



COMMUNITY RACIAL
PROFILING COMMISSION

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Letter to the Mayor and City Council

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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, OPSA	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.

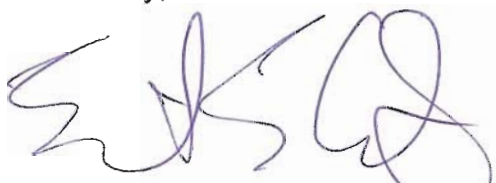
Operational Update on Sacramento Police Department Activities–

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,



Ernest Carter, 2007 Chair, CRPC



Steve Segura, 2007 Vice Chair, CRPC