



City of Arts & Innovation

Community Police Review Commission Memorandum

TO: COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION DATE: JUNE 23, 2021

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: PRESENTATION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 953 RACIAL AND IDENTITY
PROFILING ACT**

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department regarding Assembly Bill 953 Racial and Identity Profiling Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Police Review Commission receive a presentation from the Riverside Police Department regarding Assembly Bill 953 Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA).

DISCUSSION:

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 (RIPA) is a California Statute that requires law enforcement agencies to begin collecting and reporting data on complaints that allege racial or identity profiling. AB 953 also expanded the definition of racial and identity profiling, to clarify that it is “the consideration of, or reliance on, to any degree, actual or perceived race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability in deciding which persons to subject to a stop or in deciding upon the scope or substance of law enforcement activities following a stop, except that an officer may consider or rely on characteristics listed in a specific suspect description.” The entirety of the new definition can be found in Penal Code section 13519.4, subdivision (e). In addition to providing the total number of complaints reported, law enforcement agencies must also report the status and/or resolution of the complaint: sustained, exonerated, not sustained, unfounded, or pending.

In addition to requiring the collection and reporting of data regarding citizen complaints that allege racial or identity profiling, RIPA requires all city and county local law enforcement agencies in California, as well as the California Highway Patrol and peace officers of California state and university educational institutions, to collect perceived demographic and other detailed data regarding pedestrian and traffic stops. The data to be collected includes, among other things, the perceived race or ethnicity, gender, and approximate age of the person stopped, as well as other data such as the reason for the stop, whether a search was conducted, and the results of any such search. Law enforcement agencies subject to this reporting requirement must report this data to the California Attorney General’s Office every year, with specific reporting deadlines set forth in the statute. (Gov. Code, § 12525.5, subdivisions (a) –(g).)

RIPA has been implemented on an ongoing basis, with larger agencies starting in earlier years. January 2021 is the first year Riverside Police Department is required to participate, with RPD's first report due in 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

Approved by: Megan Stoye, Senior Management Analyst/CPRC Manager

Attachment: Presentation