

# 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

#### Impacts of Civilian Oversight Bodies

- 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?**