

# **POLICY MOTION**

**COMMITTEE:** TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**TITLE:** MOTION IN SUPPORT OF SUBMITTING A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES CIVILIAN POLICE COMMISSION ADOPTING OF A POLICY PLACING LIMITS ON PRETEXTUAL TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN STOPS.

**PURPOSE:** To reduce the pretextual traffic and pedestrian stops by Los Angeles police that studies have shown disproportionately target BIPOC individuals and communities.

**BACKGROUND:**

As reported in the Los Angeles Times, “[t]he Los Angeles Police Department is considering limiting ‘pretextual stops’ of motorists and pedestrians by officers investigating serious crime, arguing they aren’t effective and have undermined public trust in the police – particularly among Black and Latino residents who have been disproportionately targeted in the past.”<sup>1</sup> As numerous reports demonstrate<sup>2</sup>, BIPOC individuals are more likely to be stopped for minor traffic and pedestrian violations than non-BIPOC individuals.<sup>3</sup> Many of these stops are pretextual and are either racially motivated or the result of implicit bias of law enforcement. The result is a disproportionate amount of police contact with the BIPOC community that drives disproportionate incarceration of BIPOC individuals, much of which never would occur but for pretextual traffic stops.

**THE MOTION:**

The MVCC is in support of Los Angeles Civilian Police Commission adopting a policy placing limits on pretextual traffic and pedestrian stops.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-02-01/lapd-considering-restricting-use-of-pretextual-stops>

<sup>2</sup> <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/ripa-board-report-2022.pdf>

<https://www.racecounts.org/push-la>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2020/may/black-drivers-more-likely-to-be-stopped-by-police.html>.

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