

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Latia I am a member of Community Coalition and BLMLA. Items 1 and 2. The current model of policing is not working for our city. Far too often, routine traffic stops turn deadly. The harm it has is disproportionately inflicted on Black communities. We need to reimaging public safety. We want a city department of transportation with a staff of unarmed employees that would write parking citations and handle traffic violation stops.

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rodrigo and I am a Community Coalition member. As a South Central resident who sees law enforcement constantly pull over Black and Brown people at all times of the day, often with multiple units being called on 1 car, I applaud the effort to take steps in order to replace LAPD with unarmed alternatives when it comes to traffic stops. Police officers, when approaching vehicles with guns and badges, often produce unnecessary levels of anxiety and stress to Black and Brown drivers. The presence of firearms exponentially increases the possibility that violence or physical and mental harm will result from an interaction stemming from a traffic stop. TO MAKE THE MOTION HAVE TEETH, I call on the ad hoc committee on police reform to ask that LADOT and CLA include in the proposed report: 1. A WORKABLE TIMELINE within which the city of Los Angeles should commit to phasing in an alternative system that replaces law enforcement for traffic stops. Without a workable or somewhat specific timeline, the motion itself is nothing more than a simple request for research - which is important, but not workable. 1a. If possible, the report should also include an EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNT that identifies HOW MUCH MONEY WILL BE DIVERTED AWAY FROM LAPD and instead to whatever city department will lead the new system for traffic stops. Without a dollar amount, the report created would be missing an actionable plan in terms of funding a new model. 2. The report should CLEARLY IDENTIFY THE BEST STRATEGIES TO MINIMIZE VIOLENCE AND HARM during traffic stops. This should inform the alternative model, since I believe it should be the goal of the new system to preserve human life and dignity as much as possible. We have the capacity to do better and be better. No one should have their life taken during a traffic stop. No traffic stop should ever become a tragic stop.