



Meeting of the  
City of Sacramento  
Community Racial Profiling Commission



**SUMMARY**

Thursday, April 16, 2009

*Public Safety Center - 5770 Freeport Boulevard - Hall of Honor*

**COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Alani Cridge, District 1	Julia Vera, District 6	Terilyn Jackson, At-Large
David Clements, District 2	Sean Coletta, District 7 (Chair)	Crystal Taylor, At-Large
Riley Chavis, District 3	Vacant, District 8	Brian Louie, SPD (Vice Chair)
Vacant, District 4	Danette Brown, At-Large	Francine Tournour, OPSA
Ashiya Odeye, District 5	Ernest Carter, At-Large	Brent Meyer, SPOA

**CITY STAFF:**

*Brian Louie, Deputy Chief  
Katherine Lester, Lieutenant  
Sharon Iida, Administrative Analyst*

*The Community Racial Profiling Commission is a board of the City Council  
whose purpose is to provide recommendations to the Council concerning racially biased policing.*

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All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Community Racial Profiling Commission unless otherwise noted.

## **Call to Order – 6:07 p.m.**

**Roll Call – Chair Sean Coletta called a meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission (CRPC) to order at 6:07 pm Thursday, April 16, 2009 at the Public Safety Center, Hall of Honor. Ernest Carter, Riley Chavis, Brent Meyer, Julia Vera absent.**

**Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Sean Coletta.**

## **Discussion / Action Reports**

Discussion and action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

### **1. Update on Commission Membership**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**Contact:** Sharon Iida, (916) 808-0823, Police Department

**Action:** City staff reported that for District 4 - 3 applications have been received and are pending in council office; District 8 – reopen for applications until October 16, 2009. All seats expiring in 2009 are open for applications until October 16, 2009 for the Standing SPD, District 1, District 7, At-Large seats. Introduced new members attending as Terilyn Jackson (At-Large) and David Clements (District 2.)

### **2. Approval of Minutes for March 19, 2009**

**Location:** (Citywide) **Recommendation:** Approve minutes.

**Contact:** Sean Coletta, Commission Chair

**Action:** Ashiye Odeye requested an amendment to the minutes for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting to include the omission to Item 4 which should have stated that this agenda item would be tabled until the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was moved, seconded, carried (Taylor/Cridge; Absent – Carter, Chavis, Meyer, Vera; Abstained - Tournour) to approve the minutes as amended for March 19, 2009.

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

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Review and comment.

**Contact:** Lt. Neil Schneider, (916) 808-0800, Police Department

**Action:** Lt. Neil Schneider reported back on the number of Internal Affairs cases pending. At this time, 49 cases are currently active. Out of these 49 active cases, only 2 cases are the result of racial profiling or discrimination. The top two misconduct complaints that occur most often are use of force (excessive force), which is usually the result of an arrest, and neglect of duty.

At the last meeting, Commission 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. In 2008, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and the Sacramento Police Department investigated a comparable amount of complaints of approximately 110. Last year, SPD received over 600 calls into Internal Affairs, many of these were classified as inquiries (informal complaints.) Francine Tournour at OPSA reviews the bulk of the formal complaints. IA reviews informal complaints and responds back to the citizen, and does not require as much investigative resources. Formal cases, on the other hand, are complete investigations, where witnesses and officers are interviewed, the case is subsequently given to the Deputy Chief to render a finding and then reviewed by OPSA.

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

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Review and comment; approve.

**Contact:** Sean Coletta, Commission Chair.

**Action:** Commission members discussed the draft letter prepared by Chair Sean Coletta regarding the recommendations relating to the traffic stop study. The Commission recommended minor revisions to the wording in the draft letter, which staff will include in the redraft. Staff has been directed to distribute the revised draft letter to members for their review and to provide comments prior to next month's meeting. It is the intention of the Commission to finalize this letter of recommendations at the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting and have it available for Commission member signatures.

No motion was needed on this item.

**5. Police Department Activities Influencing Compliance Data and Report on Compliance Statistics**

**Location:** (Citywide)

**Recommendation:** Review and comment.

**Contact:** Deputy Chief Brian Louie, (916) 808-0800, Police Department.

**Action:** Deputy Chief Louie reported that the vehicle stop data form statistics continue to reflect a compliance rate of approximately 95%. Directed enforcement in the south/southwest area of the city continues to focus on daytime burglaries.

**Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda**

6. None.

**Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members**

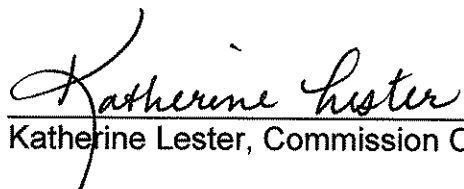
7. City Staff reported back to the Commission that the stakeholder videos have been submitted to the city's Public Library for cataloging and distribution.

Chair Sean Coletta reported that he had attended the City Council meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>, with the stakeholder videos available to distribute, however, no community members were in attendance at the time of our presentation to Council.


Alani Cridge offered to draft a letter to the stakeholders advising that these videos will be available upon request.

**Adjournment – 7:07 p.m.**

Submitted,

  
Katherine Lester, Commission Clerk

Approved,

  
Sean Coletta, Chair