

City of San Diego
Citizens Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations
1200 Third Avenue, Suite 924
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Honorable Council President Myrtle Cole
City of San Diego
202 C Street, 10th Floor
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RE: Request to Implement Traffic Enforcement Study Recommendation

Honorable Council President:

At its September meeting the Citizens Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations (CAB) voted to request San Diego City Council adopt all ten recommendations presented in the San Diego State University Traffic Enforcement Study¹ (Study), and request that the Mayor direct San Diego's Police Chief to implement all recommendations. The final vote reflected eight members in favor and two abstentions, with five members absent.

The ten recommendations - grouped into three categories - are as follows:

Systemic disparities

1. Acknowledge the existence of racial/ethnic disparities and make combatting such disparities a priority;
2. Continue to enhance training and supervision around issues of racial/ethnic disparities;
3. Make traffic stop practices more transparent; and
4. Make traffic stop practices more systematic and data-driven.

Police-community relations

5. Make community engagement a core departmental value; and
6. Work to improve communication and transparency regarding police practices.

Data collection and management²

7. Revise the current data collection system;
8. Coordinate existing data collection efforts;
9. Collect additional data;
10. Strengthen accountability and oversight of data collection and management.

¹ See <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/sdpdvehiclestopsfinal.pdf>

² The Board recognizes that the State will issue guidelines to implement AB953; however, the new schedule for implementation is July 2018. In other words, nearly two years of data could have been collected by SDPD using a revised data collection system prior to upgrading to AB953.

We note the Study was previously heard by Council's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee on November 30, 2016. The full City Council heard the matter on February 27, 2017, but no recommendations were adopted.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brian Pollard

Brian J. Pollard, Chair

cc: Mayor Kevin Faulconer
Councilmember Barbara Bry
Councilmember Lorie Zapf
Councilmember Chris Ward
Councilmember Mark Kersey
Councilmember Chris Cate
Councilmember Scott Sherman
Councilmember David Alvarez
Councilmember Georgette Gomez
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