



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Information
February 23, 2010

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Informational Report: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly
Report (October – December 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 fourth 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 Ray Kerridge
Ray Kerridge
City Manager

Ref: COP 2-2

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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

February 23, 2010

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report
(October - December 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 fourth quarterly report of 2009 describes the activities of the CRPC from October through December 2009.

Commission Membership

The following table depicts the status of Commission membership for the fourth quarter of 2009.

CRPC 2009 4th 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 of Findings Relating to Future Scope and Direction of Commission

Commission discussed the feedback received from Council regarding the letter submitted to Mayor/Council on July 16, 2009 requesting future direction of this Commission. Commission suggested each member personally contact or meet with their respective district council member and provide response and feedback at the next Commission meeting scheduled for January 21, 2010. It was also recommended that the Commission should begin addressing the three goals established back in the 1st quarter of 2009. The three goals are to: 1) foster better police/community relations through activities such as the community forums and stakeholder workshops, 2) analyze relationships between racial profiling and social issues using quality research, and 3) understand policing from a police perspective. It was requested that the department facilitate opportunities for the Commissioners to participate in police ride-a-longs in an effort to address goal number three.

Comments and Operational Updates on Sacramento Police Department Activities

Deputy Chief Brian Louie:

- ❖ Reported that the Department continues to collect vehicle stop data statistics, with a compliance rate of 99.2% for August 2009, 96.8% for September 2009, and 95% month-to-date for October 2009.
- ❖ Updated Commission members monthly on crime and enforcement factors that could influence the focus of traffic stops.

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.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010.

Sincerely,



Sean Coletta, 2009 Chair, CRPC



Brian Louie, 2009 Vice Chair, CRPC