



City of Sacramento  
**Community Racial Profiling Commission**

**SYNOPSIS**  
of the Commission Meeting of  
**February 15, 2007 ~ 6:00 p.m.**  
Sacramento Public Safety Center  
5770 Freeport Boulevard, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95822



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**VOTING RECORD SHOWS FINAL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION**

**KEY:**

**ABST:** Abstain

**ABS:** Absent

Carter, Ernest, Chair	At-Large
Steve Segura, Vice Chair	Standing (SPD)
Brown, Danette	At-Large
Camous, Jerry	Standing (SPOA)
Carter, Renee	At-Large
Coletta, Sean	District 7
Evans, Aaron	District 8
Floyd, John	District 4
Kawamoto, Walter	District 2
Love, Linda	District 5
Taylor, Crystal	At-Large
Tournour, Francine	Standing (OPSA)
Valencia, Manuel	District 3
Vera, Julia	District 6
Vacancy	District 1

1. **Call to Order** – 6:12 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – Present: Jerry Camous, Ernest Carter, Renee Carter, Sean Coletta, John Floyd, Walter Kawamoto, Crystal Taylor, Francine Tournour, Julia Vera. **Excused:** Danette Brown, Aaron Evans, Linda Love, Steve Segura, Manuel Valencia. **Absent:** none.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Ernest Carter.
4. **Update on Commission Membership** –
  - ❖ The Office of the City Clerk confirmed Francine Tournour as the OPSA representative to the Commission on February 13, 2007.
  - ❖ SPOA President Jerry Camous will be attending Commission meetings as representative.
  - ❖ Crystal Taylor has been appointed and confirmed as an At-Large Commission member.
  - ❖ A representative for District 1 has yet to be appointed. The Mayor and City Council are reviewing an application.
5. **Introductions** –
  - ❖ Chair Ernest Carter introduced Assistant City Manager Gus Vina and Commission representative from the Office of the City Attorney Jerry Hicks.
  - ❖ SPOA President Jerry Camous introduced himself to Commission members.
  - ❖ Crystal Taylor, newly appointed At-Large member, introduced herself to Commission members.
6. **Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2006 Meeting** –  
**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Floyd/Vera; Abstain – Camous) to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2006 meeting.
7. **Approval of CRPC 4th Quarterly Report to City Council for 2006** –  
**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Carter, R./Vera; Abstain - Coletta) to approve the CRPC's 4th Quarterly Report 2006 to City Council describing CRPC activities from October – December 2006.
8. **Discussion of CRPC Issues by Assistant City Manager Gus Vina** –  
Assistant City Manager Vina:
  - ❖ Reviewed the purpose and the powers and duties of the CRPC as set forth in the Commission's charter, Ordinance No. 2004-017 as follows:
    1. Purpose – "...providing recommendations to the Mayor and City Council concerning racially biased policing."

2. Powers and duties –

- a. “To serve as an advisory body to the City regarding traffic stop data collection and analysis processes;
  - b. To serve as an advisory body to the City regarding traffic stop data collection and analysis interpretation; and,
  - c. To provide the Mayor and the City Council with quarterly reports regarding the Sacramento Police Department’s traffic stop data collection study on racially biased policing;”;
- ❖ 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;
  - ❖ Stated 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.

Commission members:

- ❖ Discussed their role as liaison to the community upon release of the traffic study conclusions;
- ❖ Questioned whether the CRPC purpose and duties could be interpreted separately when determining the appropriateness of CRPC goals and proposed activities (Jerry Hicks of the Office of the City Attorney stated that legally, the purpose and the duties of the CRPC would have to be taken together);
- ❖ Discussed the scope of the data collection study as related to pedestrian and bicycle stops; and
- ❖ Questioned whether the Commission could request that staff provide additional data related to the data collection study (Jerry Hicks of the Office of the City Attorney opined that the Commission members could request additional data).

**Action:** Moved (Floyd), failed due to lack of second to reconsider Agenda Item 7.

**Action:** Moved (Vera) failed due to lack of second to set agenda item for next meeting to discuss goals enumerated in CRPC 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report.

9. **Report from Deputy Chief Rick Braziel –**


Deputy Chief Braziel:

- ❖ Detailed the development of the data collection project and explained key differences between studying traffic stops and studying pedestrian stops;
- ❖ Suggested that the CRPC prepare an “action” report to the City Council in which to present their goals in specific detail to receive the Council’s direction; and

- ❖ Discussed the importance of regular reports to the Commission on SPD selective enforcement issues to address specific crime problems that affect officer deployment and reflect in traffic stop data.

10. **For Informational Purposes Only – Handouts, Articles, Newspapers, and Commentaries, etc. Related to Vehicle Traffic Stops**
11. **Commission Comments – Ideas and Questions** – Staff reported that CRPC members wishing to participate in Ride-Alongs will be required to sign “hold harmless” waivers.
12. **Public Comment – Matters Not on the Agenda - None.**
13. **Adjournment** – There being no further business of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted

  
James Maccoun, Commission Clerk

Approved

  
Ernest Carter, Chairperson

Submitted

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