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## Do We Have the Courage to Demand Local Officials "Stop the Stops"?



*It is also important for agencies, district attorneys, and lawmakers to work with the communities they serve to develop their own policies to address pretextual stops in addition to looking at new types of traffic enforcement programs. (Illustration by Chris Allen. VOICE).*

**O**n January 3, California's Racial and Identity Profiling Advisory (Board) released its 2023 Annual Report (Report), the sixth since the Board was formed in 2016.

Most readers will not be surprised to learn that overall, not much has changed for the better according to data presented in the report. In other words, the report highlights the same disparate trends in all aspects of law enforcement stops. This includes everything from the reason given for stopping a driver to actions taken during a stop to results of a stop.

### Traffic Violations

A traffic violation was the most commonly reported reason for a stop and accounted for 86.6% of all stops. It was followed by pretextual stops or stops for "reasonable suspicion that the individual was engaged in criminal activity". This was the case in 10.5% of all stops. These

numbers reflect stops statewide and across all racial/ethnic groups. Blacks had the highest proportion of their stops reported as reasonable suspicion and the lowest proportion of their stops reported as traffic violations.

Not too dissimilar from findings revealed in last year's report, individuals that officers perceived as Black were searched more often, detained on the curb or in a patrol car, handcuffed, and removed from a vehicle by order more often than any other group.

The data collected under the Racial and Identity Profiling Act (RIPA) over the last four years has provided verifiable evidence showing disparities in policing by local agencies throughout the state.

Not only was there no noticeable improvement in the disparate treatment of Black and Brown people as it relates to traffic

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# Make Your Voice Heard: Apply to Serve on a City Commission



**Emma Staffler | Staff**

**T**he Committee for a Greater L.A. is encouraging Angelenos of every race, creed and color to get involved and help diversify the city’s commissions.

“New year, new leadership, new opportunity to make a difference in Los Angeles,” the organization notes in a press release. “Your voice and perspective can make a difference on a Los Angeles City Commission.”

The organization stressed how Black, Indigenous, People of Color, youth, immigrants, and people with lived experience are needed to bring a diversity of ideas to commissions. “Now is your opportunity to lead and serve,” it stressed.

Commissions serve a vital role in city government by gathering and analyzing public input. They also provide recommendations to the City Council on various issues and sometimes draft policy directly.

The Committee for Greater LA, a cross-sectoral group of civic leaders working to advance system changes and dismantle institutional racism, especially encourages BIPOC Angelenos to serve and consider leadership positions on commissions.

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“New year, new leadership, new opportunity to make a difference in Los Angeles,” is the appeal from the Committee for Greater LA to Angelenos encouraging them to apply to serve on city commissions. (source: Office of Mayor Elect Karen Bass).

# MVUSD: Leading the Way on Environmental Justice for California Schools

Prince James Story | Staff

**M**oreno Valley Unified School District (MVUSD) has been at the forefront of innovation for schools across California.

In August, Moreno Valley High School opened their new, cyber innovation and Esports lab, and just recently, MVUSD added another major accomplishment to their district's legacy this time in the environmental justice realm.

They secured 38 new electric school buses for the district and expect to have eight more buses before the end of the school year. When that happens, MVUSD will have the largest electric school bus fleet in California.

"We're looking for ways to be innovative and to serve and support our community in a way that demonstrates we're looking at the environment, and that we're making sure we're adding to the quality of life, explained Moreno Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Martinrex Kedziora.

"In an area that has a lot of warehouses, we decided as a school district, that we would look at how to make the air better and the quality of life better in our own community."

Dr. Kedziora was recently the recipient of the Outstanding Superintendent Recognition Award of Riverside County at its 2022 Educational Leadership Summit.

"Dr. Kedziora is an exceptional leader," said School Board President Cleveland Johnson in a press release. "We are all proud of him for this achievement. We are happy to have been able to be there to support him and be there as a team. He is truly making a difference and serves as a model for others to follow."

## Raising funds for clean energy buses

MVUSD'S quest to provide clean energy buses in the district started in 2018 when the district began securing grants for their purchase. The school district successfully raised about 11 million dollars in grant money for the initiative.

"With this transition of Moreno Valley's school bus fleet to electric, current and future generations of children will be able to start



Moreno Valley Unified School District held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Tuesday, November 29 to celebrate the arrival of thirty-eight buses and completion of charging infrastructure. (source: mvusd.net).

and end their school days in much healthier environments," said Cameron Funk, CEO of InCharge Energy. "Our partnership with MVUSD has been inspirational and a great reminder of why we do this work. We're excited to see how this project encourages other school districts to make the switch, which will help alleviate a variety of community health and social challenges."

Dr. Kedziora praised the director of transportation Jim Burleson for his hard work securing the grants and keeping the buses operational.

Dr. Kedziora explained how Burleson's efforts exceeded his expectations. "I'm grateful for his leadership. He's changed and transformed what we do, and

transportation, and how we serve and support students in a greater way." Dr. Kedziora said Burleson is often up early in the morning making sure the electric school buses are charged and ready to go before school hours.



"We're looking for ways to be innovative and to serve and support our community in a way that demonstrates we're looking at the environment, and that we're making sure we're adding to the quality of life, explained Moreno Valley Unified School District Superintendent, Dr. Martinrex Kedziora. (facebook.com).

