



CITY OF CARSON

July 1, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, and Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the residents of the City of Carson, we write to express our strong support for the "Justice in Policing Act" and urge you to take every opportunity to ensure its passage.

There are many important provisions in the "Justice in Policing Act" that the City of Carson supports and that would make our world more just including:

- Making lynching a federal crime.
- The creation of a national registry of police violations.
- Modifying the threshold for defining police misconduct, from "willfully" violating constitutional rights to doing so with knowing or reckless disregard.
- Requiring federal police officers to wear body cameras and federal police vehicles to have dashboard cameras.
- Weakening qualified immunity, which effectively shields police officers from being liable for damages for rights violations.
- Banning choke-holds, like the one used by police in the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May.
- Banning no-knock warrants, a destructive practice that led to the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville in March.
- Prohibiting federal, state, and local law enforcement from discriminatory profiling, and believe that mandatory antidiscrimination and de-escalation training is the very least we can do to prevent this from happening.
- Limiting the transfer of military equipment to state and local police.

Carson and its residents cannot wait for incremental change, because without real, demonstrable, substantive change, the systems that perpetuate violence against our citizens will continue to operate unchecked. The “Justice in Policing Act” has opened the door for us to start making that substantive change – and we must meet this moment with courage, compassion, and action.

We urge you to support and quickly pass the “Justice in Policing Act,” and thank you for your work in this area.

Sincerely,

Mayor Albert Robles

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dear

Councilmember Lula Davis-Holmes

Councilmember Jawane Hilton

Councilmember Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.

CC:

Senator Dianne Feinstein

Senator Kamala Harris

Congresswoman Nanette Barragan