage that result in arrests. We just had another one: Napper Tandy. The police in this case did not make us safer - they put us at increased risk.
5) The failure of SFPD to enforce hazardous violations of the Vehicle Code. DId you know that the 2024 SF murder rate was less than the traffic fatality rate? What puts me more at risk? Why isn't that part of the public safety discussion?
This is why we need a genuinely independent Police Commission, not Commissioners who vote per the Mayor's direction. Why have a COmmission at allint that case?

And below is the default text, which I absolutely agree with.

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Sincerely,

Paul Wermer
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2309 California St
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From: Moodi Almasri
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); ChenStaff; DorseyStaff (BOS); EngardioStaff (BOS); FielderStaff; MahmoodStaff; MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); SauterStaff; SherrillStaff; Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject: Preserve Independent Oversight - Vote NO on Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:09:42 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone. This decision has significant implications for the independent oversight of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) and the accountability that our community demands.

The people of San Francisco have consistently demonstrated their support for strong, independent oversight of the police through their votes. They have rejected attempts at mayoral overreach and affirmed the importance of independent commissions in holding the SFPD accountable. Removing Commissioner Carter-Oberstone would undermine this progress and compromise the integrity of our oversight processes.

Independent voices like Commissioner Carter-Oberstone are essential in ensuring that police actions and decisions are thoroughly examined and scrutinized. We need commissioners who are willing to ask tough questions and challenge the status quo, rather than simply rubber-stamping police decisions without proper examination.

At a time when our community is calling out for justice and accountability, it is more important than ever that we prioritize the independence and integrity of our oversight processes. I urge you to stand firm in your commitment to upholding the principles of oversight and accountability that our community values so deeply.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on the removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone and protect the independence of our police commission.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Thanks,
Mohammed Almasri

From: Richard Sherwin
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: retaining Commissioner Carter-Oberstone (reference Item #250130)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:41:51 PM

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Hello:

My name is Richard and I live in SF in District 8. I urge you to uphold an independent and effective Police Commission by ensuring that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is allowed to complete his term (reference Item #250130).

Please vote **NO** on the motion to consent to the Mayor's removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. The removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone will weaken oversight, undermine accountability, and reduce transparency in the police department.

Thank you, Richard

From: snitch.plume_0b@icloud.com
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Keep Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:46:35 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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Subject: Protect Oversight and Accountability in San Francisco
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:04:49 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to oppose the removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone. San Francisco's commitment to oversight and accountability—especially in matters of public safety and civil rights—must remain a priority. Voters have repeatedly affirmed the necessity of independent commissions to ensure transparency and hold the San Francisco Police Department responsible for its actions. Any effort to remove this commissioner risks eroding public trust and weakening the safeguards that protect against systemic abuse of power.

Allowing such a removal would set a damaging precedent, signaling that political interference in oversight bodies is acceptable. This undermines the independence required for these commissions to function effectively. At a time when accountability is urgently needed both locally and globally—from addressing police misconduct to condemning human rights violations worldwide—San Francisco must lead by example.

The ongoing crisis in Gaza is a stark reminder that accountability cannot be selective. Just as we demand justice for victims of oppression abroad, we must equally prioritize it here at home. Your vote carries weight beyond our city's borders, reflecting whether institutions entrusted with power can be held to ethical standards.

I hope you will consider the long-term consequences of this decision and uphold the integrity of San Francisco's commitment to justice.

Sincerely,
Noor

Sent from my iPhone

From: Alexander McDonald
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 4:09:53 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alexander McDonald and I live in District 8.

I urge you to uphold an independent and effective Police Commission by ensuring that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is allowed to complete his term.

It would appear that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is being targeted for simply doing his job. Have we learned nothing from the last 5 years? Accountability and transparency are cornerstones of our democracy, yet Mayor Lurie's motion to oust the Commissioner appears diametrically opposed to both. Help Mayor Lurie, help yourselves, help San Francisco--I urge you to vote NO on the motion to consent to the Mayor's removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission.

The removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone will weaken oversight, undermine accountability, and reduce transparency in the police department.

Thank you for your time,
Alexander McDonald

From: Tim Hickey
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:25:02 PM

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Sincerely,

Tim Hickey
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From: Joseph J. Wang
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:29:52 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm a constituent of District 11 and represented by Sup. Chyanne Chen. Please reject the politically motivated and factually unwarranted motion to remove Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone.

Not a single allegation of wrongdoing, disqualification, or incompetence has been credibly raised, and the only rationale provided by Mayor Daniel Lurie has simply and vaguely stated some insufficient "collaboration" as the entire ground for removal. What is the actual reason, if any? Where are the facts supporting that reason?

As the sole factor publicly named, the word "collaboration" clearly implies efforts from multiple persons. If collaboration is truly so lacking, who are these unnamed other persons? And why aren't their contributions toward such prized and apparently crucial collaboration being called into question ? The public has seen zero reason to believe that Max Carter-Oberstone has caused any problems, or that any problems would be solved by his removal.

If San Francisco is to continue being a world-class city that leads by example in balancing public safety with justice, transparency, and accountability, we must demonstrate these things in all city functions, including in policing, in police oversight, and in managing police oversight. Removing the current leader of that oversight on such thin and vague grounds, especially in such a mad rush after installing a newly elected Mayor, does not promote justice, transparency, or accountability in any way. Rather, it destroys all three in quick measure.

Instead, if there are any specific concerns, let them be named. Let their relevant facts be known. Let public discussion commence. Why must our police oversight be so radically changed right after Mayor Lurie took office?

Looking at our global reputation as a just and fair city, removing Max Carter-Oberstone, in this proposed manner, at this proposed time, for an unspecified reason, would badly damage public perceptions of our local values here.

What would happen to our long-running recognition for good public policy if our neighbors down in San Jose, California could accurately boast about having the state's the most active, respected, and sustainable arrangement of checks and balances on their police work, with their Independent Police Auditor office? We have never seen them suddenly eject their Auditor for unstated reasons. See, https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/appointees/independent-police-auditor/establishment-of-the-office

At a time when our esteemed San Francisco police are spread thin, on constant overtime, and severely struggling to hire additional quality officers, will we see more quality applicants after spectacularly sacking a Police Commissioner who has shown a clear sense of professional duty, just to make room for a rubber-stamper? Or will we see applicants of lower quality, who prefer or need a lax accountability environment?

For at least the above reasons, I urge you all to reject the removal of Max Carter-Oberstone as Police Commissioner.