"Through fantastic partnerships, collaboration and our dedicated school bus drivers, we currently transport 1,100 students in zero emission school buses," Burleson said in a press release.

## School Bus Options and Positive Environmental Impacts

Deploying 46 electric school buses will reduce CO2 Emissions by 600 metric tons annually. This is equivalent to removing 285,700 cars

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# classifieds & public notices

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) of San Bernardino County, acting by and through its Governing Board is seeking PREQUALIFIED CONTRACTORS who hold a California B contractor's license, and are DIR registered that are interested in providing construction services for Performing Arts Center at Crafton Hills College (RFQ#CC02-3635.02) Contractors may obtain the NIB document on January 5, 2023 at: <http://www.sbccd.org/bids>. All addenda will be posted on the same website, and bidders are solely responsible for obtaining any and all original documents and submitting their BIDS according to the specifications within the NIB document, including all addenda. There will be a Non-Mandatory Pre-bid Job Walk to be held on January 24, 2023 at 2:00PM PST. SUBMISSIONS will be in an electronic format ONLY in one single pdf file via PlanetBids by no later than February 23, 2023 at 2:00pm PDT. See the NIB for further details.

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## NAME CHANGE

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV 2205419

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: THAO THI THU NGUYEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: THAO THI THU NGUYEN to. IRIS NGUYEN. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 02/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, MORENO VALLEY BRANCH. 13800 HEACOCK AVENUE D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553-3338. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: December 19, 2022  
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVCO2202303

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: AHMAD BARNETTE STEVENSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: AHMAD BARNETT STEVENSON to. ANTONI BARNET GAI BRIANO. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 01/25/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: C2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 505 S. BUENA VISTA AVENUE #201, CORONA, CA 92882, CORONA COURTHOUSE. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: December 02, 2022  
TAMARA L. WAGNER, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVMV2205531

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: CESAR JESUS URIBE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CESAR JESUS URIBE to. CESAR JESUS AGUILAR. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 02/10/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 13800 HEACOCK AVE. D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: December 19, 2022  
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

### CASE NUMBER CVMV2300027

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: MELANIE CANE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: CAMERON TERRELL BIAS to. CAMERON RIDGELL CANE. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 03/03/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: MV2. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 13800 HEACOCK AVE. D201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: December 19, 2022  
BELINDA A. HANDY, Judge of the Superior Court

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### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER CVSW2208332

To All Interested Persons: Petitioner: ANDREW I FLORES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: ANDREW ISAAC FLORES to. ANDREW ISAAC CABRERA. The Court Orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING: DATE: 02/09/2023 Time: 8:00AM Dept: S101. The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 30755 AULD RD, MURRIETA, CA 92563. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: BLACK VOICE NEWS 1201 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 210, RIVERSIDE, CA. 92507  
Date: December 19, 2022  
James F. Hodgkins, Judge of the Superior Court

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### AMENDED SUMMONS

### SUMMONS (CITATION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER: CVRI2200539

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT  
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):  
RICHARD STEPPENS, and individual,  
and DOES 1-20 inclusive

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY  
PLAINTIFF:  
CARL JOHNSTON II

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida

al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): RIVERSIDE HISTORICAL COURTHOUSE, 4050 MAIN STREET, CA 92501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): DANIEL J. TRIPATHI, 4192 BROCKTON AVE, SUITE 100, RIVERSIDE, CA 92501  
Date: 02/29/2022  
(Fecha)

(Secretario)ALB-DEPUTY

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

**FIRST AMERICAN REAL ESTATE  
67450 Ramon Rd, Ste A  
Cathedral City, CA 92234  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
32350 Navajo Trl  
Cathedral City, CA 92234**

This business is conducted by:

Individual  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2016. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Mario Lopez  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/07/2022

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

NOTICE- In accordance with subdivision (a) of section 17920, a fictitious business name statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the county clerk, except, as provided in subdivision (b) of section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see section 14411 et seq., business and professions code). I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Peter Aldana, County Clerk,  
FILE NO. R- 202215730  
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The following persons) is (are) doing business as:

**CASE ONE  
73960 HWY 111  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
Robert Martin Irvin  
41410 Aerodrome Ave  
Indio, CA 92203**

**67450 Ramon Rd, Ste A  
Cathedral City, CA 92234  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
32350 Navajo Trl  
Cathedral City, CA 92234**

This business is conducted by:

Individual  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1000)

s. Robert Martin Irvin  
The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (sec. 1440 et. seq. b & p code) Statement was filed with the County of Riverside on 12/15/2022

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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## FDA Allows Retail Pharmacies to Offer Abortion Pills



The FDA did not make a formal statement regarding a regulatory change it made on Jan. 3, 2023. The change authorized retail pharmacies the freedom to offer abortion pills. (Illustration by Chris Allen, VOICE).

### Breaana Reeves | Staff

Retail pharmacies, like Walgreens and CVS, will offer abortion pills in the United States for the first time following a regulatory change made by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on January 3.

The FDA did not formally release a statement regarding the recent modifications, but the organization updated its Questions and Answers for Mifepristone, the FDA-approved abortion drug,

As many states enact laws to criminalize abortion medication, the FDA's change could expand access to abortion medication for those who receive prescriptions. In states that already enacted trigger laws designed to restrict abortions, pharmacies may have difficulty dispensing the abortion drug or face criminal penalties.

