



City of Sacramento  
**Community Racial Profiling Commission**

SYNOPSIS

of the Commission Meeting of  
September 23, 2006 at 8:45 a.m.

Sheraton Grand Hotel  
Bataglieri Room, Second Floor  
1230 J St  
Sacramento, CA 95814



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VOTING RECORD SHOWS FINAL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION

**KEY:**

ABST: Abstain

ABS: Absent

Steve Segura	Standing (SPD)
Brown, Danette	At-Large
Carter, Ernest	At-Large
Carter, Renee	At-Large
Casimere, Don	Standing (OPSA)
Eng, Alex	District 7
Evans, Aaron	District 8
Floyd, John	District 4
Kawamoto, Walter	District 2
Love, Linda	District 5
Topaz, David	Standing (SPOA)
Valencia, Manuel	District 3
Vera, Julia	District 6
Vigna, John	At-Large
Vacancy	District 1

1. **Call to Order** – 8:47 a.m.
2. **Roll Call - Present:** Ernest Carter, Renee Carter, Alex Eng, Aaron Evans, John Floyd, Walter Kawamoto, Linda Love, Steve Segura, David Topaz, Julia Vera, John Vigna. **Excused:** Danette Brown, Don Casimere, Manuel Valencia. **Absences:** None.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Renee Carter.
4. **Introductions** – Commission Clerk Lt. James Maccoun introduced Deputy Chief Steve Segura, the new Commission Vice Chair. DC Segura discussed his career and the range of his experience with the Sacramento Police Department. Lt. Maccoun next introduced the meeting facilitator, Administrative Analyst Tammy Jones of the City’s Accounting Department. Ms. Jones described her previous work at the Police Department, including introducing the study of racial profiling to the department.
5. **Discussion of Meeting Goals and History of the CRPC** – Ms. Jones briefed new members on the Commission’s history, and then led a discussion of possible goals for the daylong meeting. After reviewing the Commission’s mission, vision and values statements and analyzing goals formulated last year, each member outlined his or her individual expectations and objectives for the day’s work. The September day-long meetings goals were finalized as follows: To
  - Gain better understanding of definition of “racial profiling”
  - Gain better understanding of “probable cause”
  - Gain better understanding of police/community relations
  - Reach common understanding of law enforcement work in order to move forward
  - Identify where we are and where we want to be (consensus of goals and objectives)
  - Get to know each other better
  - Get current information
  - Build on past experience re racial profiling
  - Translate goals into action
  - “Learn to Serve”
  - Learn relationship between racial profiling and socio-economic conditions
  - Understand relationship between probable cause and enforcing laws
  - Understand statistical interpretation (CRPC)
  - Understand policing from police perspective
  - Agree to disagree on “racial profiling” definition
  - Learn how to be a better and more effective commission
  - Reach consensus on definition of racial profiling
  - Get the commission to success

- 6. Approval of Minutes of August 17, 2006 Meeting –**  
**Action:** Moved, seconded, and carried (Vera/Topaz) to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2006 meeting.
  
- 7. Update on Commission Membership and other Ethics Training –** The City Clerk posted four available seats on the Commission, one Category E, member from the public-at-large, and three category D, one each member from council districts 1, 7 and 8. The posting opened on Sept. 20, 2006, and will close on October 20, 2006. Applications are available at the Office of the City Clerk and on the City’s website.

The City Clerk announced additional training opportunities for city appointed board/commission members for compliance with AB 1234 – Ethics Training. Training will be held at the New City Hall Council Chamber on November 2, 13 & 15 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Clerk will be sending letter to all board/commission members.
  
- 8. Discussion on the Role of the Commission and on the Brown Act –** Deputy City Attorney Matt Ruyak reviewed City Ordinance 2004-017, which established the Community Racial Profiling Commission on April 8, 2004. Mr. Ruyak described the role of the Commission as an advisory body to the City Council concerning racial profiling through their Quarterly Report. Limitations on meetings and information sharing under the Brown Act also came under discussion, and Mr. Ruyak reminded members that the Commission may request an opinion on Brown Act questions from the City Attorney.
  
- 9. Probable Cause Lecture –** Sergeant Matt Young of the Sacramento Police Department presented definitions of probable cause to arrest, probable cause to search, reasonable suspicion, consensual stops, and types of police searches. Sgt. Young employed examples and case histories to illustrate the finer points of a complex subject.
  
- 10. Perspectives in Profiling Discussion & Interactive Video –** Officers Karina Jestes and Konrad Von Schoech of the Sacramento Police Department described the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training instruction on racial profiling given to SPD sworn personnel not only in their initial training at the academy, but regularly throughout their careers. Using lecture and video materials from the “Perspectives in Profiling” training developed by the Simon Wiesenthal Center’s Museum of Tolerance, Officers Jestes and Von Schoech guided members through an interactive scenario showing a police officer’s experiences with racial profiling issues on the job and in private life.

11. **Defining “Racial Profiling”** – Facilitator Tammy Jones distributed and discussed varying definitions of “racial profiling” employed by many government and public entities. Commission members formed into groups of four to either adopt an existing definition or develop their own. The group reconvened to review existing materials and to consider and refine new interpretations. Members will resume this discussion at the next meeting.
12. **Review of Meeting Goals** – Commission members reviewed their initial meeting goals to determine what they had accomplished and what remained. Members vowed to address their goals regularly at future meetings.
13. **Decision to Include List of Goals in Meeting Synopsis –**  
**Action:** Moved, seconded, and carried (Vera/Love) to include the list of goals formulated during the meeting in the meeting synopsis.
14. **Commission Comments – Ideas and Questions** – Members asked that the Lamberth consultants give advance notice, if possible, of the subject matter of upcoming updates. Tammy Jones recommended the City’s Inclusion Training program.
15. **Public Comment – Matters Not on the Agenda** - None.
16. **Adjournment** – There being no further business of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted

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James Maccoun, Commission Clerk

Approved

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Renee Carter, Chairperson