

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

1685 Main Steet, Santa Monica, CA 90401

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the PUBLIC SAFETY REFORM

AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Please note that Agenda Items may be reordered during the meeting at the discretion of the body.

1. Special Agenda Items
   1. Presentation from SMPD staff Ana Jara on the LEAD program

Motion from Vice Chair Centeno to allocate 25,000 from the PSROC training budget for them to use as they see fit in the spirit of training the commission as well as running their program as they see fit.

Votes:

Yes: Raman, Mohanty, Scott, Stedge-Stroud, Devermont, Centeno, Harrington, McGlaughlin-Basseri

No:

Abstain: Miller and Palazzolo

Absent: Cruz

1. Consent Calendar
2. Study Session
3. Continued Items
4. Administrative Proceedings
5. Staff Administrative Items
6. Public Hearing
7. Resolutions
8. Written Communications
9. Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission Member Discussion Items
   1. Discussion and vote regarding proposed RIPA report for Council consideration

Public comment including video clip from Racial Identity and Profiling Act Advisory Committee, remarks from SMPD and POA representatives.

Commissioner discussion

Commissioner Miller proposed amending report to include additional language to read (new language identified in bold italics):

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“The primary concern with pretextual stops is that they disproportionally target people of color; placing people ~~of color~~ in unnecessary interactions with police officers that have too often ended in violence and death***, particularly people of color who are subject to being disproportionately targeted.*** ***We also believe that adopting this policy change would accrue to the benefit of increased safety to police officers as well as motorists.*** Across California, data proves this concern is very real.

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PSROC’s recommendation would require a Santa Monica Police Officer to state the public safety reason for all traffic/pedestrian stops, citations and warnings on body-worn video (BWV).***Such policy would require SMPD officers to respond to inquiries from drivers as the reason for detainment with an explanation of the reason for the traffic stop.***

On page 7:

On April 4th, ***2023*** the Special Meeting for the PSROC, the Commission voted to refer a discussion on Santa Monica’s Police Department policy on pretextual stops to the Reimagining Public Safety Ad Hoc. ***Prior to that date, the Reimagining Public Safety Committee had been actively addressing the topic of pretextual stops in hearings that included the City Manager and the SMPD Chief.***

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The Reimagining Public Safety Ad Hoc met on May 30th, **2023** and received a presentation by Deputy Chief of Police Darrick Jacob and Police Lieutenant Erika Aklufi.

Discussion of whether it is an undue burden for officers via direction to activate body worn video cameras and record the reason for the stop leading up to or at the start of the interaction with the driver.

Discussion of whether or not a policy created to correct issues found in LAPD with respect to biased stops is appropriate for SMPD which has not been accused of the violations of principle and policy found in LAPD.

Commissioner Miller recommends to remove the fact sheet on SB 50

Motion to adopt the report with cm Miller’s recommendations and send it to Council made by Cm Stedge Stroud and seconded by CM Miller

Yes: Mohanty, scott, stedge-stroud, Harrington, McGlaughlin-Basseri, Devermont.

No: Centeno, Palazzolo, raman

Abstain: Miller

Absent: Cruz

* 1. Ad Hoc Committee Status Reports
     1. Accountability: Chair, Derek Devermont
     2. Protests and Crowd Control: Chair, Dante Harrington
     3. Reimagining Public Safety: Chair, Brian Stedge-Stroud
     4. Use of Force: George Centeno, Derek Devermont
     5. Operations, Staffing and Budget: George Centeno
     6. Community Engagement: Chair, Jaime Cruz, Angela Scott
     7. School Safety Committee: Chair, Adya Mohanty

1. Public Input: The Commission will provide time for additional public input on matters within its purview on items that were not on the agenda. State law prohibits the Commission from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item.

Adjournment

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* Treat everyone courteously
* Listen to others respectfully
* Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints
* Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate

1. Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

WAYS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

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Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

(2) Oral public comment. Persons wishing to address the Public Safety Reform and Oversight Commission regarding items on the agenda must submit their name and address (optional) to the Commission’s Secretary before the public comment section is opened for that item. Register to speak using the speaker cards prior to the meeting.

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