Mifepristone is one of two drugs used in the medical termination of a pregnancy through 10 weeks of gestation. Mifepristone blocks a hormone called progesterone that is needed for a pregnancy to continue and is used

together with Misoprostol.

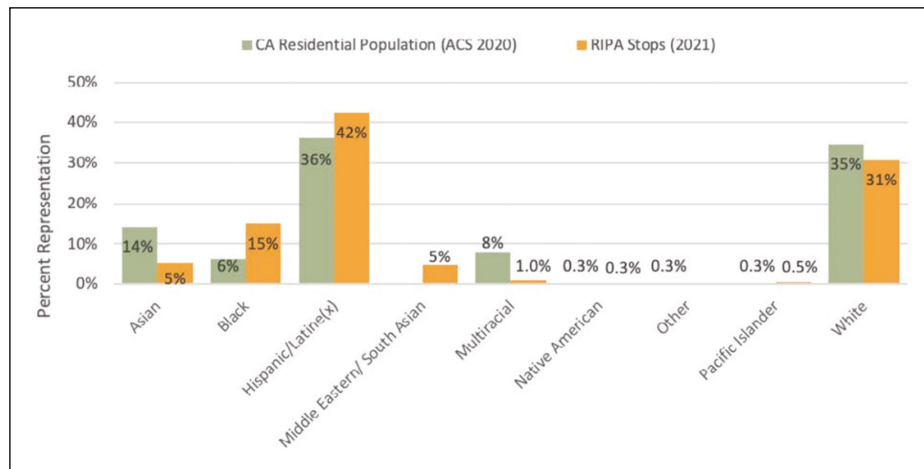
Prior to the regulatory changes made this week, the Mifepristone Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) Program required certified prescribers to distribute Mifepristone directly to the patient in a clinic, medical office or hospital. Under the Mifepristone REMS Program, Mifepristone can be dispensed by a certified pharmacy or by/under the supervision of a certified prescriber. Changes also include permanently eliminating restrictions on mail order shipping of the pills and their prescription through telehealth.

"Today's news is a step in the right direction for health equity. Being able to access your prescribed medication abortion through the mail or to pick it up in person from a pharmacy like any other prescription is a game changer for people trying to access basic health care," said Alexis McGill

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The Board compared the stop data to residential population data from the American Community Survey that was weighted to correspond with the jurisdictions of the reporting agencies. Black and Hispanic/Latine(x) individuals represented a higher proportion of stopped individuals than their relative proportion of the weighted California residential population. (source: oag.ca.gov).

Traffic Stops: Riverside and San Bernardino Counties

County Sheriffs	2019	2020	2021
Riverside	58,379	56,339	75,855
San Bernardino	157,715	109,024	98,649

Traffic stops in Riverside County have continued to increase year over year since 2019, while traffic stops in San Bernardino County, although still too high, continue to decline. (Graphic by S.E. Williams).

stops in this year’s report, the number of stops increased year over year (2021 vs 2020).

Locally, traffic stops by Riverside County sheriff deputies increased by 19,516 stops in 2021 or 34.6%.

Recognizing traffic volumes were suppressed by the pandemic in 2020, it is interesting to note the differences between Riverside and San Bernardino Counties for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. San Bernardino has continued to reduce the number of traffic stops since 2019 (for many critics the number of traffic stops by San Bernardino County Sheriffs in 2019 appeared exorbitantly high). The Riverside Sheriff’s Department, on the other hand, seemed to make up for lost opportunities in 2020 with an exponential increase in traffic stops in 2021.

This year’s Report also examines the negative impacts on mental health resulting from adverse law enforcement interactions on individuals and communities. The Report also explores youth interactions with law enforcement both in and out of school.

The Board noted that some law enforcement agencies, municipalities, and states are working to end pretextual stops and searches, limiting the use of fines and fees for traffic violations to reduce the fiscal impact of some pretextual stops; and are working to create a traffic program that involves unarmed civilians rather than law enforcement.

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## Turn a thirsty yard into a water-wise garden

Cooler weather is the perfect time to transform your yard with colorful, drought-tolerant landscaping. In fact, water-wise plants not only help you save much needed water during extreme drought, but take your garden to a whole new level of beauty.

FOR TIPS ON HOW TO REDESIGN YOUR YARD WITH WATER-WISE PLANTS VISIT

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# DOJ Says City of Hesperia, its Police Department and SB County, Discriminated Against Black and Latino Renters



The City of Hesperia and San Bernardino County Sheriffs engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination against Black and Latino renters in the city through the adoption and enforcement of its “crime-free” rental housing program. (Illustration by Chris Allen, VOICE).

**by Gail Fry**

*Message from the editor:*

*The IE Voice editorial team encourages our readers to view this article online at [theievoice.com](http://theievoice.com) so you can access and listen to short audio clips of Hesperia leaders making the racially disparaging comments referenced in this article.*

**T**he United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) announced in a December 14 press release it has secured a landmark agreement to resolve a race and national origin discrimination lawsuit against the City of Hesperia (Hesperia) and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBCSD).

The settlement was reached over allegations Hesperia and SBCSD engaged in a pattern or practice of discrimination against Black and Latino

renters in Hesperia through the adoption and enforcement of its “crime-free” rental housing program.

Individuals harmed by Hesperia’s “crime-free” program may be entitled to compensation under the settlement fund and should contact the USDOJ by calling 1-833-223-1571 or by applying online at [Hesperia.Investigation@usdoj.gov](mailto:Hesperia.Investigation@usdoj.gov).

