

Sue Altman Supports Defund The Police Style Policies, Including A Plan To Support Candidates That “Will Fight To Shift Resources From Policing To Real Community Investments”

Altman Has Expressed Support For Defund The Police Candidates

In July 2020, The Working Families Party Announced A Plan To Raise Money To Support Elected Officials Who “Will Fight To Shift Resources From Policing To Real Community Investments Instead.” “The #WFPJusticeFund is a new grassroots fund to defend elected officials and support bold new candidates who will fight to shift resources from policing to real community investments instead. Join as a founding donor now: <https://wfpus.org/wfpjf>” ([Working Families Party Twitter Feed](#), 7/13/20)

- **Altman Praised The Working Families Party Plan As “Awesome” And Said “So Proud To Be Part Of WFP.”** “This. Is. Awesome. So proud to be part of WFP.” ([Sue Altman Twitter Feed](#), 7/13/20)



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Altman Went As Far To Include Herself As One Of The Advocates For Defunding The Police In New Jersey

In A Since Deleted Tweet, Altman Counted Herself Among Those “Working On #DefundThePolice In New Jersey.” “NJ’s Sheriffs (elected position; very close to county party machines): are overwhelmingly white and male, snuggled in w our massive county government, and control HUGE budgets. Those of us working on #DefundThePolice in Jersey might consider looking here.” ([Steve Ayscue Twitter Feed](#), 8/30/23)



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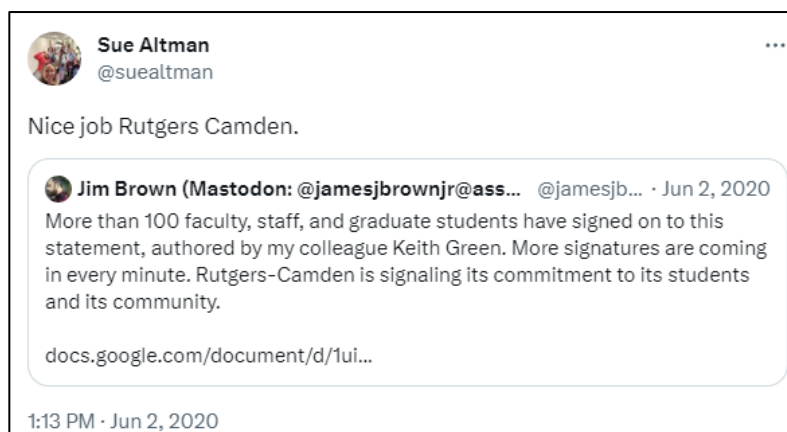
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Altman Praised A Statement From Faculty And Students At Rutgers University-Camden That Attacked The Police And Calls For “Law And Order”

In June 2020, Altman Praised Faculty And Students At Rutgers University-Camden For Putting Out A Statement Regarding The Death Of George Floyd And The Associated Protests. “Nice job Rutgers Camden.” (Sue Altman Twitter Feed, 6/2/20)



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The Statement Altman Praised Declared That “A Return To ‘Peace’ And Calls For ‘Law And Order’ Are Part Of The Problem And Not The Solution.” “We affirm that a return to ‘peace’ and calls for ‘law and order’ are part of the problem and not the solution. The conditions of ‘peace’ and ‘law and order’ are what enabled the murder of George Floyd in broad daylight and in

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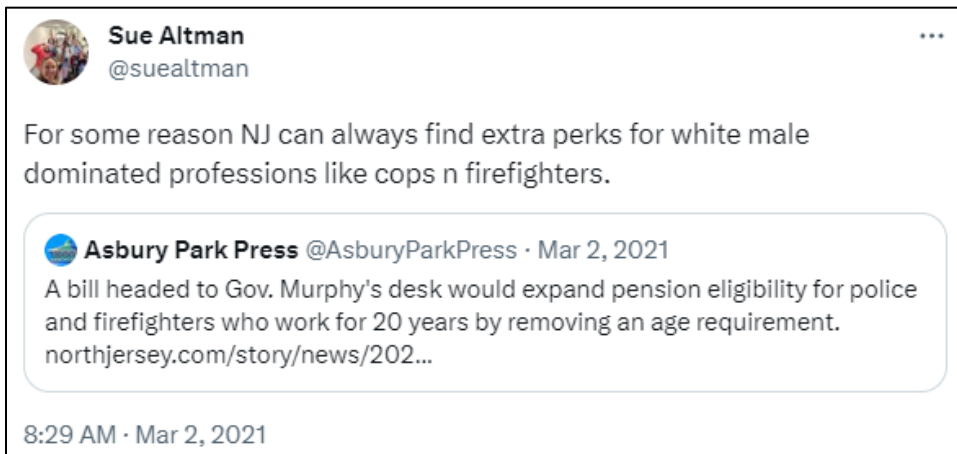
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Altman Criticized Legislation To Expand Pension Eligibility For Police Officers As A “Perk” For A “White Male Dominated Profession”

