



To: Council President Nury Martinez, Los Angeles City Council
From: PUSH LA Coalition
Subject: Motion on Alternatives to Law Enforcement on Traffic Stops
Date: November 23, 2020

Dear Council President Martinez,

We are writing to respectfully request that the following motion be scheduled in an upcoming 2020 City Council meeting: [Motion \(Harris-Dawson - Bonin - Price - Wesson - Ryu\) relative to alternative models and methods that do not rely on armed law enforcement to achieve transportation policy objectives.](#) The motion was first introduced on June 30, 2020 by Councilmembers Bonin and Harris-Dawson. The motion was passed in the Ad Hoc Committee on Police Reform on October 23, 2020.

This motion is extremely important to us, as many of the people we work with and represent are from communities that are over-policed and have been devastated by police violence and mass incarceration. Our request comes on the heels of a recent report by the Inspector General relative to the [Review of Stops Conducted by LAPD in 2019](#) that confirms racial disparities in the practices and patterns of the department's use of pretextual stops and searches. The PUSH LA Coalition supports the motion as a way to address these disparities and ultimately create a healthy and safe environment for our communities.

We are requesting that the motion be scheduled for a vote at a City Council meeting before winter recess. Further, we would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to share our perspective on the importance of the motion and how we would like to continue to work with City Council in the months to come. **Would you be available to meet with us during the week of November 30th?** Our point of contact for that meeting is Leslie Johnson with Community Coalition. She can be reached at leslie@cocosouthla.org or 213-820-6140.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Advancement Project CA, John Kim
ACLU SoCal, Peter Bibring
Black Lives Matter-LA, Melina Abdullah

Brotherhood Crusade, Charisse Bremond
Brothers Sons Selves, David Turner
Children's Defense Fund-CA, Shimica Gaskins
CHIRLA, Angelica Salas
Community Coalition, Alberto Retana
Labor/Community Strategy Center, Eric Mann
LA Voice, Rev. Zachary Hoover
SEIU 2015, April Verrett
SEIU 99, Max Arias
Southern Christian Leadership Conference SoCal, Pastor William Smart