In November 2015, Hesperia, with substantial support from the Hesperia Police Department (HPD), passed an ordinance with the alleged goal of ensuring “crime-free housing”.

Hesperia contracts with the SBCSD for law enforcement services to Hesperia, through the HPD.

Hesperia claimed the ordinance was to reduce crime. USDOJ concluded that Hesperia’s true purpose was to address a so-called demographic

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Late Hesperia City Council member Russ Blewett offers disparaging comments speaking about Black and Brown people moving to Hesperia. Saying "I want them the hell out of our town., and I don't care where they go." (facebook.com).

problem by driving Black and Latino renters from their homes. USDOJ found these actions frightened others from moving to Hesperia.

The number of Latino residents in Hesperia rose by 140% between 2000 and 2010, from 18,400 up to 44,091, while Black residents rose by 103% from 2,388 to 4,853, according to DOJ. White residents on the other hand, declined from 64.2% in 2000 to 41.1% in 2010, down to 35.8% by 2016.

### Discrimination in action

In response to the influx of people of color, on November 17, 2015, the City Council of Hesperia passed its new ordinance requiring registration and regulation of housing rental businesses.

It required all landlords to register their properties, pay an annual fee, or face fines, and/or a misdemeanor charge. Landlords were also required to submit all tenancy applicants' names to HPD for criminal background screening, pay for the service, or be fined for non-compliance.

All rental properties within Hesperia were subjected to annual inspections purportedly seeking criminal evidence, at a cost of \$100 to landlords. Landlords were also required to correct areas that could hide criminal activity or face a \$400 fine.

### Evictions

Owners of rental property were required to add a Hesperia approved "Crime-free Lease Addendum" (Addendum) to all residential leases. The Addendum provided if any occupant, guest, or other person under the occupant's control had one instance of criminal activity on or near the property, this would result in a Three-Day Notice to Quit.

The ordinance required landlords to evict a tenant if the sheriff's department notified them of so-called criminal activity on or near the property by their tenant, occupant or guest.

Neither the ordinance nor the addendum required a conviction, or even an arrest, to trigger the three-day notice requiring all occupants vacate the premises.

Hesperia's fee schedule for the ordinance listed fines of \$500 to landlords if they failed to evict tenants, and a \$250 fine if they failed to incorporate the Addendum into rental agreements.

Hesperia claimed it relied on HPD's assessment that the ordinance was necessary as increased illegal activity and law enforcement calls were alleged to be connected to rental properties.

### Council Members and HPD express racism and disdain

Yet, USDOJ observed Hesperia's city council members speaking openly at a hearing on the ordinance, of their intention to target people moving from Los Angeles, Black and Latino tenants.

Late Hesperia City Council member Russ Blewett referred to targets as those kind of people who are of no value to this community and "I want them the hell out of our town, and I don't care where they go."

According to USDOJ, Mayor Eric Schmidt remarked, "People from Los Angeles County were moving to Hesperia as a cheap place to hide, bringing their tainted history, and aggravating Hesperia residents."

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Holland explained, "We are surgically going after those elements that create an inordinate amount of the problem in every single neighborhood." USDOJ quoted Holland as stating the purpose of the ordinance was to get each landlord "to rid his rental...of that blight" similar to "call[ing] an exterminator out to kill roaches, same difference."

Hesperia Council member Mike Leonard



Hesperia Mayor Eric Schmidt cast aspersions on people from Los Angeles County moving to Hesperia. (linkedin.com).

stated, "We've had a lot of people from over the hill move up here that are not very friendly people, and we need to work on getting them out of here."

In attendance, HPD Captain Nils Bentsen joined with council members in degrading Hesperia's renters, minorities representing

**"The Justice Department is committed to ensuring ho individuals based on their race, including so-called 'c Attorney General Vanita Gupta.**

58% of the city's households, describing them as dangerous, anti-social and victimizing homeowners.

### City's attitude toward Section 8 renters

Bentsen and council members then disparaged Hesperia's Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher holders, who are 75 percent Black or Latino. Council member Leonard remarked the ordinance would straighten out Hesperia's issues with much of the Section 8 housing declaring people pay more taxes to support these people, and we need to get them out.

Captain Bentsen recalled his previous efforts



Hesperia Mayor Pro Tem Bill Holland spoke of surgically removing blight that create substantial problems in neighborhoods, comparing blight to roaches moving from Los Angeles to Hesperia as blight or roaches. (www.vvwwra.com)

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USDOJ found HPD, through captain Bentsen, Hesperia's City Manager, provided significant ort and resources to help Hesperia create and are to implement the ordinance prior to its ge.

According to then Hesperia City Manager Mike gracz, since 2014, Captain Bentsen was the ng force behind the ordinance.

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Hesperia Council member Mike Leonard expressed a desire to get Black and Brown from Los Angeles out of the city of Hesperia (cityofhesperia.us).

the city and a large proportion of calls requiring multiple response citations came from rental properties, and nine of 10 homicides in Hesperia from 2012 through 2014 occurred at rental properties.

USDOJ found Bentsen's testimony misleading, for instance, Bentsen included alarm calls in his count to falsely misrepresent 80 percent of multiple response citations, and used homicide statistics to exaggerate the crime rate for rental properties.

