



COMMUNITY RACIAL
PROFILING COMMISSION

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Letter to the Mayor and City Council

October 23, 2007

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report
(April – June 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 second quarterly report of 2007 describes the activities of the CRPC from April to June 2007.

Commission Membership

The following table depicts the second quarter status of Commission membership. Aaron Evans (District 8) resigned his seat on the Commission, effective April 4, 2007. Lieutenant Sylvia Moir replaced Captain James Maccoun as Commission Clerk, effective April 28, 2007.

CRPC 2007 Second Quarter Membership			
NAME	CATEGORY	NAME	CATEGORY
Vacant	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
Vacant	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:

- ❖ Reported that Lamberth surveyors had completed all benchmarking sessions;
- ❖ Reported that Lamberth Consulting staff was ready to receive and process the first six-month set of traffic stop data from the Police Department;
- ❖ Led discussion with Commission members and Jerry Hicks of the Office of the City Attorney about the upcoming Community/Police Department workshop, scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2007; and
- ❖ Led discussion with Commission members about their role in advising the City Council on the study results the Lamberth Consultants expect to release in January 2008.

Discussion on Addressing City Council –

Commission members discussed addressing the City Council to:

- ❖ Change Ordinance 2004-17, adopted on April 8, 2004, to require meetings “at least once a quarter” rather than the present “at least once a month”. Members requested that the Commission vote on the issue in the next quarter;
- ❖ Determine whether the Council intended Commission to analyze pedestrian and bike stops; and
- ❖ Request that the Council widen the scope of Commission powers and duties.

Operational Update on Sacramento Police Department Activities–

Deputy Chief Segura reported that the Police Department continues to operate the Violence Reduction Team to prioritize crimes and assign specialty units to high crime areas. This operation will affect officer deployment and 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 or 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