Thank you,
Joseph J. Wang

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Joseph J. Wang
joew10@yahoo.com

From: Jayson VanBeusichem
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:34:49 PM

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Sincerely,

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D5 Resident

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From: mz.nancy.hernandez@gmail.com
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 6:05:52 PM

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Sincerely,

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San francisco, California 94110

From:	Frank Noto
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Cc:	Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Engardio, Joel (BOS); Sauter, Danny (BOS); Mahmood, Bilal (BOS); MandelmanStaff (BOS); Dorsey, Matt (BOS); SherrillStaff; Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission
Date:	Monday, February 24, 2025 6:07:32 PM

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Honorable Supervisors,

I write to recommend removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. He was the driving force behind the General Order to mandate that SFPD not enforce certain state traffic laws, endangering us all.
We need advocates for public safety on the Police Commission.

Sincerely,

Frank Noto
Stop Crime Action
415-830-1502

From: Harry S. Pariser
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Will you out yourself as a racist on Tuesday?
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 6:20:53 PM

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Dear Supervisors:

A vote to remove Max from the Police Commission would be a slap in the face to every San Franciscan!

He has worked tirelessly to help regulate the police so that we have fewer costly lawsuits.

Pretextural stops are racist.

Max appears to be attempting to be removed by our trust-fund mayor because he helped put an end to them.

Please vote to keep Max on Tuesday!

Harry

From: Sara Greenwald
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Comment: OPPOSED to removing Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone (item #250130)
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:07:30 PM

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As a long-time resident of District 2, I urge you to to keep our Police Commission effective and independent by voting NO on the Mayor's removal of Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone (file #250130).

Carter-Oberstone effectively supported the policy to limit pretextual traffic stops — the practice of officers stopping a road user over infractions that are proven to have a negligible impact on safety, usually as a pretext to question the person.

Before instituting this policy, Carter-Oberstone and fellow Commissioners Cindy Elias and Kevin Benedicto led working group meetings with police officers and the public, and studied crash data to ensure that banning the stops in question wouldn't harm safety. Thus a practice was stopped that has historically been racially biased, cause divisions in the community and take officers' time away from good law enforcement.

Mayor Lurie provided no rationale for his request to remove Carter-Oberstone, who was appointed in 2022 and whose term goes until 2026. Nothing improper has been alleged. It seems clear that the Mayor's decision to remove Carter-Oberstone is not a good one and should be rejected.

I look forward to learning that you have voted against consenting to the Police Commissioner.

Thank you,

Sara Greenwald
1323 Lyon St.
San Francisco 94115

so it doesn't make sense to kick Carter-Oberstone off the commission mid-term.

From: Kathleen Boergers
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:16:54 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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Mayor Lurie's shameful attempt to dismiss Max Carter Oberstone goes against the democratic mandate of independent oversight over police conduct in San Francisco.

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has been instrumental in advancing necessary reforms as part of his work on the Commission, and I oppose his removal.

What is point of a police commission that is not independent?

I urge you to oppose the Mayor's attempt to remove Commissioner Carter-Oberstone.

Sincerely,

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From: Matthew Coleman
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 9:10:40 PM

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Matthew Coleman

Matthew Coleman
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San Francisco, California 94121

From: Regina Fletcher
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: I oppose Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone Item #250130
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 10:02:29 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to you as a person who has lived most of my life in San Francisco who cares deeply about justice and safety in my community. When I read about the anti-democratic executive orders Trump is issuing that are causing mass harm, I turn to my city government and institutions to protect us from the harm created by Trump, Musk and his cronies. As Americans, we are already subjected to the whims of the unelected appointees of DOGE in the federal government.

Now you are asking us to tolerate our brand new mayor with no political experience ousting a police commissioner with a prestigious track record of data-based decisions and meticulous study of policing before Carter-Oberstone's term ends? How can we have faith that our city government is protecting us from harmful executive orders when our mayor mirrors the tactics of Donald Trump? 80% of San Francisco voters did not vote for Trump, so we can assume that about 80% of San Francisco voters do not endorse politicians getting rid of people with experience in oversight and replacing them with people who will not hold these systems accountable.

Please oppose the removal of Max Carter-Overstone as police commissioner. We need accountability and consistency more than ever.

Thank You,

Regina Fletcher
District 8 resident

From: Boone Adkins
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Vote NO on Item #250130: Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 1:42:47 AM

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My name is Boone Adkins. I live in SOMA, zip code 94103, and work in the Mission.

The ACLU endorses Max Carter-Oberstone. I stand with the ACLU. Please vote no.

From: Nick DeRenzi
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:44:37 AM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to oppose Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone's removal from the SFPD Commission. San Franciscans have consistently voiced their support for this independence, most recently rejecting an attempt to diminish the commission's autonomy in the November election. Two decades ago, voters amended the City Charter to guarantee commissioners' independence from the Mayor, a decision that reflects the community's desire for objective oversight. Previous attempts to bypass this independence, including former Mayor London Breed's practice of requiring appointees to sign undated resignation letters, were widely criticized for being inconsistent with the City Charter and for threatening the impartiality that is essential to meaningful oversight. Mayor Lurie's attempt to dismiss Max Carter Oberstone goes against the democratic mandate of independent oversight over police conduct in San Francisco.

Such independent oversight is especially necessary given the troubling history of racial discrimination within the SFPD. Decades of reports, including the ACLU's 2002 findings and more recent data from the California Department of Justice, have documented the systemic racial disparities in policing, with Black and Latino residents disproportionately subjected to police stops, searches, and excessive use of force. These disparities are not merely historical; they persist today, as evidenced by the SFPD's continued resistance to policy reforms aimed at reducing racial profiling. The Commission's role in overseeing these issues and pushing for necessary reforms is crucial, especially when the department itself resists changes that would protect marginalized communities. Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has been instrumental in advancing necessary reforms as part of his work on the Commission, and I oppose his removal.

The SFPD's opposition to measures aimed at curbing racially biased policing further underscores the necessity of a strong and independent Police Commission. The Commission's efforts to address racial disparities through new policy proposals have been met with fierce opposition from the San Francisco Police Officers Association, despite data showing the severity of the problem. For example, SFPD's own data shows SFPD officers stopped Black people at six times the rate of white people, searched them at more than 10 times the rate of white individuals and used force on them at more than 21 times the rate of white individuals. To reverse the trend of racial profiling during traffic stops, the SF Police

Commission issued general order 9.07 banning “pretext” stops which enable racial profiling in traffic stops. The SF Police Officers Association has filed suit to overturn this order from the Police commission. Without the ability to exercise independent judgment, the Police Commission would lack the authority to challenge entrenched practices that disproportionately harm Black and Brown communities, as demonstrated by their issuance of general order 9.07. As a vital check on police power, the Police Commission must remain autonomous and unencumbered by political influence to succeed at holding the SFPD accountable. Only then can we ensure fair treatment for all San Franciscans. To maintain the independence of the police commission, I urge you to oppose the Mayor's attempt to remove Commissioner Carter-Oberstone.

