

2026 RIPA Report: Accountability & Civilian Complaints Sections Proposed Outlines

CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT SECTION

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



Accountability: Roadmap

- Civilian Oversight Bodies
 - Emergence
 - Objectives
 - Effective Practices
 - Impact on Racial and Identity Profiling and Public Safety
 - Civilian Oversight in California
- SB 2
 - Updated Decertification Data
 - Geographic Analysis of SB 2 Data/Outcomes



Emergence of Civilian Oversight Bodies

- Brief History of Civilian Oversight
 - Progressive Era
 - 1920s
 - 1930s-1950s
 - 1948
 - 2020s



Objectives of Civilian Oversight

- Improve/Promote/Ensure:
 - Public trust
 - Accessible complaint process
 - Thorough and fair investigations
 - Transparency and accountability
 - Systemic change in LEA practices
 - Community and LEA relationship



Effective Practices in Civilian Oversight of LEAs

- Independence
- Jurisdiction and authority
- Access to records and facilities
- Access to executives, internal affairs staff, officers, department staff
- Stakeholder support
- Adequate funding and operation resources
- Public Reporting and Transparency
- Analysis of policies and patterns
- Outreach, involvement, and stakeholder support
- Confidentiality, anonymity, and protection from retaliation



- Overlap between the Effective Practices of Civil Oversight Agencies and Decrease in Racial Profiling
 - All COAs reduce racial disparities in disorderly conduct arrests (high discretionary situations)
 - Impact increases over time
 - More aggressive COAs reduce racial disparities in citizen homicide (low discretionary situation)
 - More aggressive COA reduce officer homicides (improves officer safety)



Civilian Oversight Models

- Types of COAs and Impact on Racial Profiling and Public Safety
 - Review Model
 - Investigative Model
 - Monitoring/Auditing Model
 - Hybrid Model
- Civilian Oversight in California
 - Wave 1 Agencies
 - Wave 2 Agencies



SB 2

- Updated Decertification Data
 - Update of the categories of SB 2 data included in the 2025 RIPA report

- Geographic Analysis of SB 2 Data and Outcomes
 - Analysis of regional differences in SB 2 data and outcomes in California



Civilian Complaints: Section Roadmap

- Data Analysis of 2024 Civilian Complaints
- Updates on Prior Board Recommendations
- 2026 Board Recommendations
- Vision for Future Reports



Data Analysis of 2024 Civilian Complaints

- Overview of Civilian Complaint Data for RIPA Agencies
 - Including the number of civilian complaints alleging racial or identity profiling
- Disposition of Civilian Complaints
- Cross-Year Comparisons



<u>Updates on Prior Board</u> <u>Recommendations</u>

- Removal of Deterrent Language in Complaint Forms
 - Update on L.A. Police Protective League v. City of L.A.
- Would the Board like to monitor any other past recommendations, such as the need to adopt a uniform definition for "civilian complaints"?



2026 Board Recommendations

What recommendations, if any, would the Board like to make regarding civilian complaints?



Questions?