In March 2021, Altman Criticized Legislation To Expand Pension Eligibility For Police And Firefighters, Complaining That “For Some Reason NJ Can Always Find Extra Perks For White Male Dominated Professions Like Cops N Firefighters.” “For some reason NJ can always find extra perks for white male dominated professions like cops n firefighters.” ([Sue Altman Twitter Feed](#), 3/2/21)



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Altman Opposed Affordable Housing Preference For First Responders

In 2021, Altman Retweeted – And Later Deleted – A Tweet From The New Jersey Institute For Social Justice Opposing A Bill That Would Have Created An Affordable

Housing Preference For First Responders Because It Would “Create A Class System That Will Disproportionately Benefit White People.” (Steve Ayscue Twitter Feed, 6/1/23)



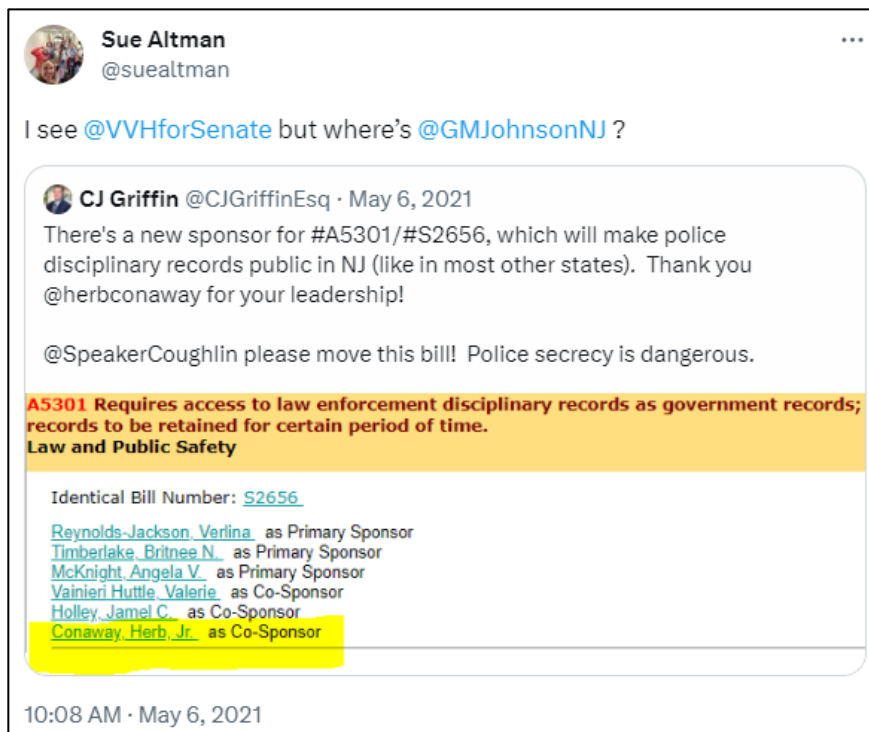
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Altman Supported Making Police Disciplinary Records Public

In 2021, The New Jersey Legislature Considered Legislation To Make Police Disciplinary Records Public. “New Jerseyans need to demand legislative changes to address systemic issues that continue to exist in law enforcement throughout New Jersey. When it comes to transparency in the police internal affairs process, and access to police disciplinary records, state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal has publicly acknowledged that ‘New Jersey’s extremely strict confidentiality is not an example of standard practice’ throughout the United States. Sen. Loretta Weinberg’s bill (S-2656), and its identical companion bill in the Assembly (A-5301), which is sponsored by Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, would make law enforcement disciplinary

records accessible as government records under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act. Adopting S-2656/A-5301 as law will provide transparency, which will breed trust, support effective policing and help protect our civil rights.”

