

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill 953 (Weber) - Racial and Identity Profiling Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity**  
4 **Profiling Act of 2015, authored by Assembly Member Shirley Weber, which promotes**  
5 **equal justice and fairness to address the problem of racial and identity profiling, and**  
6 **enhances public safety.**

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8 WHEREAS, 55% of Californians and 85% of African-Americans in California believe  
9 that blacks and other minorities do not receive equal treatment in the criminal justice system;  
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11 WHEREAS, Figures from the San Francisco Police Department show that black drivers  
12 make up 17% of all traffic stops, despite comprising 6% of the City's population; and

13 WHEREAS, Profiling by law enforcement is ineffective because stopping or searching  
14 people based on race or other identity characteristics, rather than evidence of criminal activity,  
15 misdirects limited resources away from evidenced-based policing; and

16 WHEREAS, The State Legislative Analyst's Office has found that California's current  
17 law prohibiting profiling by law enforcement is over vague, fails to account for identity  
18 characteristics beyond race, and that law enforcement agencies have resisted following it due  
19 to its vagueness; and

20 WHEREAS, The President Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and U.S.  
21 Department of Justice recommend that profiling be prohibited not only based on race, but also  
22 gender, national origin, religion, and sexual orientation; and

23 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015, authored  
24 by Assembly Member Shirley Weber, would modernize California's definition of profiling to  
25 account for identity characteristics beyond race, create a system for collecting and reporting

1 basic information on police-community interactions, enhance training on fair and impartial  
2 policing, and establish an advisory board that develops solutions to curb profiling; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
5 hereby urges the California State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 953, the Racial and  
6 Identity Profiling Act of 2015; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
8 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to communicate this resolution to California State  
9 legislators, urging them to support California Assembly Bill 953.

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