

## **President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, NAPD shared the testimony of several defenders from across the nation who were advocating for the addition of PDs to the commission. Some ideas they shared in their testimony were:

- Federal funding for states for public defense in the same way the commission funds counties;
- Funding to states should: encourage the development of offices which would increase accountability for tax dollars by providing oversight, ensure relevant training, as well as independence, reasonable caseloads, and resource parity;
- Recommendations were: Federal funding for state public defense, a federal organization focused on public defense, a public defense partner at every table

### **My thoughts:**

Policing:

- Collect data regarding particular practices;
- Diversify policing to include social workers, mental health specialist to respond to crises instead of police officers;
- Public database on disciplined police;
- Prohibit chokeholds;
- Require civilian boards to review complaints;
- All law enforcement negotiations to be public process

Once in the system:

- Repeal 85%
- Retroactively deal with pre-2014
- Fund holistic defense statewide
- Prohibit private jails
- Significantly reduce GPS monitoring
- Remove cost/fess for criminal justice involvement except restitution
- Study jail contracts statewide to determine:
  - Who benefits from mass incarceration;
  - Are the services passed onto to the incarcerated;
  - Are these services that should be provided by the gov't
- Legalize marijuana
- Require issuance of summons instead of arrest for specific offenses
- Repeal crime developed out of jim crow - - loitering, etc.
- Craft a preamble for the criminal code that is restoration to society and rehab ,etc.