Sincerely,

Nick DeRenzi
nickderenzi@me.com
2808 Golden Gate Ave
San Francisco, California 94118

From: Amanda Fanniff
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:05:13 AM

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Please stand firmly in support of independent oversight and reject any and all efforts to subvert the Commission's mandate. Please vote no.

Sincerely,

From: Amanda Fanniff
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
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Sincerely,

Amanda Fanniff
Resident of the Mission District

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Please disregard the message that I sent before signing below.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Amanda Fanniff** <amanda.fanniff@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 7:04 AM
Subject: Item #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>

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Sincerely,

From: Sofie
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: #250130 removal of Max Carter Oberstone
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:36:36 AM

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Hello

I am writing to express my concern of the mayors actions to try and remove Max Carter Oberstone. There is no precedent to remove a former mayors appointee and it seems political, plus the people voted against Prop D. We need his data driven approach to continue with independent oversight. It's literally life and death.

Please consider my message.

Sofya

From: Caitlin Maltbie
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: reference Item #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 8:50:07 AM

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My name is Caitlin Maltbie and I live in Potrero hill and work in mission and mission bay.

I urge you to uphold an independent and effective Police Commission by ensuring that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is allowed to complete his term.

I urge you to vote NO on the motion to consent to the Mayor's removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. The removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone will weaken oversight, undermine accountability, and reduce transparency in the police department.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Casey Hennigh
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Siding with the Mayor... Please don"t.
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 8:53:01 AM

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Dear SF Board,

If you haven't already noticed we have a disgusting power grab going on in our country where men think they can run rough shod over the world and force their will. Maybe you've heard that's going on?

I beg of you please to let the police commissioner finish his rightful run, and not be forced out simply because San Francisco's new mayor wants people who only agree with him to force his will rough shod over the city of San Francisco again their will. He appears he has seen that white men can get away with that and thought he'd try it too.

Even if his ideas are great, who knows, that's not how this works! Please hold up diplomacy and rules and do not let this mayor pull a txump/mxsk. That is unacceptable! It must be unacceptable!

Kindly,
Casey

Casey Hennigh
caseydarling@yahoo.com

From: Sarah Hodgson
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Item #250130
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:32:46 AM

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My name is Sarah Hodgson and I live in District 6.

I urge you to uphold an independent and effective Police Commision by ensuring that Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is allowed to complete his term (reference item #250130).

Carter-Oberstone advocates for police accountability. Strong independent oversight is needed to address the unethical practices of law enforcement. Don't undermine police reform.

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Thank you for your consideration

From: Aislin Palladino
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: REMOVE Max Carter Oberstone
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:40:49 AM

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We need safety for citizens, not more protection for criminals. Hasn't SF learned enough hard lessons.

Sent from my iPhone

From: MARINA ROCHE
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Please remove Max Carter Oberstone
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:49:19 AM

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Dear Supervisors
It is in the best interest and safety to support Mayor Lurie and remove MCO from the police commission.
Thank you
Maura Roche
Sent from my iPhone

From: Wayne Anderson
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: #250130 [Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission]
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:08:23 AM

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Board of Supervisors:

I am asking you to vote NO on the removal of Max Carter-Oberstone because having a truly independent Police Commission is vital to the Commission's important role in providing civilian oversight to policing practices in San Francisco. Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is truly independent, cares about the Commission's vital work, and brings his intelligence, experience, and fair-mindedness to consideration of Police Commission matters. As a San Franciscan, I am proud to have him serving our City.

Secondly, as a process matter, it is important that such commissioners fulfill their full terms without political interference in their work. Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's present term is not set to expire until April 30, 2026. Absent extraordinary circumstances (of the sort that are absent here), he and all other commissioners should finish their terms. Removing him will at minimum appear to be politically motivated, and will chill the political independence that we need from each and every Police Commissioner.

I have lived in San Francisco for over 30 years, raised my three kids here, and feel very strongly about the issue of Police Commission integrity and independence.

(As a personal anecdote, my wife is an elementary school teacher here in San Francisco and has been for decades. One of her former students, Sean Monterrosa, was wrongfully killed by Vallejo police officer Jarrett Tonn in Vallejo in June 2020. She is busy teaching now, but wanted me to share that she feels as strongly as I do that the civil rights and liberties of all of her students, her former students, and all of San Francisco must be monitored and protected by a truly independent Police Commission. This is also one reason we strongly and particularly support Police Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's efforts to reduce racial disparities in police stops, searches, and the use of force. Tragedies like Sean Monterrosa's killing can be prevented with good police training, smart police practices, and genuine civilian oversight of the police through an independent Police Commission.)

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this matter, and have faith that you will do the right thing and vote NO on removing Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstane.

Respectfully,

Wayne Anderson

From: Suzanne Komili
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Board vote about attempted dismissal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:15:52 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,
My name is Suzanne Komili, and I live in district 11.

I am extremely concerned about the unjustified attempted dismissal of Police commissioner Carter-Oberstone. I think he has been an extremely valuable member of the Police Commission, and feel safer in this city knowing that someone with such high qualifications is providing independent oversight of the police. We need a police commissioner who is willing to stand up to the mayor for what he/she feels is right; I fear that Carter-Oberstone's history of doing this is the only reason the current mayor is trying to dismiss him.
I urge you to vote NO on the motion to consent to the Mayor's removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission.
Sincerely,
Suzanne Komili

From: Eddy Hernandez
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Police reform is the bare minimum
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:09:25 AM

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter to urge you to oppose Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone's removal from the SFPD Commission Max Carter-Oberstone.

I am also writing this in part to educate folks on the recent history of police reform in San Francisco. Yes, this was former Mayor London Breed's appointment. While she may have her issues and bias against this whistleblower, she did have this to say about Max when he was appointed:

Oct 7, 2021
> "His experience advocating for criminal justice reform and community policing efforts comes at a critical time for public safety in our city. I am confident that his lived and professional experience will bring a diverse perspective to this well-respected commission."
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In the same announcement, the former President of the Police Commission Malia Cohen, had this to say about Max:

> "Max's familiarity with San Francisco and his distinguished legal career make him a natural fit to serve the city as a Police Commissioner," said Malia Cohen, President of the San Francisco Police Commission.

