

# Faith leaders recognize City Council and staff for policy change

SAN ANTONIO • COPS/Metro, in partnership with Community Churches for Social Action (CCSA), and the Baptist Ministers' Union (BMU), has recognized the effort and commitment of elected officials and city staff for revising the San Antonio Police Use of Force policy to completely prohibit, with no exceptions, the use of any neck restraint (strangleholds, chokeholds) collectively referred to as lateral vascular neck restraint (LVNR), along with the use of no-knock warrants.

"These policy changes certainly will not solve all of the challenges surrounding relationships between police and communities,

but they do represent concrete actionable change that help confirm the city's commitment to live into the Compassionate SA ethos," read a press release from the three organizations.

COPS and Metro, CCSA, and BMU stated that they are committed to equity, transparency, and continued advocacy for policing that enhances human dignity through compassion and equal justice for all community members; regardless of race.

"There is still much work and healing needed to rebuild trust between police and Black and

Brown communities in

San Antonio, but to-

day our city has

taken a signif-

icant step in

the pursuit of

equity," said

signatories

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Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and

president of the Baptist Minis-

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Dailey, pastor of Macedonia Bap-

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Community Churches for Social

Action (CCSA).

