



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Eric Garcetti
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From: PUSH LA Coalition

Subject: **LAPD METRO Division’s Quotas Impact on Communities**

Date: September 4th, 2020

The recent LA Times article, [“Officer alleges LAPD had quotas, silenced whistleblowers in gang-labeling scandal”](#), has once again shed light on the harm inflicted upon Black and Brown communities that officers are sworn to protect. While the article centers on Officer Fiedler as the whistleblower who has filed a lawsuit against the LAPD METRO Division due to “professional damage and loss of wages” for not enforcing a de facto quota system - it fails to mention how residents have been materially impacted by the quota system.

For years, our communities have been profiled, harassed, and experienced violence inflicted by the METRO Division. In July, another [article](#) exposed the falsification of gang

records sparking an investigation of METRO officers for falsifying field interview cards during traffic stops. For our communities, it is not about a career, one's reputation or loss of wages. Traffic stops done by the METRO Division, and the harassment, incarceration and murder of Black and Brown people as a result of those encounters, continue to exacerbate racial and wealth disparities, and the separation of our families, both temporary and permanent.

METRO Division's attempt to get rid of whistleblowers should be enough proof for local decision makers to take BOLD measures. It's also not the first time that the City has paid off LAPD officers after getting sued. What about the millions, if not billions, of dollars owed to individuals and families that have been wrongfully accused and terrorized by the METRO Division? Systemic change is needed because real lives are impacted by these nefarious practices that leave residents at the mercy of unscrupulous law enforcement agencies.

This can only happen through systemic change and concrete reforms. The PUSH LA Coalition demands the following:

1. An immediate dissolution of the METRO Division and its practices,
2. Immediate end to pretextual stops that are used to initiate a search and racially profile the city's Black and Brown residents, and

While the Los Angeles Police Protective League acknowledges quotas are illegal, there must be real consequences for these illegal actions. It is the duty of local decision makers to not only acknowledge but to undo the harm that is inflicted on our communities.

Sincerely,

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