The next month the Board of Supervisors unanimously confirms Max Carter-Oberstone to San Francisco Police Commission. Max had the following to say:

Nov 16, 2021
> "It's an incredible honor to be able to serve my native City in such an important capacity. San Francisco has made significant improvements to its policing policies, but the work of reform remains unfinished. I look forward to implementing policies that reflect our shared values around democratic accountability and equal justice under the law".
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://sfmayor.org/article/board-supervisors-unanimously-confirms-max-carter-oberstone-san-francisco-police-commission___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzphMTA2ZmE5MDgyYmQwOTQ1ZDYwYjhjMjMzMjgwMmY2MTo3OmRmNzY6Y2NkOWQ3YzcxNTRlZTZiMTM4NGFjOGY4ZTgxM2E0M2Y0ZDFhMDU1OTBkZjE0ODImMzZiYTAzOTgxNDBlMGI5YTp0OlQ6Tg

At that time, these were his qualifications

> "Max Carter-Oberstone has years of experience as an attorney. He currently serves as the Orrick Justice Fellow at the Policing Project at New York University Law School, where he is charged with spearheading legislative and litigation initiatives. As a fellow, Carter-Oberstone has drafted model laws that regulate various aspects of policing and has advised policymakers on police reform efforts. He has also designed and implemented litigation strategies focused on constitutional doctrines that affect community-police relations."

Not long after his appointment, SFPD pulled out of an agreement with District Attorney Chesa Boudin that made the prosecutor's office the lead investigator of all police shootings in the city.

Feb 2022
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://sfstandard.com/2022/02/02/sfpd-pulls-out-of-agreement-with-da-chesa-boudin-on-how-to-investigate-police-shootings/___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzphMTA2ZmE5MDgyYmQwOTQ1ZDYwYjhjMjMzMjgwMmY2MTo3OjczODk6Nzc3ZDlhYTY2YjJkZjNkOTY0ODUyOWIwM2VjODQxZWU0ODQ4M2U0NDVjNWM4Y2MwNzE5YjY1MjJmZWJjNGFmOTp0OlQ6Tg

> "For years, the DA's Office has failed to prosecute police officers who have beaten or killed people in violation of the law. Part of that has been the reluctance of former DAs—including Kamala Harris, who is now of course vice president, and George Gascon, who is now the DA of Los Angeles—to take on the cops."
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This is the point where Chief Scott spun out of control much like his officers were described the night they brutally beat Dacari Spiers.

> "Curtis Briggs Noted Police Were So Out of Control the Night of the Beating, the Hospital Had to Kick Them Out and Post Their Own Security"
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://davisvanguard.org/2022/02/responding-to-allegations-chief-pulls-out-of-mou-with-sf-das-office-spiers-attorney-levels-charges-back-at-police-for-withholding-evidence-themselves/___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzphMTA2ZmE5MDgyYmQwOTQ1ZDYwYjhjMjMzMjgwMmY2MTo3OmE3Mzg6YzI5ODY2MzQyZjA3ZmEzZDZjMDc5ZmVmODZjMjZiNGViOTFlYzNmOTNhOWUxYzgyZGJjYmY0MTljN2FiOGQ4Mzp0OlQ6Tg

Despite these setbacks, Max persisted.

December 2022

> SFPD has the worst record in the state on 'pretext stops' of Black and API people
The pretext stops have been a big issue at the commission, and Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone, a mayoral appointee, has taken the lead on limiting the practice.
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> Report - Ending Racial Discrimination in Traffic Stops: Feedback from Community on Traffic Stops and San Francisco Police Department
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January 2023
> Coalition of 110+ Civil Rights, Traffic Safety, and Community Groups Commends SF Police Commission for Adopting Historic Policy to End Racially-Biased Pretext Stops
> Last night, in a historic win for racial justice, the San Francisco Police Commission voted 4 to 2 — with commissioners Max Carter-Oberstone, Cindy Elias, Kevin Benedicto, and Jesus Yanez voting in favor — to adopt significant changes to traffic stop policies to curtail the use of racially-biased traffic stops, also known as pretext stops. Police use these alleged traffic violations as a "pretext" to detain and search people, wreaking untold economic, physical, psychological, and intergenerational harm, especially against Black and brown San Franciscans.

> Mano Raju, San Francisco Public Defender: "This vote to pass the most comprehensive policy limiting racially-biased traffic stops in the country is an important step toward healing racial injustices among communities affected by this pervasive police practice. These stops have unjustly entangled Brown and black people in the criminal legal system and have inflicted trauma and harm on generations of communities of color. I extend enormous thanks to our coalition partners for their dedication to driving change on this issue, and to the San Francisco Police Commissioners who joined this historic vote."

> Yoel Haile, Director, Criminal Justice Program, ACLU of Northern California: "Last night the San Francisco Police Commission voted to ban pretext stops, a law enforcement tactic that has been used all over the country to racially profile Black and brown people. While today we celebrate this key victory, we will never cease working to protect our community from police harassment and brutality."

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May 2023
> Justice for Banko Brown coalition continues to grow—with pressure on Breed and Jenkins
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://48hills.org/2023/05/justice-for-banko-brown-coalition-continues-to-grow-as-does-pressure-on-breed-and-jenkins/___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzphMTA2ZmE5MDgyYmQwOTQ1ZDYwYjhjMjMzMjgwMmY2MTo3OjAyOWY6OGFmY2NhMjUxZGE4NmQxZTA5MzQwMTc3Y2JiZTQ2ZjlhYWNhOTRhNGQ1MjZkMDk5MzFjYzI1MzkwOWRjN2IzYjp0OlQ6Tg

> At tonight's Police Commission meeting, Max Carter-Oberstone, the commission vice-president (and an appointee of Breed) said that he was "alarmed" at the way Jenkins handled the case.

> "She expressed a decision before our own Police Department had finished its investigation," her said. "The fact that the suspect made of claim of self defense that is not corroborated by the video or witnesses is extraordinary."
> He said that the responsibility of a prosecutor "was not done in this case."
> Police Chief Bill Scott carefully avoided saying much about the decision, but he did say that his department, after reviewing the available evidence, booked the guard on charges of murder.

Feb 2024
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> "During general public comment this evening, Frank Noto from Stop Crime Action said Stop Crime Action supports banning pretext stops, but it just doesn't support ending enforcement of common sense traffic laws. And I'm finding myself right now in the uncharted territory of actually agreeing with Frank Noto, because that's actually what this policy does. It identifies nine Vehicle Code infractions that have been proven to have no public safety benefit, and it deprioritizes stops, but not enforcement.

