

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015

What is the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015?

The Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015 (AB 953) took effect on January 1, 2016 and requires:

- Collection of Data Regarding Citizen Complaints Alleging Racial and Identity Profiling
- Collection of Data Regarding Law Enforcement Stops
- Creation of the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory (RIPA) Board

AB 953 requires California city and county law enforcement agencies, the California Highway Patrol, and peace officers of California state and university educational institutions to collect and report to the California Attorney General detailed data regarding all stops, which AB 953 defines as a detention or search, and includes a consensual search. The Attorney General must draft and issue regulations to govern this data collection.

The data to be collected on each stop by law enforcement includes, among other things:

- Time, date, location, reason for and result of the stop
- Perceived race or ethnicity, gender and approximate age of the person stopped
- Actions taken by the officer during the stop, including whether the officer asked for consent to search; whether a search was conducted; and whether any evidence or contraband was discovered or seized

What is the Role of the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory (RIPA) Board?

The Attorney General, beginning July 1, 2016 established the Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory (RIPA) Board, a 19-member board made up of law enforcement, attorneys, community and spiritual leaders, and a university professor, for the purpose of eliminating racial and identity profiling, and improving diversity and racial and identity sensitivity in law enforcement. AB 953 requires the board to, among other things:

- Advise the Attorney General in developing the regulations for the stop data collection and reporting
- Annually review and analyze stop data and citizen complaint data submitted by law enforcement
- Work with law enforcement to review and analyze racial and identity profiling policies and practices
- Issue an annual report that details the past and current status of racial and identity profiling and provides policy recommendations for eliminating profiling in California

The next RIPA Board meeting is January 26, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Downtown Business Hub (Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation) in Fresno (1444 Fulton Street).

How Can I Provide Comment on the Proposed Regulations or Stay Involved?

The proposed regulations are available at <https://oag.ca.gov/ab953/regulations>, and individuals can provide comment from **December 9, 2016 through January 27, 2017** in any of the following ways:

- Submit written comment on the AB 953 Regulations webpage at: <https://oag.ca.gov/ab953/regulations>
- Send written comment via email to AB953@doj.ca.gov
- Send written comment to the address in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Action on the AB 953 Regulations page
- Submit written or oral comments at any of the three public hearings to be held at the following dates and locations:

January 12, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
California State University, LA
Student Union Building
5154 State University Drive, Room
308 (Los Angeles Rm.)
Los Angeles, CA 90032

January 18, 2017

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Chabot Elementary School
Auditorium/Multi-Purpose Rm.
6686 Chabot Road
Oakland, CA 94618

January 26, 2017

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Downtown Business Hub
Fresno Area Hispanic Foundation
1444 Fulton Street
Fresno, CA 93721

To stay involved, visit the AB 953 website at <https://oag.ca.gov/AB953> for key dates, including information on RIPA Board meetings, and to subscribe to the AB 953 mailing list.