

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY NOW!

Government officials must take meaningful strides, not incremental steps, to protect our communities from biased policing. **We need our local elected officials to adopt these recommendations now.** This moment calls on us to be bold in our policymaking if we truly want #JusticeforGeorgeFloyd and to demonstrate that #BlackLivesMatter.

ACTIONS TO TAKE NOW

ADDRESS BIASED POLICING

By passing the **Preventing Overpolicing Through Equitable Community Treatment (PrOTECT) ordinance** which limits discretionary stops by requiring probable cause for stops and searches as well as ending pretext stops.

DECRIMINALIZE POVERTY AND MENTAL ILLNESS

By **decriminalizing** low-level offenses and **divesting** money from police budgets to **fund non-law enforcement alternatives** and community services.

HOLD POLICE ACCOUNTABLE

By **establishing an independent community oversight board** with investigatory and subpoena powers.

SAVE LIVES

By **adopting a robust de-escalation policy** and **a strong use of force policy** that implements the full vision of AB 392 - the California Act to Save Lives - along with other best practices to reduce police violence.

THE PROBLEM

RACIAL DISPARITIES & ABUSE OF POWER

Law enforcement agencies (LEAs) should be held accountable for abusing their power in ways that disproportionately impact Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific Islander and other communities. The deaths of George Floyd and other Black people before him demand that we reckon with and act on the moment before us. Given racial and identity disparities in whom police stop, search, arrest, use force upon and kill, we need transformational policy solutions that address these issues holistically.

A NEW VISION IS NEEDED

We need a significant reduction in the role, responsibilities and presence of law enforcement in the everyday lives of over-policed communities. Elected leaders must work with community members to craft and adopt solutions. The Police Accountability Now policy package offers ways to **reduce the role of police in the region and invest in community led responses.**

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We need justice, accountability, divestment from policing and investment in healthy, sustainable communities.

KEY FACTS ABOUT POLICING IN SAN DIEGO

FROM 2019 CAMPAIGN ZERO REPORT "EVALUATING POLICING IN SAN DIEGO"

YOUTH ARREST

San Diego Police Department (SDPD) reported making 8,200 arrests of people under the age of 18 from 2016-2018. These arrests **disproportionately impacted Black youth**, who comprised 19% of all youth arrests despite being only 7% of the population under 18 in the City of San Diego.

MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES

Misdemeanor offenses comprise the vast majority of arrests by SDPD and the San Diego Sheriff's Department (SDSD). **71% of all SDPD arrests and 67% of all SDSD arrests were for misdemeanors.**

MENTAL HEALTH

Arrests of people for "Mental Illness" (i.e. code 5150) comprised a **quarter of all youth arrests** by SDPD.

NO THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

34% of all SDSD arrests were reportedly for drug possession, status offenses and quality of life offenses that pose no threat to public safety. SDSD would see a substantial **reduction in arrest rates by expanding the use of alternative, community-based responses to these activities.**

Black and Latino individuals were **76%** of the 4,128 people stopped by SDPD Gang Enforcement officers, compared to **47%** of those stopped by officers with all other assignments.

In 2018-2019, SDPD was 60% more likely to conduct consent searches on **Latinos** and 23% more likely to conduct consent searches on **Black** people than white people. Similarly, SDSD was more likely to search Black and Latinos during a traffic stop compared to whites. For SDPD and SDSD searches, both groups **were less likely than white people to be found with contraband.**

THE TIME IS NOW!

**COALITION FOR
POLICE
ACCOUNTABILITY &
TRANSPARENCY**

CPAT is a group of diverse community, faith and labor stakeholders who are committed to addressing disparities present in policing practices in Black, Latino, API and other communities that have been impacted by overpolicing.

All five recommendations are supported by a number of community groups, organizations and coalitions, both in the San Diego region and nationally.

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