> The two infractions on this list that make up the lion's share of the stops for the department are license-plate-related stops and registration tags. Those are around 4,000 each, and for each type of stop, arrests are made in less than 1 percent of cases. Guns are discovered in less than 1 percent of cases. So in the 99 plus percent of the time, those stops are not yielding any benefit to the public. And at a time of critically low staffing, it is incumbent upon us to marshal our scarce law enforcement resources intelligently and effectively."

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> "While Trump is firing inspectors general who exercise independent oversight, San Francisco's mayor is seeking to remove an independent whistleblower from the Police Commission, which provides oversight of the police department. The mayor is removing Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone in the middle of his term—not for any misconduct, but because of his independence. "

Our last Mayor, London Breed, abandoned her commitment to police reform and racial justice. Now more than ever, we need people like Max stepping up to the challenges. I urge you to reject this power grab by the Mayor.

Eddy Hernandez, D11 Resident

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From: Winnie Porter
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:55:02 AM

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From: Katherine Na
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Sincerely,

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From: Simone Manganelli
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From: Harlo Pippenger
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Yes, much of what follows you will have heard from many others. I trust this section adds some additional points:
1) If we have appointees who follow the Mayor's bidding - or the Police Chief's bidding - rather than examine the information presented, we do not have independent oversight.
2) In my nearly 40 years in San Francisco, I remember assorted police related scandals, such as: Fajitagate, violence by police officers the Police Command staff attempted to cover up; the multiple instances of officer involved shootings where such shootings could and should have been avoided, largely involving vulnerable people as victims; the racist text message groups.
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4) The abysmal history of police chases - crashes in a large percentage, about the same percentage that result in arrests. We just had another one: Napper Tandy. The police in this case did not make us safer - they put us at increased risk.
5) The failure of SFPD to enforce hazardous violations of the Vehicle Code. DId you know that the 2024 SF murder rate was less than the traffic fatality rate? What puts me more at risk? Why isn't that part of the public safety discussion?
This is why we need a genuinely independent Police Commission, not Commissioners who vote per the Mayor's direction. Why have a COmmission at allint that case?

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Subject: Keep Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 3:46:45 PM

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From: Kathleen Boergers
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Mayor Lurie's shameful attempt to dismiss Max Carter Oberstone goes against the democratic mandate of independent oversight over police conduct in San Francisco.

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What is point of a police commission that is not independent?

I urge you to oppose the Mayor's attempt to remove Commissioner Carter-Oberstone.

Sincerely,

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From: Matthew Coleman
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From: Nick DeRenzi
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I am also writing this in part to educate folks on the recent history of police reform in San Francisco. Yes, this was former Mayor London Breed's appointment. While she may have her issues and bias against this whistleblower, she did have this to say about Max when he was appointed:

Oct 7, 2021
> "His experience advocating for criminal justice reform and community policing efforts comes at a critical time for public safety in our city. I am confident that his lived and professional experience will bring a diverse perspective to this well-respected commission."
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In the same announcement, the former President of the Police Commission Malia Cohen, had this to say about Max:

> "Max's familiarity with San Francisco and his distinguished legal career make him a natural fit to serve the city as a Police Commissioner," said Malia Cohen, President of the San Francisco Police Commission.

The next month the Board of Supervisors unanimously confirms Max Carter-Oberstone to San Francisco Police Commission. Max had the following to say:

Nov 16, 2021
> "It's an incredible honor to be able to serve my native City in such an important capacity. San Francisco has made significant improvements to its policing policies, but the work of reform remains unfinished. I look forward to implementing policies that reflect our shared values around democratic accountability and equal justice under the law".
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://sfmayor.org/article/board-supervisors-unanimously-confirms-max-carter-oberstone-san-francisco-police-commission___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzpjNGFiMGI0NmY3OGQ0YTNlMThjYTI5OTE4YmFhZGQ4YTo3OmNkMDY6YzVmMjFlNjJiY2IzNjJkNThlMDVlMTc2NjYyYThmYjgwN2E1YzQzYTllM2U4ZTcwOTdlOTk2OWYzZmUyZmFhMjp0OlQ6Tg

At that time, these were his qualifications

> "Max Carter-Oberstone has years of experience as an attorney. He currently serves as the Orrick Justice Fellow at the Policing Project at New York University Law School, where he is charged with spearheading legislative and litigation initiatives. As a fellow, Carter-Oberstone has drafted model laws that regulate various aspects of policing and has advised policymakers on police reform efforts. He has also designed and implemented litigation strategies focused on constitutional doctrines that affect community-police relations."

Not long after his appointment, SFPD pulled out of an agreement with District Attorney Chesa Boudin that made the prosecutor's office the lead investigator of all police shootings in the city.

Feb 2022
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://sfstandard.com/2022/02/02/sfpd-pulls-out-of-agreement-with-da-chesa-boudin-on-how-to-investigate-police-shootings/___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzpjNGFiMGI0NmY3OGQ0YTNlMThjYTI5OTE4YmFhZGQ4YTo3OjQyMGM6ZmU0MDZhZWVmYTljZWRiOWZiMGZkN2ZiMzUzNGY4ZTAyOWEyNGNkM2Y3NTlkODcyODQzZjdiMGY3YTgxYmExZjp0OlQ6Tg

> "For years, the DA's Office has failed to prosecute police officers who have beaten or killed people in violation of the law. Part of that has been the reluctance of former DAs—including Kamala Harris, who is now of course vice president, and George Gascon, who is now the DA of Los Angeles—to take on the cops."
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This is the point where Chief Scott spun out of control much like his officers were described the night they brutally beat Dacari Spiers.

> "Curtis Briggs Noted Police Were So Out of Control the Night of the Beating, the Hospital Had to Kick Them Out and Post Their Own Security"
https://url.avanan.click/v2/r01/___https://davisvanguard.org/2022/02/responding-to-allegations-chief-pulls-out-of-mou-with-sf-das-office-spiers-attorney-levels-charges-back-at-police-for-withholding-evidence-themselves/___.YXAzOnNmZHQyOmE6bzpjNGFiMGI0NmY3OGQ0YTNlMThjYTI5OTE4YmFhZGQ4YTo3OjBhZGM6Yzc1ZjYwMGJhZDNmODhhZjM2NDcxYjEwOTA5YzQ4ZjZkYjVkMzNhZDU5ZTI5YjJjOTZkNTM2NzE2ZDZkZThkZjp0OlQ6Tg

Despite these setbacks, Max persisted.

