



MEMORANDUM

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To: Ald. Michael J. Murphy
From: Tea Norfolk, Legislative Fiscal Analyst – Lead
Date: August 27, 2019
Subject: Carjacking and Reckless Driving: Additional Resident Feedback

This memo is in response to your request for information regarding a letter from resident Samantha Kearney. The letter raised the following issues:

1. Recommendation to conduct a public awareness campaign regarding vehicle design.
2. Traffic-calming measures.
3. Community service as a penalty for traffic violations.

The first two points have been addressed in some measure in previous memos for the Task Force, and the third point will be discussed further below. Regarding the first point, while vehicle design has not been addressed specifically, public awareness campaigns have been addressed. Ms. Kearney raises interesting points with respect to the content for such campaigns, and it would be useful to attach her letter to the file. The second point has been discussed at great length in previous memos.

Regarding the third point, Sheldyn Himle stated that community service in lieu of payment of a fine is generally not used for traffic offenses, although judges do have some discretion. Branch 3, specifically, has started to allow community service for traffic offense in some individual cases. Generally, the judges use driver's license suspension as a consequence because they have deemed it more relevant to the offense. However, community service is not precluded as a penalty.

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