



**PUSH LA COALITION RELEASES RECOMMENDATIONS
TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY APPROACH TO TRAFFIC SAFETY IN LOS ANGELES**

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LOS ANGELES — Today, a broad, cross-sector coalition of organizations – called Promoting Unity, Safety and Health in Los Angeles (PUSH LA) – releases a comprehensive set of recommendations to move the City of Los Angeles toward care- and equity-centered traffic safety.

The policy brief, [*Non Law Enforcement Alternatives to Traffic Safety*](#), is a crucial step in PUSH LA's work advocating for a less punitive, more safety-focused approach to police traffic stops in Los Angeles.

"Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity, regardless of our income, zip code or the color of our skin," said Adrienna Wong, a senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Southern California, a PUSH LA member. "Communities of color should have equal access to programs that keep them safe, rather than being targeted by programs that punish them. This policy brief is a roadmap to achieving that."

Key recommendations in the policy brief:

- **End pretextual stops:** End non-safety related traffic stops, including stops for equipment issues (like broken taillights) and administrative matters (like expired registration).
- **Limit tickets, fees, and fines:** Replace tickets levied against low-income residents for administrative/vehicle equipment violations with programs that help people and actually improve safety, like vehicle repair clinics/vouchers, and free DMV assistance.
- **Invest in infrastructure to make streets safer:** Increase investments in street design to prevent traffic risks, without installing surveillance technologies that disproportionately harm communities of color and pose significant privacy concerns.
- **Build a care-based response workforce:** The city should continue building a workforce of unarmed, non-police, care-based teams to respond to emergency situations.

"We urge the city council to move quickly to adopt these recommendations," said Leslie Johnson, Chief Culture Officer at Community Coalition, a member of PUSH LA. "Our communities have endured decades of significant harm from racially biased traffic stops and all that goes with them. We cannot wait any longer. We want to prevent our neighbors from continuing to suffer needlessly."

Los Angeles City Council members have already received the policy brief, said Chauncey Smith, Associate Director of Reimagine Justice & Safety at Catalyst California.

"The city should adopt PUSH LA's solutions to improve community safety," Smith said. "This is long overdue. PUSH LA has been organizing and advocating for these changes for more than five years. We ask the council to schedule hearings soon to consider and approve these changes."

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PUSH LA was formed in response to decades of racist policing that has plagued Black and Brown communities in Los Angeles. This inclusive cross-sector coalition of base-building, advocacy and religious/interfaith organizations launched after data analyses in 2019 revealed that LAPD Metro Division officers stop and arrest Black people at a rate more than five times their share of the city's population.

Members include ACLU Southern California; Catalyst California; Black Lives Matter Los Angeles; Brotherhood Crusade; Brothers, Sons, Selves; Children's Defense Fund California; Community Coalition; the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights; LA Voice; Labor Community Strategy Center; Million Dollar Hoods; SEIU 2015; SEIU Local 99; the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California; and the Social Justice Learning Institute.