



Community Police Review Commission Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

**TO: COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW
COMMISSION**

DATE: OCTOBER 22, 2025

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

WARDS: ALL

**SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE 2025 RACIAL
IDENTITY PROFILING DATA REVIEW**

ISSUE:

Review and discuss Riverside Police Department data included in the 2025 Racial Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) Annual Report (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023), and consider commissioner recommendations related to the comparison between Department of Justice (DOJ) RIPA stop data and U.S. Census data for the City of Riverside.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Community Police Review Commission:

1. Review and discuss commissioner recommendations regarding comparison methods to the DOJ RIPA data.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Police Review Commission was established on April 11, 2000, through the approval of Riverside Municipal Code 2.76 and adoption of City Charter Section 810. The Commission was created to promote public confidence in the professionalism and accountability of the sworn staff of the Riverside Police Department. This is done through independent review of citizen complaint investigations, recommending changes in departmental policy, on-going public outreach and, when deemed appropriate by the Commission or Manager, conduct an independent investigation of citizen complaints.

Assemble Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 requires law enforcement agencies to collect and report stop data to the California Department of Justice. The law mandates reporting of various demographic and situational data points, including perceived race, gender, disability status, housing status, reason for stop, search basis, and use of force, among others.

The Riverside Police Department submitted its 2025 RIPA data, covering stops conducted in calendar year 2023, to the DOJ by April 1, 2024. In May of 2025, the commission reviewed this data. At its June 2025 meeting, a Commissioner requested that this item be returned at a future meeting with for an open discussion on meaningful policy analysis.

DISCUSSION:

The 2025 RIPA Report Analysis includes a comparative framework aligning Riverside Police Department stop data with the 2020 U.S. Census demographic profile of the City of Riverside. While such comparisons are often used to highlight potential disparities, commissioners have raised concerns about the validity of comparing stop data, which includes all individuals stopped within city boundaries, regardless of residence to census data, which reflects only Riverside residents.

This mismatch presents a key analytical challenge common to all agencies, not all individuals stopped in a city is a resident of that city. Many may be commuting through or attending major events and as a result, observed demographic disparities in RIPA stop data may reflect non-resident populations and not necessarily the city's residential demographics.

This makes direct, side-by-side comparison between the DOJ RIPA data and the census data complex and potentially misleading. RIPA data remains a valuable tool for promoting transparency and accountability. The Riverside Police Department is open to Commissioner recommendations to explore alternative comparison methods provided they are feasible and reasonable. A summary of the 2024 and 2025 RIPA findings was included in the May 2025 Report and is attached for reference.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: 2025 Report
2024 and 2025 RIPA Data Analysis
May 2025 RIPA Presentation