December 2022

> SFPD has the worst record in the state on 'pretext stops' of Black and API people
The pretext stops have been a big issue at the commission, and Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone, a mayoral appointee, has taken the lead on limiting the practice.
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> Report - Ending Racial Discrimination in Traffic Stops: Feedback from Community on Traffic Stops and San Francisco Police Department
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January 2023
> Coalition of 110+ Civil Rights, Traffic Safety, and Community Groups Commends SF Police Commission for Adopting Historic Policy to End Racially-Biased Pretext Stops
> Last night, in a historic win for racial justice, the San Francisco Police Commission voted 4 to 2 — with commissioners Max Carter-Oberstone, Cindy Elias, Kevin Benedicto, and Jesus Yanez voting in favor — to adopt significant changes to traffic stop policies to curtail the use of racially-biased traffic stops, also known as pretext stops. Police use these alleged traffic violations as a "pretext" to detain and search people, wreaking untold economic, physical, psychological, and intergenerational harm, especially against Black and brown San Franciscans.

> Mano Raju, San Francisco Public Defender: "This vote to pass the most comprehensive policy limiting racially-biased traffic stops in the country is an important step toward healing racial injustices among communities affected by this pervasive police practice. These stops have unjustly entangled Brown and black people in the criminal legal system and have inflicted trauma and harm on generations of communities of color. I extend enormous thanks to our coalition partners for their dedication to driving change on this issue, and to the San Francisco Police Commissioners who joined this historic vote."

> Yoel Haile, Director, Criminal Justice Program, ACLU of Northern California: "Last night the San Francisco Police Commission voted to ban pretext stops, a law enforcement tactic that has been used all over the country to racially profile Black and brown people. While today we celebrate this key victory, we will never cease working to protect our community from police harassment and brutality."

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May 2023
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> At tonight's Police Commission meeting, Max Carter-Oberstone, the commission vice-president (and an appointee of Breed) said that he was "alarmed" at the way Jenkins handled the case.

> "She expressed a decision before our own Police Department had finished its investigation," her said. "The fact that the suspect made of claim of self defense that is not corroborated by the video or witnesses is extraordinary."
> He said that the responsibility of a prosecutor "was not done in this case."
> Police Chief Bill Scott carefully avoided saying much about the decision, but he did say that his department, after reviewing the available evidence, booked the guard on charges of murder.

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> "During general public comment this evening, Frank Noto from Stop Crime Action said Stop Crime Action supports banning pretext stops, but it just doesn't support ending enforcement of common sense traffic laws. And I'm finding myself right now in the uncharted territory of actually agreeing with Frank Noto, because that's actually what this policy does. It identifies nine Vehicle Code infractions that have been proven to have no public safety benefit, and it deprioritizes stops, but not enforcement.

> The two infractions on this list that make up the lion's share of the stops for the department are license-plate-related stops and registration tags. Those are around 4,000 each, and for each type of stop, arrests are made in less than 1 percent of cases. Guns are discovered in less than 1 percent of cases. So in the 99 plus percent of the time, those stops are not yielding any benefit to the public. And at a time of critically low staffing, it is incumbent upon us to marshal our scarce law enforcement resources intelligently and effectively."

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> "While Trump is firing inspectors general who exercise independent oversight, San Francisco's mayor is seeking to remove an independent whistleblower from the Police Commission, which provides oversight of the police department. The mayor is removing Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone in the middle of his term—not for any misconduct, but because of his independence. "

Our last Mayor, London Breed, abandoned her commitment to police reform and racial justice. Now more than ever, we need people like Max stepping up to the challenges. I urge you to reject this power grab by the Mayor.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

ITEM 21 – 250138 – Hearing - Committee of the Whole - Removal of Max Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission

Secrecy Hurts Our Police Officers (SHOPO) is a community-based organization that monitors the secrecy and lack of accountability of Bay Area police departments when disciplining their officers and staff.

We also promote the fair application of laws to members of the community. And that is why we strongly urge the Supervisors to vote to remove Commissioner Carter-Oberstone from the San Francisco Police Commission.

He spearheaded the effort to adopt DOG 9.07: Restricting the Use of Pretext Stops, which prevents SF police officers from enforcing state law and the traffic code, in violation of the state's constitutional separation of powers. This is a massive overreach of authority and cripples the police officers' ability to safely patrol our streets.

The nine de-prioritized violations include:

1. having only one license plate displayed
2. having an expired vehicle registration out-of-date by a year or less
3. failing to illuminate a vehicle's rear license plate
4. driving without a functioning or illuminated rear taillight
5. driving without functioning or illuminated rear brake lights
6. having objects on a vehicle's windows or hanging from the rearview mirror
7. failing to activate a turn signal more than 100 feet before turning
8. sleeping in a parked vehicle
9. any pedestrian infraction of the California Vehicle Code

This non-enforcement makes San Francisco less safe, promotes the atmosphere of lawlessness, and reflects the contempt for victims of vehicular crimes.

Why do drivers have only one license plate displayed? To avoid bridge and Fastrak tolls.

Why do drivers have expired vehicle registrations? To avoid the annual registration fee, avoid paying car insurance, and avoid the biannual smog inspection.

Before the intervention of other commissioners and acute criticism from stakeholders, Carter-Oberstone wanted several other infractions to be ignored, pushed for no time limit for expired vehicle registrations to be considered a violation, and thought it was perfectly fine for cars to drive at night with no working taillights or brake lights.

He also wanted to prevent enforcement of the state's vehicle window tinting laws, which prohibits tinting of the driver and passenger side windows and windshield. Vehicles that are illegally tinted present a huge safety issue for other drivers and pedestrians who cannot make eye contact with the driver. And for police officers who cannot see inside the vehicle during a traffic stop.

In response to the Police Commission's illegal adoption of this DOG, SHOPO has created a wallet-size card for SFPD officers, providing them with a list of infractions they can use to initiate a traffic stop. The card encourages them to then issue citations for as many as the nine "banned enforcement violations" as possible. With enough violations cited, the officer has the right to impound and tow the vehicle, taking a dangerous driver and vehicle off the road.

SHOPO also created a wallet-size card that is being distributed to officers at more than 15 other Bay Area police departments. It lists the first eight of the banned enforcement violations, and encourages them to write citations for these infractions for any vehicle registered in San Francisco, and/or any driver with a San Francisco address.

We also encourage SFPD officers NOT to list the race or ethnicity of drivers and pedestrians they ticket. They are not trained in racial identification. Instead, we encourage them to cite the category "Mixed Race" for all reporting purposes. This is accurate as it very few members of the population are truly a single race. And it is not the role of a police officer to make that assessment or judgment.

Please vote to remove Commissioner Carter-Oberstone from the Police Commission. He has proved time and time again his willingness to promote lawlessness and lack of accountability, making the streets and sidewalks of San Francisco more dangerous, and illegally restricting police authority.

