



COMMUNITY RACIAL  
PROFILING COMMISSION

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## Letter to the Mayor and City Council

January 15, 2008

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report  
(July – September 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 third quarterly report of 2007 describes the activities of the CRPC from July to September 2007.

### Commission Membership

The following table depicts the third quarter status of Commission membership. Linda Love (District 5) resigned her seat on the Commission in July 2007. Brent Meyer replaced Jerry Camous as Commission representative for the Sacramento Police Officers Association in August 2007.

| CRPC 2007 Third Quarter Membership |            |                                |          |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| NAME                               | CATEGORY   | NAME                           | CATEGORY |
| <i>Vacant</i>                      | 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/Brent Meyer, 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 the study was progressing according to schedule. Dr. Lamberth stated that the study analysis should be completed at the end of December and the results released in January 2008;
- ❖ Discussed the procedure of presenting the completed report to the Commission, the City Manager, and the City Council;
- ❖ Explained that the effect of special operations on traffic stop data would be considered and documented if the data collection study were to find disparities in traffic stop demographics; and
- ❖ Discussed the Racial Profiling Data Analysis Study conducted by Lamberth Consulting for the Police Department of San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Lamberth stated his intention to send Commission members an abridged version of the resulting report, published in December 2003, and mentioned that the entire report is available on the Lamberth Consulting website.

### **Community/Police Workshop –**

Project Consultants John Lamberth and Jerry Clayton facilitated the September 22, 2007 Community/Police Workshop, held to prepare the Commission and other community stakeholders to explain the methods and meaning of the study report to the community. Participants, who included sworn Police Department personnel, Commission members, community leaders and interested members of the public, shared their perceptions of the traffic stop study and racial profiling, anticipated community reactions to the study release, and prepared constructive responses to the reactions.

### **Report on Procedure for Release of Lamberth Study Results –**

Assistant City Manager Gus Vina briefed the Commission on two key pieces of facilitating the rollout of the traffic stop study effectively: 1) understanding the methodology of the study, and 2) developing a communication strategy to present study results to the City Council and the community. Mr. Vina explained that the study results would most likely be presented to the City Council in January 2008 by the Lamberth consultants and Community Racial Profiling Commission members.

**Discussion on Addressing City Council –**

Commission members voted to ask the City Council to change Ordinance 2004-17, adopted on April 8, 2004, to require Commission meetings “at least once a quarter” rather than the present “at least once a month.”

**Operational Update on Sacramento Police Department Activities–**

Deputy Chief Steve Segura briefed Commission members throughout the quarter on Police Department activities and programs that could affect the frequency, location, or focus of traffic stops during the study period.

**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