Warnings from concerned citizens ignored

USDOJ found HPD planned an internal unit to enforce the ordinance before it passed, and purchased crime-free tracking software allowing the department to quickly determine if a prospective tenant was in violation in San Bernardino County.


A property management director warned that the ordinance was trampling on civil rights. A group of realtors objected that time spent inspecting rental properties would reduce its ability to protect the public.

The Fair Housing Council of Riverside representative explained that the ordinance would undermine law enforcement efforts, impose unfair burdens on owners, conflict with Hesperia's fair

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# Lawsuit Challenges San Bernardino County's Approval of Business Park Warehouse Development in Bloomington

Aryana Noroozi | Staff

“Residents in and around Bloomington already breathe some of the nation’s dirtiest air, but San Bernardino County wants to pile on still more pollution,” said Hallie Kutak, an attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity, in response to a decision made recently by San Bernardino County that shook many Bloomington community members.

Last month, environmental justice and conservation groups sued San Bernardino County for violating the California Environmental Quality Act after the county approved the Bloomington Business Park Specific Plan, a warehouse development that will use 213 acres of land to build three warehouses, ranging from 383,000-square-foot to 1.25 million-square-foot.

According to a press release issued by the Center for Biological Diversity, the suit states that San Bernardino County approved the project without “adequately addressing the harms it will cause to air quality, public health and housing.”

In November 2022, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors granted project developer, Howard Industrial Partners, approval to begin the project which is projected to increase traffic in the rural community by an additional 8,555 vehicle trips per day, including diesel trucks.

Like many areas across the Inland Empire region, Bloomington is already known to be within a “diesel death zone,” resulting from its proximity to the masses of warehouse developments that have spread across the area in the past decade.

The press release states that in its environmental review, San Bernardino County failed to consider and mitigate the air quality, greenhouse gas, traffic, noise and other environmental concerns caused by the project’s subsequent increased truck traffic. These concerns were expressed by the community and organizations, including the California Air Resources Board.

Candice Youngblood, an attorney at EarthJustice, a public interest organization



Garages remain closed until trucks arrive at a Bloomington warehouse on August 26, 2022. This facility sits directly across the street from Zimmerman Elementary School which will be demolished and relocated due to the construction of the Bloomington Business Park Specific Plan approved by San Bernardino County in late 2022. Environmental groups are suing the county for violating the California Environmental Quality Act. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight Local, August 24, 2022).

that litigates environmental issues, says the a warehouse has popped up in plain sight, closest residence to the project site is only 11 feet away.

“Building warehouses in the middle of our neighborhood strips us of our right to breathe clean air and these buildings encroach upon our homes, schools and ultimately our freedom,” said resident and community organizer for the Concerned Neighbors of Bloomington, Alejandra Gonzalez.

Gonzalez spends afternoons tabling in front of her family home, explaining and handing out resources that demonstrate the impact of warehouses coming into the community. Gonzalez’s family has a landscaping and nursery business that they operate on their property. In recent years,



Candice Youngblood, an attorney at the public interest organization EarthJustice. Her work focuses on the intersection of clean transportation and racial justice issues. (source: earthjustice.org).

## A deliberate act of disrespect

“The approval of the Bloomington Business Park is a deliberate act of disrespect to the children, seniors and families who will continue to call Bloomington their home long after the land that currently houses horses, chickens and gardens becomes home to pallets, forklifts and machinery,” Gonzalez said.

“The county’s approval of this project is not only unlawful — it is disproportionately harmful to a community that is already overburdened,” said Youngblood of Earthjustice. “In the last several years, especially

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housing obligations, and devastate residents most in need of law enforcement services.

The California Apartment Association explained that key ordinance provisions were unconstitutional, inconsistent with state law, and subjected landlords to significant liability for fair housing violations and wrongful evictions.

Rental property owners questioned whether the addendum was legal, over lack of adequate tenant protections, and represented discrimination against renters the city deemed undesirable.

### **City council abdicated power to HPD for enforcement**

Over objections, the Hesperia City Council passed the Crime-free Rental Ordinance, leaving its enforcement solely up to HPD to decide which tenants would be evicted.

USDOJ alleged that HPD harshly enforced the ordinance, routinely determining to evict tenants

without any conviction or court judgment, even a 911-call for service, a negative law enforcement action, or multiple response citation, or multiple calls for a noise disturbance could trigger an eviction.

It also alleged HPD demanded evictions of entire families for conduct involving one person. HPD also evicted protected domestic violence victims, and tenants without evidence of criminal activity.

According to USDOJ, a woman with three children was illegally evicted after reporting her husband was beating her. If the domestic partner returned, HPD claimed it was a violation.

Court documents show HPD staff pressured property owners, offering to coordinate a citizen's arrest and even legal advice to ensure evictions occurred.

