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The Honorable Mike Gipson
Assembly Member, 64th District
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1196 (Gipson) – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gipson,

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I am writing to express our support for AB 1196, your measure that will eliminate the use of the carotid restraint by law enforcement agencies throughout California.


Specifically, AB 1196 will eliminate the use of a vascular neck restraint, or any similar restraint, hold or other defensive tactic in which pressure is applied to the side of a person's neck for the purpose of restricting blood flow to render the person unconscious or otherwise subdue or control the person.

The City of Lafayette already prohibits our officers from using these types of restraining techniques to forcibly detain suspects, but we believe that it is important that this policy is uniformly applied at all law enforcement agencies statewide.

In the aftermath of the death of George Floyd, and the subsequent calls for fairness in policing and racial equity, the City of Lafayette has been working closely with members of our community, and the surrounding areas, to determine what steps the City can take to improve our policies, procedures, and interactions with the community, so that every member of the community is treated fairly and with respect. The City of Lafayette feels that AB 1196 serves as a meaningful step towards providing consistent policing standards across the State.

It is for these reasons that the City of Lafayette is proud to support AB 1196. If you have any questions, or need more information, about the City's position, please contact our City Manager, Niroop Srivatsa, at (925) 299-3206.

Sincerely,


Mike Anderson
Mayor
City of Lafayette

cc: Senator Steve Glazer
Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan