



City of Sacramento
Community Racial Profiling Commission

SYNOPSIS
of the Commission Meeting of
January 17, 2008 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Sacramento Public Safety Center
5770 Freeport Boulevard, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95822



VOTING RECORD SHOWS FINAL VOTE OF THE COMMISSION

KEY:

ABST: Abstain

ABS: Absent

Crystal Taylor, Chair	At-Large
Brian Louie, Vice Chair	Standing (SPD)
Brown, Danette	At-Large
Carter, Ernest	At-Large
Carter, Renee	At-Large
Coletta, Sean	District 7
Floyd, John	District 4
Kawamoto, Walter	District 2
Lopez-Garcia, Daniela	District 5
Meyer, Brent	Standing (SPOA)
Tournour, Francine	Standing (OPSA)
Vera, Julia	District 6
Vacancy	District 1
Vacancy	District 3
Vacancy	District 8

1. **Call to Order** – 6:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** – Present: Danette Brown, Ernest Carter, Renee Carter, Sean Coletta, John Floyd, Walter Kawamoto, Daniela Lopez-Garcia, Brian Louie, Crystal Taylor, Francine Tournour, Julia Vera. **Absent:** Brent Meyer.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Crystal Taylor.
4. **Update on Commission Membership** –
 - ❖ Welcome to the newly elected Chair of the Commission, Crystal Taylor, At-Large representative;
 - ❖ Welcome to Deputy Chief Brian Louie, who has been appointed to the Vice Chair position on the Commission as representative from the Police Department;
 - ❖ Welcome to Daniela Lopez-Garcia, who has been appointed to the Commission seat representing District 5;
 - ❖ All postings are now closed;
 - ❖ The City Clerk received no applications for the vacant seat for District 3 and will reopen the position for applications at the end of January 2008; and
 - ❖ The Mayor and City Council are reviewing one application for the vacant seat representing District 1 and one application for the vacant seat representing District 8.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the December 20, 2007 Meeting** –
Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Taylor/Louie) to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2007 meeting.
6. **Discussion on Status of Lamberth Vehicle Stop Data Form Study, including Discussions/Presentations with Dr. John Lamberth of Lamberth Consulting and Communication Specialist Michele McCormick** –
 - ❖ Dr. John Lamberth:
 - Citing data compiled for a racial profiling data analysis study that Lamberth Consulting conducted in San Antonio, Texas in 2003, explained the concept of “odds ratio” (used to determine whether racial profiling is occurring) as the odds of a minority being stopped at a given location versus the odds of a minority available in the driving population to be stopped at that location;
 - Discussed the difference between data that is statistically significant and data that is meaningful;
 - Provided a breakdown of odds ratios as:
 - Benign – 1.0 to 1.5 ratio
 - Possibly problematic – 1.5 to 2.0 ratio
 - Problematic – 2.0 and up ratio

- Explained that law enforcement agency must consider the average odds ratio for an entire city but study areas with high odds ratios;
- Emphasized the importance of factoring traffic stops made by specialized police units and during special operations conducted during the study period.
- ❖ Communication specialist Michele McCormick:
 - Distributed a report and reviewed her presentation and workshop at the December 2007 CRPC meeting concerning the release of the traffic study results. The report, compiled with input from Commission members, identified:
 - Key stakeholders in the study release;
 - Important concepts to communicate to stakeholders and the public regarding the study methodology;
 - Materials to facilitate access to and understanding of the study;
 - Commission needs in contributing to effective study dissemination.

7. Operational Update on Police Department Activities –

- ❖ Chief of Police Rick Brazier:
 - Explained problems that the Lamberth vehicle stop data form study, conducted from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007, has been experiencing with officers' online and paper form (Scantron) submissions of traffic stop data, resulting in the collection of an insufficient amount of usable data for meaningful analysis;
 - Listed methods currently being used to identify and correct these problems, including
 - Improvements to the online submission form
 - Decision to discontinue use of the Scantron paper form
 - Briefings to officers to emphasize the importance of correct submission of forms and the necessity to submit a vehicle stop data form for each traffic stop
 - Weekly checks of traffic stop records to assess vehicle stop data form completion rate and to notify individual officers in case of incomplete data;
 - Discussed the decision to extend the vehicle stop study period to capture sufficient data to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the analysis. Data is to be collected through March 2008 and reevaluated at that time to determine the necessity for additional extension of the study period. The Commission will be briefed on the status of the data at each meeting;
 - Explained that officers who did not submit vehicle stop data forms for all traffic stops during the original study period would be required to recreate the information through automated databases, although these records will not be used for analysis by Lamberth Consulting;
 - Recommended that Lamberth Consulting and communication specialist Michele McCormick draft a written explanation of the status of the vehicle stop data form study for delivery to the community and present the explanation for Commission review at the February meeting;

- Announced that Jerry Clayton of Lamberth Consulting will be conducting training on racial profiling to SPD personnel.
- ❖ Assistant City Manager Gus Vina:
 - Stressed the importance of communicating the issues leading to an extension of the study period to the community;
 - Emphasized that study results should lead to dialogue among the participating agency, the stakeholders, and the community;
 - Stated that the City of Sacramento is committed to supporting the vehicle stop study to ensure Lamberth Consulting receives meaningful data for analysis.

8. For Informational Purposes Only –
None.

9. Commission Comments – Ideas and Questions –
Commission members:

- Stated that Commission members must communicate their confidence in the study results after sufficient data has been collected;
- Reminded the Commission about the study release communications plan members had produced at the September 2007 meeting;
- Commented that the study results would be valuable to the Police Department as well as the community.

10. Public Comment – Matters Not on the Agenda –
None

11. Adjournment –
There being no further business of the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Submitted,



Sylvia Moir, Commission Clerk

Approved,



Crystal Taylor, Chair