USDOJ found under the ordinance, HPD evicted 96.3% of individuals and 96.9% of households from majority-minority Census  
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*HPD Captain Nils Bentsen is alleged to have manipulated data as justification for implementation of the City of Hesperia's "crime free" rental housing program. (source: twitter.com)*

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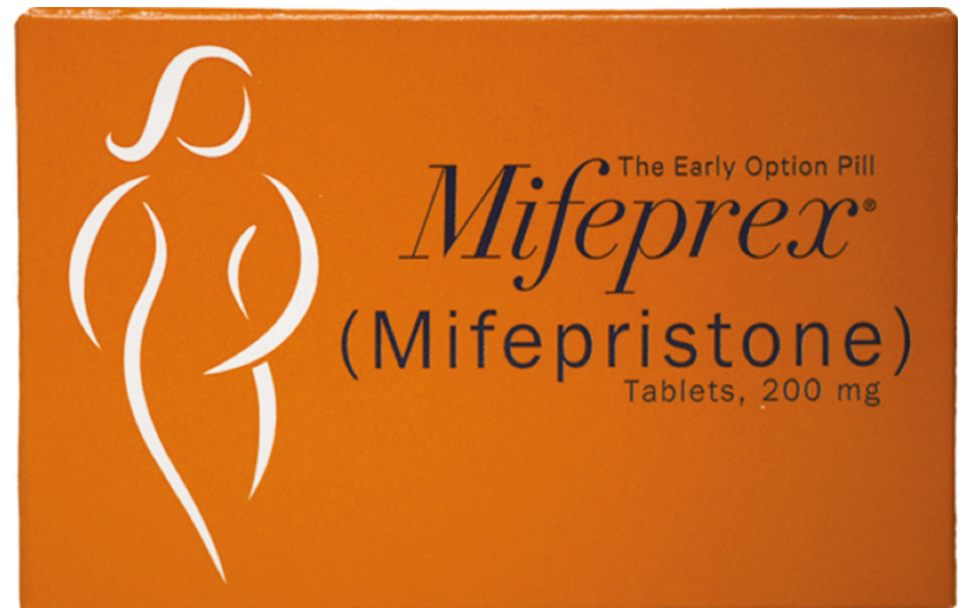
Johnson, Planned Parenthood Federation of America CEO and president, in a statement.

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Since the overturning of Roe v. Wade last June, states continue to grapple with the loss of reproductive health access, closure of abortion clinics and restrictive laws that criminalize medical personnel and those who seek abortions. States like California, who doubled down on protecting reproductive rights, access to contraceptives and abortion access, have experienced an influx of patients from across the nation who seek safe medical treatment.

This week, a number of reproductive health laws took effect in California, including Proposition 1 which enshrined the right to an abortion and contraceptive use to the state constitution. Additional laws passed that protect access to reproductive health include:

- Senate Bill 1375: Allows trained nurse practitioners, midwives and physician assistants to provide abortions without supervision from a doctor.
- Assembly Bill 1242: Prohibits state law enforcement agencies in California from assisting with out-of-state abortion investigations.
- Assembly Bill 2223: Protects pregnant people from criminal and civil



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liability in the event of a miscarriage, stillbirth or self-induced abortion.

- Assembly Bill 2626: Prevents medical licensing boards from suspending or revoking the certificate of a physician, nurse, nurse midwives and surgeon solely for performing an abortion.

*“As abortion access evaporates across the country, and communities*

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blocks or 79% of rental households in Hesperia.

### Conclusion and denials

Hesperia and HPD intentionally drove out Black and Latino renters, discriminated against them based on national origin, and denied minority renters the right to live in Hesperia, USDOJ concluded.

SBC, SBCSD and the City of Hesperia denied USDOJ's allegation that their intent was discriminatory, or that their comments showed their intent to reverse demographic changes.

They also admitted statements made at the hearing by Blewett, Leonard, Schmidt, and Holland, as quoted by USDOJ, were accurate, that Bentson was present, and that a property manager testified about renters moving to Hesperia from the 323 area code.

They further admitted to statements made by Council member Leonard about the ordinance straightening out Hesperia's Section 8 housing and Captain Bentson's description of his efforts to find some criminal charge to evict people from Section 8 housing.

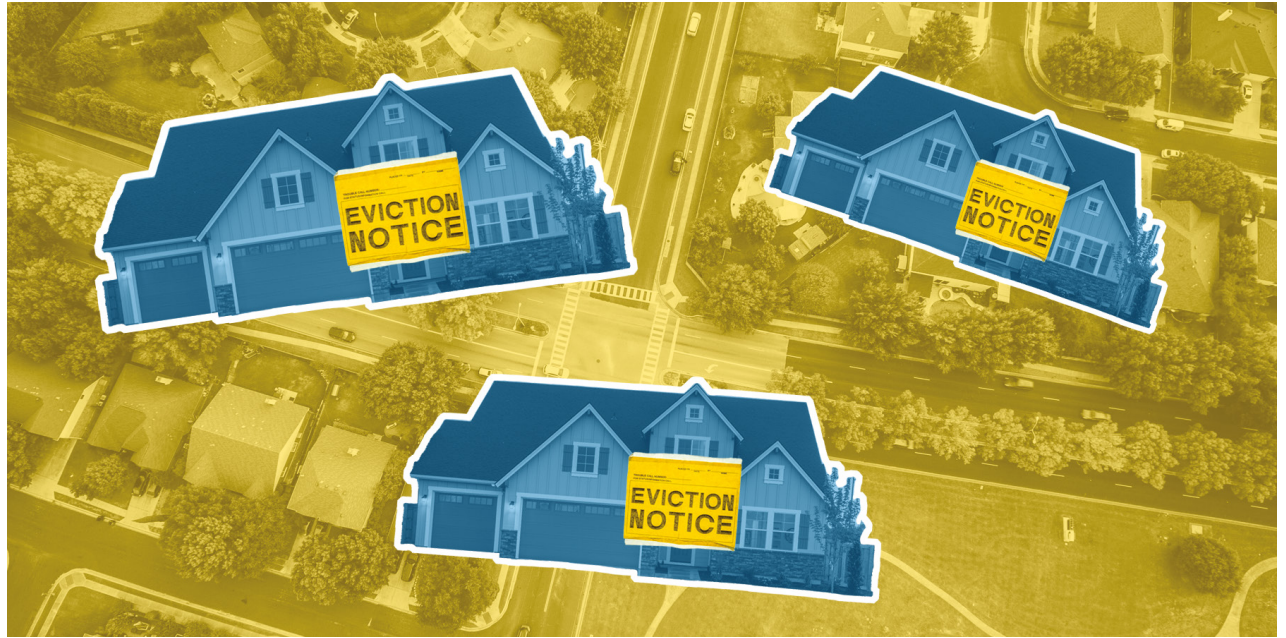
At the same time, they denied Bentson and City Council members ridiculed minority renters or those receiving Section 8 rental assistance.

