



Meeting of the
City of Sacramento
Community Racial Profiling Commission



SUMMARY
Thursday, July 16, 2009

Public Safety Center - 5770 Freeport Boulevard - Hall of Honor

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Alani Cridge, District 1	Vacant, District 6	Terilyn Jackson, At-Large
David Clements, District 2	Sean Coletta, District 7 (Chair)	Crystal Taylor, At-Large
Riley Chavis, District 3	Vacant, District 8	Brian Louie, SPD (Vice Chair)
Vacant, District 4	Danette Brown, At-Large	Francine Tournour, OPSA
Ashiya Odeye, District 5	Ernest Carter, At-Large	Brent Meyer, SPOA

CITY STAFF:

*Brian Louie, Deputy Chief
Katherine Lester, Lieutenant
Sharon Iida, Administrative Analyst*

The Community Racial Profiling Commission is a board of the City Council whose purpose is to provide recommendations to the Council concerning racially biased policing.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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Speaker slips are located on the table and should be completed and submitted to the Commission Clerk.

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The order of Agenda items are listed for reference and may be taken in any order deemed appropriate by the Commission. The Agenda provides a general description and staff recommendations; however, the Commission may take action other than what is recommended. The Agenda is available for public review at least three calendar days prior to the meeting. Hard copies are available from the Police Department. (10 cents per page)

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All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Community Racial Profiling Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 6:09 p.m.

Roll Call – Chair Sean Coletta called a meeting of the Community Racial Profiling Commission (CRPC) to order at 6:09 pm Thursday, July 16, 2009 at the Public Safety Center, Hall of Honor. Ernest Carter, Terilyn Jackson, Alani Cridge, absent.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Sean Coletta.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion and action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

1. Update on Commission Membership

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Contact: Lt. Katherine Lester, (916) 808-0800, Police Department

Action: Lt. Lester reported that Julia Vera has resigned as the District 6 member; Districts 4 and 8 continue to be open for applications until October 16, 2009. Currently, no applications have been received; seats for Standing SPD, District 1, District 7 and At-Large, expiring November 16, 2009, will be open for applications until October 16, 2009.

2. Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2009

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve minutes.

Contact: Sean Coletta, Commission Chair

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Meyer/Chavis; Absent – Carter, Jackson, Cridge) to approve the minutes for April 16, 2009.

3. Approval of Commission's Fourth Quarterly Report to Council for 2008

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve report.

Contact: Sharon Iida, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-0823, Police Department

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Meyer/Louie; Absent – Carter, Jackson, Cridge) to approve the Fourth Quarterly Report to Council for 2008.

4. Approval of Commission's First Quarterly Report to Council for 2009

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve report.

Contact: Sharon Iida, Administrative Analyst, (916) 808-0823, Police Department

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Meyer/Chavis; Absent – Carter, Jackson, Cridge) to approve the First Quarterly Report to Council for 2009.

5. Formulating and Presenting Resolution Refuting Racial Profiling to the Law & Legislation Committee and the City Council

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Lt. Katherine Lester (916) 808-0800, Police Department; Jerry Hicks, (916) 808-5346, Office of the City Attorney.

Action: Commission reviewed and finalized recommended changes to the proposed letter to the Mayor and Council, which was approved by majority vote. Committee members discussed suggestion that the next study be done by this Committee and the members of the community, as a joint effort, rather than by an outside firm employed by the city. By doing this, the Commission felt that citizen buy-in of the results would be enhanced. It was the recommendation of the Commission to forward the finalized letter to the Mayor and individual council members, rather than presenting it as a Council agenda item. It was also suggested that the Commission wait for a response from Council on the finalized letter before drafting up the Resolution refuting racial profiling.

6. Police Department Activities Influencing Compliance Data and Report on Compliance Statistics

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Review and comment.

Contact: Deputy Chief Brian Louie, (916) 808-0800, Police Department.

Action: DC Louie reported that the Vehicle Stop Data Form (VSDF) compliance rate continues to be at approximately 98 percent. During this past month, directed enforcement focused in two general areas based on criminal activity in the Del Paso Heights relating to residential burglaries and in the Mack Road corridor relating to gang activity and assaults. On a weekly basis, direct enforcement is re-evaluated at a crime strategies meeting to look at the most recent data to see where the spikes or higher level of reported crimes have been occurring.

Public Comments - Matters Not on the Agenda

7. None

Questions, Ideas, and Announcements of Commission Members

8. DC Louie advised members that the 4th Quarter 2008 and 1st Quarter 2009 Quarterly Reports approved in this meeting will go to Council on July 28, 2009.

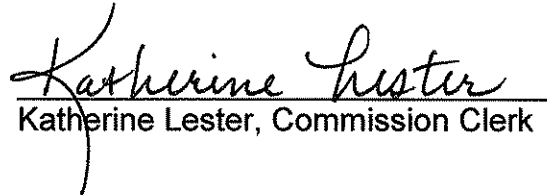
Crystal Taylor commented that in the month of June she observed three SPD officers at John Reith Elementary School, doing an outstanding job engaging with the children on site. She plans to acknowledge this in a formal letter to Chief Braziel.

Brent Meyer recommended the Commission go to a quarterly meeting schedule, as previously approved by Council, unless a special meeting is required. Next Commission meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2009.

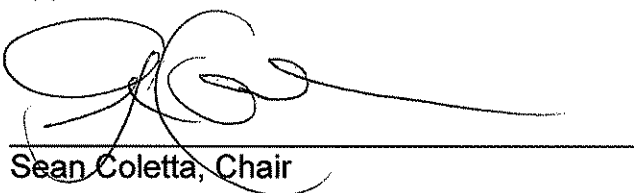
Chair Sean Coletta will attend the July 28, 2009 Council meeting and will speak during the Public Comments about the Commission's letter and request a response from Council.

Adjournment – 7:29 p.m.

Submitted,


Katherine Lester, Commission Clerk

Approved,


Sean Coletta, Chair