



Is anyone even looking at impact to Plan Bay Area of de-funding the police? This effort has demoralized police personnel across the State. We have civil unrest. We are witnessing increased crime. We have police officers who no longer want to serve. The demand for pension benefits is about to accelerate. Can local governments afford to meet those increased pension demands? Limiting police budgets means less training for new police officers which will prompt more lawsuits against local governments. Reduction of police makes our communities less safe, and especially our low-income communities. Failure to protect businesses from looting and shoplifting will discourage new business investment. We will be looking at a mass exodus of people moving out of the Bay Area. How will this impact Plan Bay Area.? Is defunding the police a serious effort. Are any members of the MTC Democrats? Below please find the adopted resolution of the Democratic Party with respect to police.::

*here's the language of the resolution that unanimously passed through the [Alameda County Democratic Party](#) tonight. Thanks to [Soli Alpert](#), [Andy Kelley](#), [Paola Laverde](#), [Barbara Bobbi López](#), [Pamela Y. Price](#), [Barisha Spriggs](#), [Alfred Twu](#), and [Mark Williams](#) for partnering with me on this, [Malia Vella](#) and [Michael Barnett](#) for the excellent suggestions on how to make it even stronger; and [Will Rodriguez-Kennedy](#) for the courage to get this resolution approved through the San Diego County Democratic Party and provide the inspiration for this one. I hope every DCC joins us in approving a resolution of this nature.*

*Resolution Urging that Alameda County Democrats Refuse Donations from the Alameda County Sheriff and Peace Officer, Deputy Sheriff, and Correctional Officer Associations*

*WHEREAS, though there are many good officers and prison guards who serve with courage and honor, law enforcement in Alameda County as a whole has a history of racial profiling, discrimination, and violence against Black, Latinx, AAPI, Native American and other communities; and racially biased, militarized policing has been used as a tool nearly 200 years;*

*WHEREAS, Alameda County's residents have struggled for decades to ensure that Alameda County law enforcement departments and officers are held accountable to all communities they serve by advocating for reasonable measures such as the community-led Independent Commission on Police Practices to promote responsible, accountable policing and address disparities in policing practices of stops, arrests and use of force, and there has been systemic racism throughout law enforcement, and the law enforcement system is closed, sheltered from public scrutiny and accountability, protected through state law, and in desperate need of reform; and*

*WHEREAS, the Peace Officer, Deputy Sheriff, and Correctional Officer Associations and the Alameda County Sheriff have been major obstacles to such accountability*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alameda County Democratic Party shall refuse all contributions from the Alameda County Sheriff and Peace Officer, Deputy Sheriff, and Correctional Officer Associations (defined for the purposes of this resolution as those exclusively representing law enforcement and not general unions that may have a small percentage of law enforcement members) and requests that all*

*Alameda County Democratic elected officials refuse such contributions as well and reject the endorsement of such associations;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alameda County Democratic Party urges that any candidate, including elected officials running for a new or the same office, who has taken money from the Alameda County Sheriff and Peace Officer, Deputy Sheriff, and Correctional Officer Associations since 2018 donates said funds to community organizations that work in Alameda County on issues such as racial justice, criminal justice reform, re-entry services or the empowerment of the Black community, indigenous community and other communities of color, provide a written acknowledgment of this contribution to the Committee at the time that he or she requests our endorsement and pledges not to take any such contributions in the future.*

On top of the above... The on-going COVID--19 restrictions to operate private businesses will force people out of business. We have establishments boarded up in a climate with no protection. This is a problem we can't ignore.

Yet, there is continued effort of MTC Staff, the Bay Area Council, and Silicone Valley Leaders to impose more regional taxes. This is a prime example of how the MTC Staff fails to serve the interests of local governments.

As it pertains to changing the priority of the DTX we should be encouraging this project to move forward. It is one project where the property owners who benefit from the improvement are actually required to help pay for it. Studies have shown if property owners who benefit from transportation investments paid as little as 25% of the increased value, the public would not be stuck paying for it.

The DTX project should be used as a model for future transportation funding. We should shift funding priorities to make public transportation free, and thereby provide financial relief to low income residents who need it the most. It would also boost to the economy.

We could eliminate the entire budget for Clipper. A new policy of value recapture is the best way to avoid on-going transportation taxes.

The MTC has been opposed to this project ever since it was created? Discouraging the DTX project was a part of a deal made with Willie Brown in 1989. My work to to obtain public support to preserve the option for future rail service on the Bay bridge stopped the forced relocation of the Transbay Terminal.

The success of that measure led to a SF ballot measure, the following year, to prevent the Transbay Terminal from being relocated. The SF Measure also included local support for the DTX. That's how long the Staff has opposed the DTX. As long as the Staff controls the money, and as long as the Commission continues to support every item submitted by Staff, the interests of local governments will not get any real respect or concern. For all the reasons stated please oppose shifting the priority of these projects.

Best: *Ken Bukowski*