



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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Information  
November 10, 2009

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

**Title: Informational Report: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly  
Report (April – June 2009)**

**Location/Council District: Citywide**

**Recommendation: Receive and File**

**Contact: Katherine Lester, Lieutenant, (916) 808-0800**

**Presenters: Not applicable**

**Department: Police**

**Division: Fiscal**

**Organization No: 11001021**

**Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** The attached report provides the City Council with the Commission's second quarterly update of 2009.

**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 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: Brian Louie  
Brian Louie, Deputy Chief of Police

Approved by: Rick Brazier  
Rick Brazier, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

*for* [Signature]  
Ray Kerridge  
City Manager

Ref: COP 11-1

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**Attachment 1****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 conducted their study on data collected between December 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008, with the final report presented to the Sacramento City Council on August 12, 2008. The commission members worked with Communications Specialist Michele McCormick to develop the Commission's presentation to Council and a series of stakeholder meetings to present and discuss the Lamberth study results. These public stakeholder meetings, held on August 13, 14 and 15, featured presentations by Dr. Lamberth and SPD Chief Rick Braziel, as well as dialogue among the attendees.

The Commission members are working to formulate recommendations to the Sacramento Police Department related to issues raised in the Lamberth report, as well as devising strategies regarding implementation of recommendations made by Dr. Lamberth. Members are also focusing on identifying future goals, responsibilities, and powers for the Commissions.



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## Letter to the Mayor and City Council

November 10, 2009

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report  
(April - June 2009)

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 second quarterly report of 2009 describes the activities of the CRPC from April to June 2009.

### Commission Membership

The following table depicts the status of Commission membership for the second quarter of 2009. Changes to the Commission during this quarter included the appointment of David Clements (District 2) and the resignation of Julia Vera (District 6).

CRPC 2009 2nd Quarter Membership			
NAME	CATEGORY	NAME	CATEGORY
Alani Cridge	District 1	Danette Brown	At-Large
David Clements	District 2	Ernest Carter	At-Large
Riley Chavis	District 3	Terilyn Jackson	At-Large
Vacant	District 4	Crystal Taylor	At-Large
Ashiya Odeye	District 5	Brian Louie, Vice Chair, SPD	Standing
Vacant	District 6	Brent Meyer, SPOA	Standing
Sean Coletta, Chair	District 7	Francine Tournour, OPSA	Standing
Vacant	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:

**Discussion, Formulation, and Approval of CRPC Recommendations to the Sacramento Police Department Related to Traffic Stop Study Report**

Commission members reviewed and discussed the draft letter prepared by Chair Sean Coletta regarding the recommendations relating to the traffic stop study. It is the intention of the Commission to have this letter finalized and ready for signature by the next meeting.

**Report Back to Commission on Internal Affairs Pending Caseload**

Lieutenant Neil Schneider reported that there are currently 49 Internal Affairs cases pending. Out of these 49 cases, only two are the result of racial profiling or discrimination. The top two misconduct complaints that occur most often are use of force (excessive force) as a result of an arrest, and neglect of duty.

At the March 2009 Commission meeting, the members discussed providing statewide data to the community for comparative purposes, but the Lieutenant's research found these totals were reported in aggregate, not by individual agency, therefore not useful for this purpose.

Lieutenant Schneider provided additional statistics that both the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the Sacramento Police Department similarly investigated approximately 110 internal affairs complaints in 2008 . Last year, SPD received over 600 calls into Internal Affairs but many of these were classified as inquiries, which require less investigative resources. Internal Affairs reviews all informal complaints and responds back to the citizen. With formal complaints, however, a complete investigation is performed, where both witnesses and officers are interviewed, The case file is subsequently given to the Deputy Chief to render a finding and then reviewed by the Office of Public Safety Accountability.

**Comments and Operational Updates on Sacramento Police Department Activities**

Deputy Chief Brian Louie:

- ❖ Reported that the Department continues to collect vehicle stop data and that the compliance statistics remain in the mid-90 percentile.
- ❖ Updated Commission members monthly on crime and enforcement factors that could influence the focus of traffic stops.

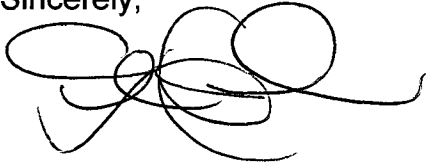
**Goals**

The three goals adopted by the Commission are to: foster better police/community relations through activities such as the CRPC community forums and the stakeholder

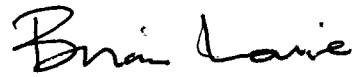
workshops, analyze relationships between racial profiling and social issues using quality research, and understand policing from a police perspective.

Commission members will continue to contemplate and discuss the dimensions of their purpose and their powers and duties in serving as an advisory body regarding vehicle stop data collection and bias free policing to the City Council and as a liaison to the Community regarding the results of the Lamberth study.

Sincerely,

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Sean Coletta, 2009 Chair, CRPC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brian Louie', with a cursive script.

Brian Louie, 2009 Vice Chair, CRPC