SBC, SBCSD, and Hesperia also denied that Hesperia had significant support and resources from SBCSD to help it prepare to implement the ordinance before its approval or that HPD Captain Bentson was the driving force behind the ordinance, while admitting Bentson testified in uniform for over six months in support before approval.

While they denied Bentson misrepresented the number of 911 calls, they admitted Bentson included alarm calls in the multiple responses, and used inaccurate homicide numbers at rental properties for his crime statistics.

SBC, SBCSD, and Hesperia acknowledged the sheriff's department made plans to enforce the ordinance before it passed, while claiming the sheriff's department purchased crime-free tracking software over a year before.

Court documents showed SBC, SBCSD, and Hesperia acknowledged the Hesperia City Council tasked SBCSD to enforce the ordinance and gave discretion to the police chief (SBCSD staff) to determine the evidence and documents necessary to notify landlords of an eviction, but denied SBCSD was the only entity with discretion



*The California Apartment Association pointed out key ordinance provisions of Hesperia's "crime free" rental housing program were unconstitutional, inconsistent with state law, and subjected landlords to significant liability for fair housing violations and wrongful evictions. (source: endeviction.com).*

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They denied giving legal advice to landlords, offering to do citizen's arrests, encouraging landlords to evict entire households when only one member was allegedly engaged in criminal activity, or instructing landlords to evict victims of domestic violence.

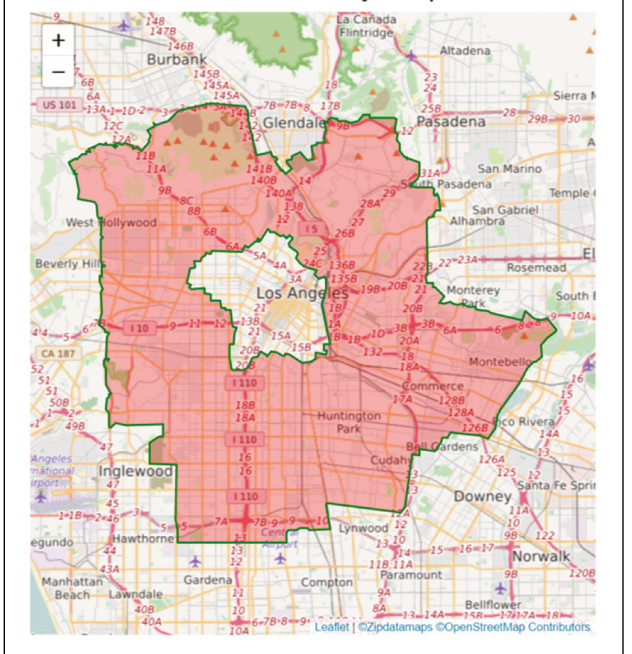
### A settlement agreement

USDOJ participated in two settlement discussions with SBC, SBCSD, and Hesperia on October 14, 2021, and August 24, 2022, without settling. On October 5, the parties informed the court a proposed settlement agreement was reached. On December 14, 2022, the settlement (consent order), awaiting approval by a federal judge, was announced.

Under the settlement, Hesperia and HPD will be under a five-year consent order committing to significant injunctive relief to repair the effects of the "crime-free" and business license programs, including: a settlement fund of \$670,000 to compensate individuals harmed by the program; the payment of \$100,000 in civil penalties; funding of \$95,000 for affirmative marketing to promote fair housing in Hesperia; funding of \$85,000 for partnerships with community-based organizations, totaling \$950,000.

The settlement requires notifications to property managers, landlords, and owners, of the ordinance changes and fee schedule; the submission of certain policies, procedures

### Area Code 323 Boundary Map



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and ordinances for review and approval by USDOJ before adoption; the adoption of non-discrimination policies and complaint procedures; the designation of civil rights coordinators; anti-discrimination training; a fair housing needs assessment; regular reporting to the court and the USDOJ during the order's five-year term.





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as e-commerce has boomed, we've seen the freight logistics industry sprawl across the Inland Empire. At this point, these warehouses are in folks' backyard. The residence closest to this project site is only 11 feet away."



"There is no evidence that the county analyzed the project's impacts on the primarily Latinx households that will be directly displaced by the project or in close proximity to the project," said Nisha Vyas, attorney with the Western Center on Law and Poverty. (source: law.ucla.edu).

