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#Journey4Justice

#Journey4Justice Caravan Heads to Governor Brown's Office to Urge Him to Sign AB 953 (Racial Profiling)

Participants make commitment not to leave the State Capitol until he signs the bill

What: Caravans from as far north as Del Norte and as far south as San Diego are on a #Journey4Justice headed to Governor Jerry Brown's office to urge him to sign AB953 (Weber: The Racial and Identity Profiling Act of 2015). Along the way, participants will make stops in the Bay Area and the Central Valley collecting thousands of prayer cards they will deliver to Governor Jerry Brown's office.

Who: Families and individuals impacted by racial profiling, clergy, faith leaders, community members, and youth. Invitations have been extended to local and state elected officials.

#Journey4Justice Dates: Friday, September 25, 2015 – October 11, 2015

Events: *(contact listed if different than above)*

Richmond

Date & Time: Saturday, September 26, 10:00am
Location: Sion Miracle Temple, 1320 Sanford Ave

Dublin

Date & Time: Saturday, September 26, 11:00am
Location: March at Santa Rita County Jail, 5325 Broder Blvd

Fresno

Date & Time: Saturday, September 26, 3:00pm
Location: Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, 1104 Collins Avenue
Event Contact: Min. Bryson White, Faith in Community|Faith in the Valley|PICO California: 559-994-1028

Oakland

Date & Time: Sunday, September 27, 5:00pm
Location: Oakland Community Organizations 38th Anniversary Event, Ascension Greek Orthodox Church, 4700 Lincoln Avenue
Event Contact: Rev. Damita Davis-Howard, Oakland Community Organizations|PICO California, 510-915-2651

Sacramento

Date & Time: Sunday, September 27, 8:00pm

Location: Youth Poetry Slam, North Lawn, California State Capitol

Event Contact: Kim McGill, Youth Justice Coalition: [323-327-1259](tel:323-327-1259)

Sacramento

Date & Time: Monday, September 28, 10:30am

Location: Prayer Card Delivery, Office of Governor Jerry Brown, California State Capitol

Why: AB 953 was approved by state legislators and sent to Governor Brown's desk on September 10, 2015. According to the Communities United Coalition, which is comprised of six AB 953 cosponsor organizations, this historic legislation would make the first meaningful steps to identify how pervasive racial profiling is across our state, an epidemic that has led to police brutality and has traumatized communities of color for generations.

Although limited, the data collected in California tells an alarming story about what people of color have always known: **if you are not white, the police are far more likely to stop you simply because of the color of your skin.** Police stop Blacks and Latinos at three and two times the rate of whites, respectively according to a [report](#) from San Diego Police Department. According to an [independent analysis](#), unarmed black men are seven times more likely than unarmed white men to die by police gunfire. The impacts of biased policing on women, members of the LGBTQ community, immigrants, and religious minorities are similarly frightening.

Unsure of Governor Brown's desire to sign AB 953 and unwilling to wait for another legislative session to make progress on ending racial profiling, #Journey4Justice participants have made a commitment to remain at the State Capitol engaged in a variety of activities until Governor Brown signs AB 953 into law.

If signed by Governor Brown, AB 953 would:

- Update California's definition of racial and identity profiling to be in line with federal recommendations by including other demographic characteristics, such as gender and sexual orientation.
- Require that California law enforcement agencies uniformly collect and report data on stops, frisks, and other interactions with the communities they serve.
- Establish an advisory board to analyze stop data and develop recommendations to address problems with disparate policing where they exist.

For up-to-date coverage, follow <http://bit.ly/Journey4Justice>.

Visuals: Participants in branded t-shirts holding banners, clergy, spiritual customs observed

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The Communities United Coalition is comprised of the six AB 953 cosponsor organizations: PICO California, ACLU of California, Youth Justice Coalition, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Reform California, and Dignity and Power Now, as well as other organizations that also support the bill.

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