



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Information
June 21, 2007

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Informational Report: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly
Report (January – March 2007)**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Sylvia Moir, Lieutenant, (916) 433-0866

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal/Economic Development

Organization No: 2112

Description/Analysis

Issue: The attached report provides the City Council with the Commission's first quarterly update of 2007.

Policy Considerations: The work of the Community Racial Profiling Commission directly supports the City Council policies of inclusion, establishing and strengthening community partnerships, and enhancing educational opportunities for the entire community.

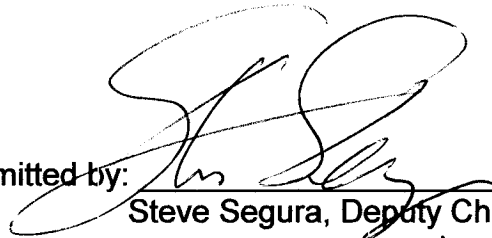
Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have a significant effect on the environment, and does not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Rationale for Recommendation: Pursuant to City Code section 2.110.040, the Community Racial Profiling Commission is required to submit quarterly reports to the City Council.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial implications associated with this report.

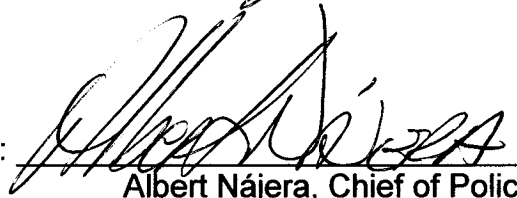
Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Steve Segura, Deputy Chief of Police

Approved by:



Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:



Ray Kerridge
City Manager

Ref: COP 5-26

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Background

In July 2000, the Sacramento Police Department undertook a comprehensive study of traffic stops to address perceptions of racial profiling. In March 2004, City Council approved the establishment of a formal advisory commission to provide equitable representation, accountability, and reporting from Sacramento residents on this issue of national importance, as well as provide the City with a greater opportunity to be inclusive. In November 2004, City Council confirmed selections for membership on the Community Racial Profiling Commission, whose purpose is to assist the City with its racial profiling vehicle stop study. The Commission held its first meeting in January 2005 and set its future meeting dates as the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Center.

In February 2006, Lamberth Consulting was awarded the contract to conduct the Traffic Stop Data study. Lamberth Consulting staff studied Police Department processes of data collection and mapping, in-car camera recording of pedestrian and bicycle stops, and Police Department policies related to stops. Lamberth staff decided to conduct their study on data collected between October 1, 2006, and September 30, 2007, and selected benchmark sites for their study. Surveyor training began in September 2006; data collection began on October 1, 2006, and will continue through September of 2007, with the final report to the Sacramento City Council expected in January 2008. The commission members will continue to meet with Lamberth staff throughout the duration of the data collection project.



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Letter to the Mayor and City Council

June 19, 2007

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report
(January – March 2007)

The Community Racial Profiling Commission (CRPC), established in November 2004, continued to fulfill its mission to serve as an advisory body to the City Council regarding bias free policing. This first quarterly report of 2007 describes the activities of the CRPC from January to March 2007.

Commission Membership

The following table depicts the first quarter status of Commission membership. Crystal Taylor joined the Commission as an At-Large representative in January 2007. In February 2007, Jerry Camous replaced Dave Topaz as the Sacramento Police Officers Association representative on the CRPC.

CRPC 2007 First Quarter Membership			
NAME	CATEGORY	NAME	CATEGORY
TBD	District 1	Danette Brown	At-Large
Walter Kawamoto	District 2	Ernest Carter, Chair	At-Large
Manuel Valencia III	District 3	Renee Carter	At-Large
John Floyd	District 4	Crystal Taylor	At-Large
Linda Love	District 5	Steve Segura, Vice Chair, SPD	Standing
Julia Vera	District 6	Jerry Camous, SPOA	Standing
Sean Coletta	District 7	Francine Tournour, OPISA	Standing
Aaron Evans	District 8		

The Mission of the Community Racial Profiling Commission is to serve as an advisory body of our community regarding bias free policing.

Since the last quarterly update, the Commission has experienced and accomplished the following:

Traffic Stop Data Study – In meeting with the Commission members, Project Consultants John Lamberth and Jerry Clayton:

- ❖ Reviewed the benchmarking phase of the data collection study. Commission members studied and discussed a map of the City featuring the study's benchmark locations: 25 deployed (high traffic stop locations), 30 random, and 4 egregious violation locations, "egregious" being defined as driving at speeds greater than 15 miles per hour over the speed limit.;
- ❖ Reported that surveyors had visited each benchmark location 8 times;
- ❖ Explained that their analysis could be completed only after September 2007 data had been entered;
- ❖ Explained the concept of "odds ratio" (used to determine whether racial profiling is occurring) as the odds of a minority being stopped versus the odds of a minority available in the driving population to be stopped.

Discussion of CRPC Issues by Assistant City Manager Gus Vina –

Assistant City Manager Vina, speaking to the Commission at the February meeting:

- ❖ Reviewed the purpose and the powers and duties of the CRPC as set forth in the Commission's charter, Ordinance No. 2004-017;
- ❖ Stated that the cost of the data collection study was being borne by the Office of the City Manager;
- ❖ Advised members that the CRPC does not have a budget, but that lack of a budget does not change the scope of the Commission's duties;
- ❖ Stated that any changes or additions to the scope of the Commission's duties must be approved by the City Council; and
- ❖ Suggested that the CRPC define and develop goals to include in a progress report to City Council.

New Chairperson for 2007 – Commission member Ernest Carter began his term as Chairperson for 2007. Ernest has served on the Commission since its inception in 2004.

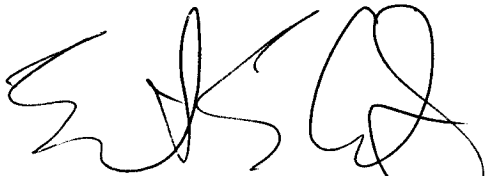
Operational Update on Sacramento Police Department Activities–

The Commission began receiving regular reports from Police Department command staff on selective enforcement issues to address specific crime problems that affect officer deployment and may reflect in traffic stop data. Lamberth consultants explained that special operations would be considered and documented if the data collection study finds disparities in traffic stop demographics.

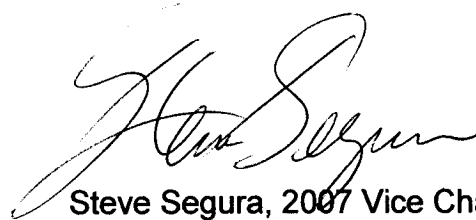
City Attorney Liaison – At the request of Commission members, a representative from the Office of the City Attorney has attended each monthly meeting since January 2007 to clarify any procedural and charter issues that may arise.

Goals – Commission members continue to contemplate and discuss the dimensions of their purpose and their powers and duties in serving as an advisory body to the City regarding traffic stop data collection and analysis processes and interpretation. The Commission meets and counsels regularly with Lamberth Consulting to ensure that the design and implementation of the traffic stop study result in an accurate report on the status of vehicle stops in the city of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Carter', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Ernest Carter, 2007 Chair, CRPC

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Steve Segura, 2007 Vice Chair, CRPC