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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,  
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: July 15, 2020

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following ordinance, introduced by Supervisor Walton on July 7, 2020. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

**File No. 200735**

**Ordinance amending the Police Code to make it unlawful to cause a peace officer to contact a person solely to discriminate against the person on the basis of the person's race, ethnicity, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity; creating a civil cause of action and providing for damages for violating the prohibition.**

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

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RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION      Date: July 20, 2020

No Comment  
 Recommendation Attached

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Chairperson, Youth Commission

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## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** John Carrol, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee  
**FROM:** Youth Commission  
**DATE:** Tuesday, July 21, 2020  
**RE:** Referral response to BOS File No. 200735 [Police Code - Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement]

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At our **Monday, July 20, 2020, meeting**, the Youth Commission unanimously voted to support the following motion:

BOS File No. 200735 [Police Code - Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement]

The Youth Commissioners also voted to include the following recommendations:

- we must all do our part regarding community outreach, so communities of color know and understand their legal options to defend themselves and to use this as a tool
- the sponsors office explores making it a local misdemeanor on basis of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation,
- question-how does this build into housing instability as calls to police about “suspicious behavior” are also rooted in classism, as well as racism?
- that 911 dispatchers initially flag calls that could be possibly discriminatory/racially motivated

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Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.

Handwritten signature of Josephine Cureton in cursive script.

Josephine Cureton, Chair  
Adopted on July 20, 2020  
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