



July 18, 2025

Dear Alders and Commissioners,

The Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability (herein referred to as the “Commission”) distributed a city-wide public survey in spring of 2025 titled “Traffic Stops Policy Feedback” (herein referred to as the “Survey”). The 18th Police District Council believes it is important for the general public to have access to the results of the Survey. This is especially important when it appears the majority of the Commission is going down a different path than the majority of the public opinion survey responders to this Survey. Also, to the best of our knowledge, the detailed results of this Survey were not provided to all members of the Commission, so the 18th Police District Council is publishing the results below after a FOIA request.

This Survey relates to the pending decision in front of the Commission as to whether they recommend additional limitations be placed on Chicago Police Officers in regard to certain types of traffic stops.

The Commission has proposed revisions to a Draft CPD Policy on traffic stops and these proposed revisions create additional limitations and even introduce new prohibitions on CPD’s ability to conduct certain traffic stops. The Commission’s proposed revisions contradict the results of its own Survey, which documents the following:

- Over two-thirds of survey respondents said Chicago Police should **NOT BE LIMITED** in types of traffic stops made for low level, non-moving violations.
- Responses from residents of Chicago totaled over 1,300.
- Responses were received from every one of the 22 Police Districts in Chicago.
- Over 80% of the 22 Police Districts had a majority of respondents indicating CPD should **NOT BE LIMITED** in types of traffic stops made for low level, non-moving violations.

Importantly, the Survey was drafted, designed, and conducted by the Commission’s staff, not another organization. The results were received directly by the Commission’s staff. However, the results of the final Survey were not shared until a request for the information was filed by the 18th Police District Council under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Our recommendation is that the Commissioners advocating for additional limitations and prohibitions to be placed on the Chicago Police Department be completely transparent about the results of its own public Survey and acknowledge their actions are contrary to the majority of the Survey responses. We also recommend that the Commissioners seriously consider the impacts on public safety of these additional proposed prohibitions and limitations on CPD. We strongly encourage that any proposed changes to traffic safety policy at least maintain public safety while also building and maintaining community trust.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Addendum with Reference Information:

A Draft Chicago Police Department Policy on Traffic Stops (Draft CPD Policy) was released on April 21, 2025 and this can be read in its entirety here: https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/ccpsa/pdfs/TrafficStopsPage/G03-08-02_CPD_Draft.pdf. The CPD Draft Policy draft recommends a significant number of new and additional requirements on police officers in regard to how CPD Officers will conduct, review and train for traffic stops.

A Memorandum from the Commission with proposed policy revisions to the CPD draft (Commission's Proposed Revisions) was released on April 21, 2025 and this can be read in its entirety here: [CCPSAPublicPosting.pdf](#). The Commission's Proposed Revisions include the prohibition of certain CPD traffic stops (with some exceptions) for vehicle equipment or license compliance violations.