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Summary: 20-0875 Call for a report on alternative methods of traffic control. The Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0875 and the effort to report on alternative methods of traffic control that do not rely on armed law enforcement. ASNC respectfully requests the following be implemented as part of the effort, and require compliance with AB953 as follows: 1.Demand that the LA Police Department begin reporting and sharing data for all traffic stops to RIPA so that it may be forwarded to the Department of Justice; 2.Report on and name police officers who have disproportionate non-white arrests or stops where no contraband was found in the vehicle as a result of a traffic stop; 3.Develop and implement training for non-armed vehicle stops using resources already allocated in the LAPD budget; 4.Require the LAPD to review and report on traffic objectives by the Department of Transportation along with the Department of Justice to ensure that traffic objectives and racial equality objectives are collaborative and promote safety for all community members.

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) was formed as part of California's AB953. At the direction of the Legislature, RIPA's charge is to eliminate racial and identity profiling, and improve diversity and racial and identity sensitivity in law enforcement. The California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, has the primary oversight of the RIPA Board. Beginning July 1, 2018, law enforcement agencies began collecting data on stops and reporting the information to the Department of Justice.

The law requires "each state and local agency that employs peace officers to annually report to the Attorney General data on all stops, as defined, conducted by the agency's peace officers, and require that data to include specified information, including the time, date, and location of the stop, and the reason for the stop...The bill would require an agency that employs one or more but less than 334 peace officers to issue its first annual report by April 1, 2023."¹

Given that we are in Los Angeles with more the 334 police officers, the report is not yet due. Thus, from the enactment of the law through today, there has yet to be an official report of Los Angeles' data for traffic stops shared with the LA community. One article by the LA Times in October 2019 shows that the LAPD stopped 385,000 drivers in a 10 month period.² Nearly ¾ of those stopped were Black or Latinx. Roughly 24% were Black, 16% Latinx, 5% white, and 4% other. About 3% of those stopped who were Black and Latinx were arrested, compared to 2% of whites. That is a total of 2,772 Blacks as compared to 385 whites. However, Los Angeles is composed of roughly 10% Blacks, 47% Latinx, and 28% white.

The disproportionate number of traffic stops and arrests on the Black and Latinx communities as compared to whites is staggering. In order for the Los Angeles' City Council to effectively manifest the racial justice that we desperately need, drastic measures must be taken. One place to start is by collecting data by police departments and holding them accountable to report to RIPA and the Department of Justice as mandated by the law.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council supports Council File 20-0875 and the effort to report on alternative methods of traffic control that do not rely on armed law enforcement. ASNC respectfully requests the following be implemented as part of the effort, and require compliance with AB953 as follows:

1. Demand that the LA Police Department begin reporting and sharing data for all traffic stops to RIPA so that it may be forwarded to the Department of Justice;
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¹ Assembly Bill No. 953

² <https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-lapd-searches-20190605-story.html>