If Commissioner Carter-Oberstone, other commissioners, and members of the public want to weaken the ability of police officers to enforce safety laws, they can lobby the Legislature.

Finally, as to the assertion that these laws unfairly target Black and Brown people. That assertion assumes that people of different races and ethnicities commit crimes at the exact proportion to their percent of the San Francisco population. U.S. Census and FBI crime data consistently disprove this.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: OPPOSITION to Motion to Remove Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone

Dear Supervisors:

Introduction

On Tuesday, February 25, you will vote on whether to remove Police Commissioner Max Carter-Oberstone. Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has worked tirelessly since joining the Commission in 2021 and has earned the right to serve out his term. He brings a wealth of expertise, life experience, and a desire to continue the hard work of creating a culture of transparency and accountability within the San Francisco Police Department. Removing him now *without cause* is virtually unprecedented, undermines the City Charter, and sends a chilling message to an independent body tasked with overseeing the Department's policies. The Commission needs his voice; San Francisco needs his leadership. And so, I respectfully urge you to vote no.

For 100 years, the San Francisco Public Defender's Office has provided dedicated and passionate legal representation to people who are charged with a crime and unable to afford an attorney. Our mission is to protect and defend the rights of our clients and community through effective, vigorous, compassionate, and creative legal advocacy. The Integrity Unit exists to address police misconduct and stem police overreach that has long been directed to communities of color and our clients.

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone is Eminently Qualified and Has Been an Exemplary Commissioner

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has more demonstrated experience and expertise in policing policy than nearly every Commissioner in recent years. Prior to joining the Commission, he served as the Orrick Justice Fellow at the Policing Project at New York University Law School where he worked to meticulously craft legislation and engage in impact litigation on policing reform and improving community-policing relations. He also served as an Associate Deputy Solicitor General at the California Department of Justice and held prestigious federal clerkships. He has written widely and prominently on policing reform and the constitutional limits of

policing. He has received significant accolades for his work as a Commissioner. As a Black man born and raised in San Francisco, Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has leveraged that experience in his time on the commission. He deeply cares about doing what is right—not just about rubber stamping the prerogatives of others.

The Commission exists not just to set policy for the Department but to improve policy. Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has elevated the discussions at the Commission with his insightful questions and refusal to accept the first draft. He recently brought attention to significant gaps in the Department's policy on body-worn cameras that would have authorized officers to deactivate them at their own discretion with little oversight or transparency. Because of his advocacy, the policy was revised to provide the level of transparency and accountability San Franciscans expect of the Department. It passed unanimously. Similarly, he has worked tirelessly to marshal community wisdom and insight in developing policy. In 2023, he spearheaded a robust community input process and sought outside experts to develop the Department's pretext stop policy.

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone Votes Consistently with Other Mayoral Appointees

Since joining the Commission, Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has consistently voted together with other mayoral appointees not because he was compelled to do so by a political benefactor but because he believed it was the right course of action. Since he joined the Commission, of the 71 votes to approve, adopt, or send policies to meet and confer, he voted in the minority in just three cases. Stated differently, he voted with the majority—including Mayoral appointees—almost 96% of the time. That percentage reflects the hard, unseen work the Commissioners do to reach consensus, discuss sticking points with the Department, and consult outside experts and stakeholders. He has taken his duty seriously and his efforts have reflected that.

Removing Commissioner Carter-Oberstone Undermines the Charter and is Virtually Unprecedented

The Police Commission is one of the most important in San Francisco because its decisions are consequential and alter the lives of not just the officers who are bound by the policies, but also the community members impacted by them. Commissioners have those powers because San Franciscans delegated that authority to them instead of the Department or others directly. To protect the Commission from political influence, mayoral appointee terms are staggered so that new Mayors cannot place their thumb directly on policing policy precisely because Mayors and

politicians are subject to influence—by groups such as the POA or other large corporate interests.

Removing Commissioner Carter-Oberstone with one year left in his term undermines the spirit of how San Franciscans sought to insulate the power to set policy for the Department. Perhaps because of this, no Commissioner in recent memory has been removed in a similar fashion—even those who openly disagreed with a Mayor's policy preferences. Consider former Commissioner Yvonne Lee, who broke with other commissioners appointed by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom to prevent the Department from acquiring and using tasers. Mayor Newsom disagreed with Lee's vote yet resisted calls to remove Lee from the Commission, allowing Lee to finish the remainder of her term. Hindsight has validated Lee's vote as the Department remains without tasers.

Crucially, this move sends the message to current (and future) commissioners that they can be removed for political reasons rather than merit and echoes the sentiment of our contentious current political climate that views decision-making as transactional and where loyalty trumps ability.

San Francisco Needs Commissioners Who Champion Effective and Equitable Public Safety Reforms

San Francisco remains at an inflection point in its commitment to police reform. While the critical oversight the Department of Justice provided for nearly a decade has been removed, the Department has yet to fully escape the old, broken systems and move toward a more just and transparent entity. Critically, use of force on Black people continues to outpace use of force on other races, as do stops and baseless searches. Removing Commissioner Carter-Oberstone weakens the City's efforts to address these ongoing concerns and all but ensures that the 272 action items the DOJ identified remain paper reforms.

Without that oversight, entrenched power structures will be emboldened to continue chipping away at the critical reforms the Department has implemented with the Commission's guidance and will look to block others. This is precisely the time we need independent Commissioners who ask the questions the Department cannot—or will not—ask of itself and who are willing to confront and challenge the structures of policing that have contributed to the unacceptable racial disparities in stops, searches, and uses of force. He has been an unwavering champion for reform, ensuring that policing in San Francisco aligns with its values.

Similarly, Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has stood as a voice questioning the Department, elected officials, and the POA in their efforts to secure quick but questionable changes to city policy. From his prescient questioning the expansion of police chases, to refusing to rubber stamp unilateral Department policy changes, to community-negotiated provisions in the body worn camera policy, to leading on the effort to redirect officer time from low-value pretextual traffic stops for non-safety reasons, his presence on the Commission has been invaluable.

Voting to remove a Black Police Commissioner in order to control who will replace only the second Black Chief of Police, as has been openly speculated, sends the message that political connections and allegiances matter more than the lived experience of being Black and working hard to improve the Department. It sends the message that the ideal Commissioner is someone who will not push back against the Department's worst instincts and who will wilt under pressure when meting out discipline to officers. This is the wrong message to send. Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has earned his seat and deserves to continue the work he committed to in 2021.

