

2026 RIPA Report: Accountability & Civilian Complaints

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Civilian Complaints

- Civilian complaint data and trends have been added
- Los Angeles Police Protective League v.
 City of Los Angeles, Case No. S275272
- For Discussion: Recommendations and Vision for Future Reports



Accountability Update

- Completed review of civilian oversight
- Updated SB 2 certification action data
- For Discussion: Recommendations and Vision for Future Reports



SB 2 Update

- Status of data update
- Status of regional analysis
 - Northern
 - Southern



The use of RIPA data by COAs and LEAs:

- 1. COAs should incorporate the elimination of racial and identity profiling as part of efforts to increase public safety.
- 2. COAs should have unfettered access to their agency's annual RIPA data and citizen complaint data, both in relation to all vehicle and pedestrian stops and citizen complaints alleging racial and identity profiling.



3. COAs and researchers should consider the use of RIPA data when measuring for and reducing identity group disparities.



- 4. COAs and researchers should use the RIPA data to:
 - Measure and identify any racial and identity disparities in policing practices;
 - Propose changes to policies and practices aimed at remedying these disparities; and
 - Continue to monitor these disparities.



- 5. COAs could use RIPA data to conduct empirical self audits.
 - Assess longitudinal and annual trends;
 - Assess trends with departments, by units, and individual officers;
 - Compare the LEA-level racial and identity group disparities to statewide trends to identify spikes;
 - Seek community input to interpret trends and address them;
 - Assess how certain policies affect certain identity groups.



6. COAs should develop additional ways to use the RIPA data in a manner that is consistent with their model and mission, and look for ways to strengthen their existing model.



Questions?