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**SUBJECT: COMMUNITY RACIAL PROFILING COMMISSION UPDATE**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For information Only – No Action Required

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**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** April 19, 2005

**SUMMARY:**

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 study. This report provides Council with the Commission's first quarterly update since it began meeting in January 2005.

**BACKGROUND:**

In July 2000, the Sacramento Police Department undertook a comprehensive study of traffic stops to address perceptions of racially biased policing. In March 2004, City Council approved the establishment of a formal advisory commission that would provide the City with a greater opportunity to be inclusive and allow for equitable representation, accountability and reporting from Sacramento residents in an issue of national importance. In November 2004, the following fifteen members of the Community Racial Profiling Commission were confirmed by City Council:

NAME	CATEGORY	NAME	CATEGORY
John Floyd, Chair	District 4	Aaron Evans	District 8
Rick Braziel, Vice Chair	Standing	Ernest Carter	At-Large
Mike Mireles	District 1	Renee Carter	At-Large
Jason Sample	District 2	Alicia Priego	At-Large
Heather Daular	District 3	Don Casimere	Standing
Linda Love	District 5	Dave Topaz	Standing
Roberto Ramos	District 6	To Be Determined*	At-Large
Alex Eng	District 7		

[\* The Commission member originally selected for this position has resigned. The position was reopened in February 2005 and two applications have been received for Council's consideration.]

The Commission began meeting in January 2005 and has set 6:00 p.m. on every third Thursday of the month at the Public Safety Center as its regularly scheduled meeting date, time, and place. To date, the Commission has had three meetings. Highlights of those meetings are:

- Election of John Floyd as Commission Chair;
- Orientation to Boards and Commissions by the City Attorney's Office and the City Clerk's Office;
- Distribution of copies of proposals received from consultants who responded to the Police Department's August 2004 Request for Proposals for the evaluation of traffic, bicycle and pedestrian stop data. Note: The Police Department received proposals from five interested consultants; and
- Distribution of the Department's General Orders on Bias Related Enforcement Actions and In Car Cameras and other educational resources (e.g., articles, recent research) to help acclimate members to the study of racial profiling.

The Commission has also discussed the importance of moving beyond the challenges of the past and is now focused on developing goals and objectives for itself along with the critical task of helping to select the consultant who will evaluate stop data.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Pursuant to City Charter Section 29, any compensation for serving on the Commission will be determined by the Compensation Commission.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

The work of the Community Racial Profiling Commission is consistent with Council policies of inclusion, establishing and strengthening community partnership, and enhancing educational opportunities for the entire community.

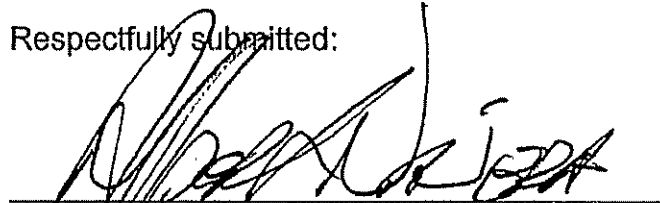
**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

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

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted:



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