



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

**Title: Informational Report: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly
Report (October – December 2006)**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: James Maccoun, 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 fourth quarterly update of 2006.


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

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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 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, and data collection began on October 1, 2006. 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

March 13, 2007

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report
(October – December 2006)

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 2006 describes the activities of the CRPC from October through December 2006.

Commission Membership

The following table depicts the fourth quarter status of Commission membership. In November, Alex Eng left the Commission after two years of distinguished service. Sean Coletta was appointed to represent District 7, beginning in December 2006. Also in November, Francine Tournour replaced Don Casimere as the representative from the Office of Public Safety Accountability. The Office of the City Clerk received several applications for the Commission seat for District 1; an appointment has yet to be announced.

CRPC 2006 Fourth Quarter Membership			
NAME	CATEGORY	NAME	CATEGORY
TBD	District 1	Danette Brown	At-Large
Walter Kawamoto	District 2	Ernest Carter	At-Large
Manuel Valencia III	District 3	Renee Carter, Chair	At-Large
John Floyd	District 4	John Vigna	At-Large
Linda Love	District 5	Steve Segura, Vice Chair, SPD	Standing
Julia Vera	District 6	Dave Topaz, SPOA	Standing
Alex Eng (Oct & Nov); Sean Coletta (Dec)	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

- John Lamberth and Jerry Clayton consulted with CRPC members about recruiting potential surveyors and reported on the progress of the benchmarking phase of the data collection project.
- Commission Clerk Lt. James Maccoun reported that the Sacramento Police Department began using the new traffic stop form (designed following suggestions from CRPC members) on October 1, 2006, with nearly all officers using the electronic version of the Scantron form and only traffic motor officers and downtown bike officers using paper forms. Commission members viewed the training video being shown at all stations to help all officers understand the new traffic stop form.

Definition of “Racial Profiling” – Commission members finalized their definition of “racial profiling” as: ***“Any police-initiated activity that relies on the race, ethnicity or national origin of an individual rather than the behavior of the individual. Race can only be used as a descriptive factor.”*** The Commission directed that the new definition be added to the CRPC website.

Election of 2007 Chairperson – Commission members nominated and elected Ernest Carter, At-Large representative, as CRPC Chairperson for 2007 and thanked Renee Carter, At-Large representative, for her hard work and guidance as Commission Chair for 2006.

Commission Goals and Monthly Work Plan Discussion – The Commission reviewed goals developed at weekend workshops held in 2005 and 2006 and decided to choose a starting point for their monthly work plan. Members discussed possible options, including 1) doing community outreach in the form of public meetings in each District, 2) inviting speakers knowledgeable about racial profiling to attend future meetings, 3) conducting independent study of racial profiling beyond traffic stops, and 4) the purpose, powers, duties, and possible budget of the CRPC. Expressing a desire to have a representative of the Office of the City Attorney present at the next meeting to clarify charter issues, as well as to attend meetings on a regular basis, members agreed to reformulate their goals after consulting with the representative.

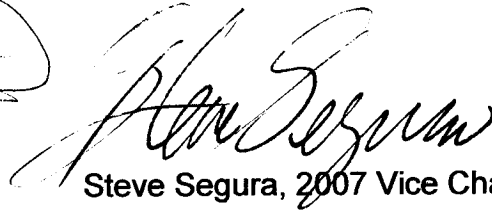
Introduction of Deputy Director, OPSA – Don Casimere, Director of the Office of Public Safety Accountability, introduced new OPSA Deputy Director, Francine Tournour, who will be attending future CRPC meetings. Deputy Director Tournour apprised the members of the history of the OPSA and discussed her career in community outreach and law enforcement.

Goals – The Commission continues to work towards its goal to provide the City with a greater opportunity to be inclusive and to allow for equitable representation and accountability. The Commission plans to foster effective community engagement related to the data collection study, planning to convene a one-day workshop, facilitated by Lamberth Consulting, featuring dialogue among members of the Police Department and the public. Workshop goals include coming to a common understanding about community and law enforcement perceptions about racial profiling and vehicle stops in Sacramento and recommending ways to facilitate the release of the final data collection report. The Commission continues to work 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 and pedestrian stops in the city of Sacramento.

Sincerely,



Ernest Carter, 2007 Chair, CRPC



Steve Segura, 2007 Vice Chair, CRPC