

MOTION

Racial profiling is the discriminatory practice by law enforcement officials that involves targeting individuals for suspicion of crime based on race, ethnicity, religion or national origin. It is widely acknowledged that racial profiling does not make communities safer and only serves to damage police and community relations.

On October 27 2020, at the request of the Police Commission, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) published a review of stops conducted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Finding disparate treatment based on race, the OIG recommended several proactive steps to eliminate or reduce racial disparities in stops including detailed guidance related to: crime strategy, written policy, field interview cards, data collection, data analysis and transparency, and internal audits and accountability.

Data is a critical component in the quest to achieve bias-free and community-oriented policing, and, as a result of the 2000 Federal Consent Decree, the LAPD has been collecting and sharing stop data in some form since 2004. The California Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) of 2015 further expanded the circumstances and amount of data required to be collected and reported to the State.

According to a recent analysis of RIPA data by the LA Times, police agencies across the State upheld just 49 racial profiling complaints from 2016 to 2019, less than 2% of the roughly 3,500 allegations filed. Out of 883 racial profiling complaints during that same period, the LAPD upheld two.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department be directed to report in 30 days on the standards for investigating racial profiling complaints and provide comparative data over the last 10 years. The report should also include a response to and implementation plan for the recommendations cited in the OIG report dated October 27, 2020.

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