Altman Praised One State Legislator For Cosponsoring The Bill And Attacked Another For Not Cosponsoring It. “I see @VVHforSenate but where’s @GMJohnsonNJ ?” (Sue Altman Twitter Feed, 5/6/21)



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Altman Supported Requiring Every Municipality In New Jersey To Establish A Civilian Complaint Review Board

In June 2021 Altman Said That She Would Attend A “Rally For Real Police Reform” In Trenton That Was Being Organized By The ACLU Of New Jersey. “See you there!” (Sue Altman Twitter Feed, 6/21/21)



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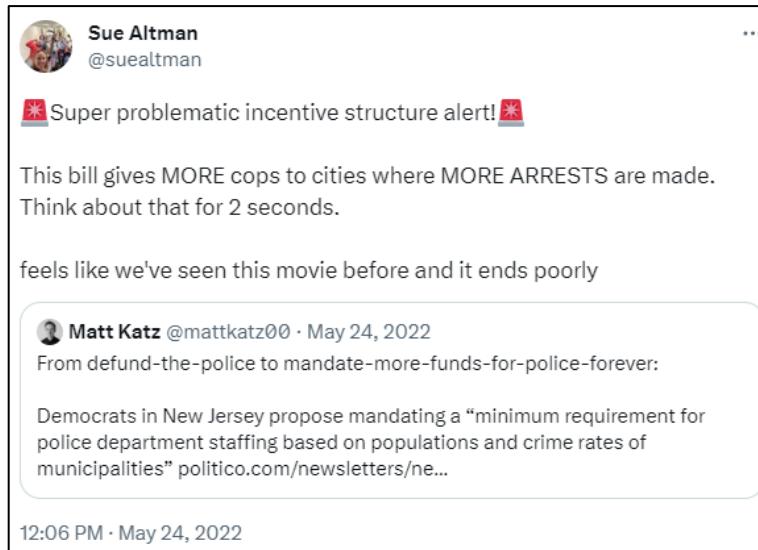
The ACLU Rally Was The Call For The Passage Of Legislation To Require Every Municipality In New Jersey To Establish A Civilian Complaint Review Board. “Several civil rights organizations in New Jersey assembled at the State House Annex in Trenton on Monday demanding legislators pass the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) bill. Organizations at the rally included the ACLU of NJ, the Ironbound Community Corporation, the NJ State NAACP, a number of local NAACP chapters, Salvation for Social Justice, the Latino Action Network, The Jersey City AntiViolence Coalition Movement, and Newark Communities for Accountable Policing, among others. The bill (A-4656), sponsored by Assembly Members Angela McKnight, Benjie Wimberly and Shavonda Sumter, would establish a CCRB in every municipality in New Jersey to review and investigate complaints against members of the police force of the municipality. The State Attorney General’s office would receive \$800,000 in funding for a required CCRB training course for Board members.” (Cyril Josh Barker, “Activists Rally In Trenton For ‘Real’ Police Reform In NJ,” *New York Amsterdam News*, 6/24/21)

Altman Opposed Requiring Cities With High Crime Rates To Hire More Police Officers

In 2022, The New Jersey Legislature Considered Legislation To Set Minimum Police Staffing Requirements For Cities Based On Their Population And Crime Rate. “Several Assembly Democrats have introduced legislation that would set a minimum requirement for police department staffing based on populations and crime rates of municipalities, reports POLITICO’s Daniel O’Connor. Under the bill, sponsored by Assemblymembers Cleopatra Tucker (D-Essex), Ralph Caputo (D-Essex), Shavonda Sumter (D-Passaic), and Annette Chaparro (D-Hoboken), cities with populations of more than 60,000 paired with a high crime rate would be required to staff four officers per 1,000 residents. ‘We need protection from our police departments to deal with the crime issues that we have in our different towns,’ Tucker, the bill’s lead sponsor, told POLITICO in an interview. ‘And it’s worth the money and the staffing of our police office.’ Recent spikes in violent crime have spurred a renewed focus on pro-policing measures that have stalled in past legislatures.” (Jonathan Custodio, “Bill Would Set Minimum Staffing For Police,” *Politico New Jersey Playbook*, 5/23/22)