Conclusion

Because his qualifications, record of collaboration, and unwavering commitment to effective, equitable, and necessary reforms make him a vital asset to the Commission, I strongly urge you to reject the motion to remove Commissioner Carter-Oberstone.

Brian Cox

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From: Emily Ervolina
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From: Elijah Lizama
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From: Catarina Pastella
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From: Dominic Ryan
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
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From: Mimi Anderson
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From: Katherine Riley
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From: Mia Klenk
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From: Christopher Cornell
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From: Martha Goldin
To: Jalipa, Brent (BOS)
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From: Fiona Yim
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From: Holly Sidarta
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We need more oversight of SFPD, not less. Eliminate overtime and use that $100M to invest in communities, not cops working second jobs as private security contractors.

Sincerely,

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From: Ian Hewitt
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From: Chas H
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Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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Sincerely,
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You have an opportunity to demonstrate what a just, fair, and positive form of government looks like with Mayor Lurie under Trump.

In a city with ongoing displacement and harassment of Black and brown people, San Francisco's police department is not helping. SFPD Commissioner Carter-Oberstone knows this and speaks out, with evidence, too. Thankfully, he has independence from the Mayor's office -- a status that constituents have defended several times over the past two decades.

After reading an EXTENSIVE timeline of this Commission and its activities, I see only positive reasons why it ought to maintain its autonomy -- and why Commissioner Carter-Oberstone ought to stay in his role.

I urge you to oppose the Mayor's attempt to remove Commissioner

Sincerely,
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From: Christine Wei
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From: Marisol Ramirez
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From: Jen Snyder
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From: Tyler Breisacher
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025 12:39:45 PM

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BOS Supervisors & Legislative Aides Supervisors & Legislative Aides,

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From: Natalie Lopez
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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From: Rishav Rout
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides
Subject: Vote AGAINST Commissioner Carter-Oberstone"s Removal
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From:	Sameena Usman
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); ChenStaff; DorseyStaff (BOS); EngardioStaff (BOS); FielderStaff; MahmoodStaff; MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); SauterStaff; SherrillStaff; Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Vote Against the Removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone for Accountability in Law Enforcement
Date:	Thursday, February 20, 2025 9:54:13 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

We urge you to vote against Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's removal. Maintaining independent oversight of law enforcement agencies, including the San Francisco Police Department, is crucial. San Franciscans have shown their support for accountability and transparency by rejecting mayoral overreach and backing independent commissions that hold the SFPD accountable.

The SFPD still faces significant issues, such as racial disparities in policing and surveillance law violations, despite a recent clearance from the Department of Justice. Strong oversight is necessary to address these issues. We need a commission that provides thorough scrutiny, rather than simply endorsing decisions. Independent voices are vital to protecting citizens' rights and ensuring just and equitable law enforcement practices.

Thank you for considering this matter.

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To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); ChenStaff; DorseyStaff (BOS); EngardioStaff (BOS); FielderStaff; MahmoodStaff; MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); SauterStaff; SherrillStaff; Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Vote NO on the Removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone for Police Reform Accountability
Date:	Wednesday, February 19, 2025 7:21:09 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

We urge you to vote NO on the removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone. Despite the recent DOJ clearance, the San Francisco Police Department still requires significant reform, as ongoing racial disparities in policing and violations of surveillance laws persist. Strong oversight remains essential to ensure accountability and transparency.

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has consistently taken an independent, data-driven approach, prioritizing accountability over political considerations. His removal would weaken effective oversight and raise concerns about the commitment to meaningful police reform.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Hala

sent from my mobile device, please excuse any typos

From:	Somaia Nassef
To:	Board of Supervisors (BOS); ChanStaff (BOS); ChenStaff; DorseyStaff (BOS); EngardioStaff (BOS); FielderStaff; MahmoodStaff; MandelmanStaff (BOS); MelgarStaff (BOS); SauterStaff; SherrillStaff; Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Vote NO on Removing Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
Date:	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 8:09:32 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

It's time to stand up for what's right: vote NO on removing Commissioner Carter-Oberstone. We need independent voices that hold the SFPD accountable, prioritizing justice and transparency over convenience.

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has been a game-changer in limiting pretextual stops that harm Black residents. Removing him would send a scary message: we'll sacrifice accountability for the sake of ease.

Let's stand together for a just and equitable approach to policing. We can't let fear of dissent silence those who dare to demand change.

Thanks for considering my plea.

Best regards,
Somaia Nassef

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject:	Vote NO on Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's Removal to Preserve Oversight and Accountability
Date:	Tuesday, February 18, 2025 5:18:04 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

We urge you to vote NO on Commissioner Carter-Oberstone's removal. This action could undermine oversight and accountability within the San Francisco Police Department.

Residents of San Francisco have shown consistent support for independent oversight of law enforcement. Voters have rejected attempts at mayoral overreach, emphasizing the need for independent commissions to hold the SFPD accountable. Preserving this oversight is essential for building trust and protecting civil liberties for all residents.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Best,
Noor

Sent from my iPhone

From: SHIBA BANDEEBA
To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)
Subject: Preserve Police Oversight and Support Commissioner Carter-Oberstone
Date: Friday, February 14, 2025 3:52:06 PM

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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My name is Shiba Bandeeba. I am Black resident in San Francisco's District 4.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed removal of Commissioner Carter-Oberstone. This action poses a significant threat to the integrity of police oversight in San Francisco and undermines the essential independent voices that hold the SFPD accountable.

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has been a crucial voice and advocate in moving the work forward around criminal justice reform and police brutality within our city. My first interaction on the work that this Commissioner has done started in 2021, partnering with members of my community on ending pretextual stops which we know has led to the unintentional loss of so many Black residents in our nation. The work to end pretextual stops is resonating with so many counties and states across the nation. And to that point, we need police commissioners who will listen to the needs of the community and bring much needed legislative change to the forefront, honoring the lives of so many Black Americans in this country for a very long time.

Rubber-stamp commissions devoid of critical voices weaken public trust and accountability, which are vital for fostering a safe and just community. Commissioner Carter-Oberstone has demonstrated a commitment to reform, particularly in limiting pretextual stops, a practice that disproportionately affects marginalized communities, including Black residents. Removing him would send a troubling message that the Board is willing to prioritize political pressure over genuine accountability and reform.

The Board must reject this move to weaken oversight and maintain a strong, independent commission that advocates for transparency and justice. As we continue to witness the impacts of systemic injustice, it is imperative that we support those who strive for meaningful change rather than silencing them.

I urge you to vote against Commissioner Carter-Oberstone’s removal and to stand firm in your commitment to uphold the values of justice and accountability in our city.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Thank you,
Shiba Bandeeba