**Controversial rezoning**

While affordable housing remains a crucial need within the region, San Bernardino County rezoned existing residential land to accommodate the project, calling for a minimum of 100 homes to be demolished and residing families displaced. Households who remain in close proximity to the project face threats to their quality of life from health to noise concerns.

The lawsuit also argues that the county's decision violates fair housing legislation which exists to safeguard vulnerable communities from discrimination.

"There is no evidence that the county analyzed the project's impacts on the primarily Latinx households that will be directly displaced by the project or in close proximity to the project," said Nisha Vyas, an attorney with Western Center on Law and Poverty. "Nor did the county consider that this community will disproportionately bear the ongoing environmental, health, and housing harms caused by the Bloomington Business Park."

The lawsuit was filed in San Bernardino County Superior Court on behalf of the PCEJ, Community Action and Environmental Justice, Sierra Club and the Center. The Community Action and Environmental Justice is represented by Earthjustice; People's Collective for Environmental Justice (PCEJ) is represented by Earthjustice and The Western Center on Law and Poverty; and the Sierra Club is represented by the Law Office of Abigail Smith.

Right: Potted plants grow on August 26, 2022 on the Gonzalez property where they operate their nursery. Community group, the Concerned Neighbors of Bloomington, often tabled out front of the property to bring awareness to the issue of warehouses encroaching on the community. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight).



Left: Alejandra Gonzalez poses for a portrait at her family's home which doubles as the land for their nursery and landscaping business on August 24, 2022. Gonzalez is an activist, speaking out against warehouses next to schools and homes; Right: On August 26, 2022 activists Alejandra Gonzalez and Caitlin Towne play with a dog on Gonzalez's family's property after tabling out front to bring awareness to the Bloomington Business Park Specific Plan and sharing how the community can get involved to oppose the project. The Gonzalez family operates a nursery and landscaping business on their property where another warehouse is located directly behind their yard. Both women grew up in Bloomington and are now community organizers for the Concerned Neighbors of Bloomington, a community group fighting against warehouses near homes and schools. (Aryana Noroozi for Black Voice News Newsroom / CatchLight).



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"Today's news is a step in the right direction for health equity, said Alexis McGill Johnson, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. (plannedparenthoodaction.org).

of color and people with fewer resources disproportionately suffer the severe medical consequences of forced pregnancy, the FDA's actions — while inching toward progress — fall short of what science and justice demand," said Julia Kaye, staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project, in a statement.

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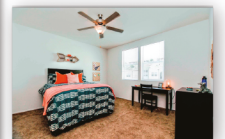
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Attendees were all smiles during the ribbon cutting ceremony in front of the new Cyber Security and Esports Lab in Moreno Valley, another innovative strategy implemented by MVUSD. The facility opened in August 2022 and California Superintendent of Schools Tony Thurmond was there to cut the ribbon for the grand opening. (Courtesy of Moreno Valley School District).

from the streets of Moreno Valley.

Outside of Electric school buses the school district also has 31 buses that use propane, 28 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, and 12 gasoline buses.

According to the Propane Educational and Research Council, “Propane buses offer many of the same environmental benefits of electric — but at a fraction of the cost. They travel farther, refuel more quickly, and even have a smaller carbon footprint. That means a clean, quiet ride for every child.”

Propane buses release up to 96% less toxic emissions than diesel buses. They have a lower carbon footprint than electric school buses because they produce 43% fewer green house gas emissions compared to the electric school buses.

Among the benefits of CNG buses is each natural gas school bus displaces 1400 gallons of diesel fuel per year and natural gas is up to one-third less expensive than diesel fuel on an

equivalent energy basis according to the U.S. Department of Energy’s Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC).

The MVUSD bus fleet could help mitigate the pollution problems in the Moreno Valley community whose residents are primarily people of color. The west side of Moreno Valley also ranks among the highest in the state for ozone pollution. Ozone exposure (smog) is associated with decreases in lung function, worsening of asthma, increases in hospital admissions, and a higher death rate, according to CalEnviroScreen.

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The Committee for Greater LA assembled civic leaders at the start of the COVID pandemic to prioritize the recovery of LA County’s most marginalized communities. It is a cross-sectoral group of Angelenos who share a vision that the region’s response to the COVID pandemic can advance systems change and dismantle the institutions and policies that have perpetuated institutional racism. Its goal is sweeping systems change to ensure vulnerable and marginalized communities will be better off than they were before the crisis— there is #NoGoingBackLA.

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## KEEPING IT REAL

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### **George Floyd Police Reform Bill**

May 25, 2023 will mark the third anniversary of the murder of George Floyd by Minnesota police. Despite the national uprising that followed in the midst of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, and although there has been nominal change in California, not much has changed overall regarding traffic stops beyond accruing the data. Of course, data is important to proving the need for change. However, the George Floyd Police Reform Bill remains locked in the deadfile of the U.S. Senate and we seem unable to make incremental change on something as obviously disparate as pretextual traffic stops.

The question is, Do we have courage in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties to put an end to pretextual stops and adopt the other ideas detailed here? I believe that if we don’t, we certainly should. And we all know that power concedes nothing without a demand. We must continue to demand and push for change at all levels of government.

Of course, this is just my opinion. I’m keeping it real.

*In the coming week Black Voice News and IE Voice will provide a more indepth review of this Report.*

S.E. Williams  
Executive Editor



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