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Altman Attacked The Legislation, Complaining That It Imposed That “Super Problematic Incentive Structure” That Would Give “More Cops To Cities Where More Arrests Are Made.” “Super problematic incentive structure alert! This bill gives MORE cops to cities where MORE ARRESTS are made. Think about that for 2 seconds. feels like we've seen this movie before and it ends poorly” ([Sue Altman Twitter Feed](#), 5/24/22)



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Altman Attacked Josh Gottheimer For Seeking To Pass Police Funding Legislation At The Same Time As An Assault Weapons Ban

In July 2022, Congressional Democrats Sought To Pass A Package Of Bills To Both Impose An Assault Weapons Ban And Increase Federal Funding For Local Law Enforcement – A Priority Of Moderate And Frontline Democrats. “House Democrats postponed the consideration of a package of bills that would address public safety and ban assault weapons, exposing the fracture lines that exist within the caucus and sinking the desire by many members to leave Washington with fresh legislative wins to motivate voter turnout as they hit the campaign trail. Vulnerable members in swing districts, known as front-liners, who remain most at risk of losing their seats during the midterm elections have spent the past several weeks pushing leaders to vote on legislation that would help fund local law enforcement to counter GOP attacks that Democrats are soft on crime – an argument that probably cost the party seats in 2020 and created animosity between different factions of the party. But the push to increase police funding has infuriated liberals who would rather see such money redirected to community policing, as well as Black lawmakers and civil rights groups who want accountability and transparency measures attached to police funding. The recent string of mass shootings across the country – particularly after 19 children and two teachers were killed at a Uvalde, Tex., elementary school – motivated many Democrats to reignite a push to vote on an assault weapons ban for the first time in decades. But there was uncertainty that an assault weapons ban has the votes in a chamber where Democrats have only a razor-thin four-member majority . Leaders had hoped to tack the ban onto the tranche of public safety bills, which included police funding as well as community policing measures and mental health response teams, to ensure it could pass this month. Members now hope to reconsider the package by mid-August, when they return from a break.” (Marianna Sotomayor And Leigh Ann Caldwell, “House Democrats Delay Votes On Police, Guns After Internal Infighting,” *Washington Post*, 7/27/22)

New Jersey Rep. Josh Gottheimer Was Among The Moderate Members Pushing To Pass The Police Funding Bill. “Members of House leadership, CBC Chairwoman Joyce Beatty (D-Ohio),

Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-N.J.) and Spanberger met Wednesday morning in the office of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to try to find a compromise in hopes of scheduling a floor vote for this week. Instead, the meeting resulted in continuing to smooth out differences over the legislative break. ‘This conversation is about responding to the public safety concerns of the American people — and it will and must continue,’ Spanberger said in a statement. ‘These are things I think are very important,’ Gottheimer said. ‘I’m really optimistic that we’re making good process.’ But the delay has irritated front-liners who were hoping to immediately start campaigning on funding police departments even if some of the measures might not pass an evenly split Senate.” (Marianna Sotomayor And Leigh Ann Caldwell, “House Democrats Delay Votes On Police, Guns After Internal Infighting,” *Washington Post*, 7/27/22)

Newtown Action Alliance Chairwoman Po Murray Accused Gottheimer Of Holding The Assault Weapons Ban “Hostage” To Secure A Vote On The Police Funding Bill. “We learned @RepJoshG is holding the assault weapons ban hostage to push his more controversial policing bill. The ban is a priority for the majority of the Democrats & he should not stall this crucial vote. We encourage all @DCCC front liners to speak up & fight for the vote.” (Po Murray Twitter Feed, 7/27/22)



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Reacting To Murray’s Tweet, Altman Blasted Gottheimer And Declared “Never Has Someone Needed A Primary More Than This Clown.” “Never has someone needed a primary more than this clown” (Sue Altman Twitter Feed, 7/27/22)