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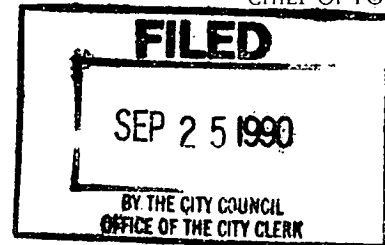
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SUBJECT: POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL  
REPORT

Attached is a report from the Police Community Relations Advisory Committee reviewing their activities for 1989-90. The report is being submitted by the Chairman, E. Ralph Jennings, after approval by the committee at the September 5, 1990 meeting.

This report is submitted for informational purposes.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. KEARNS  
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SUMMARY

This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the Police Community Relations Advisory Committee (PCRAC) during its first year. It is submitted for information only.

BACKGROUND

The formation of the PCRAC was requested by Council Member Joe Serna on June 13, 1989 and adopted in a resolution by the Sacramento City Council on June 20, 1989. The PCRAC is a public committee doing public work and is governed by the Ralph M. Brown Act. Committee members are nominated by their City Council Members and appointed by Mayor Anne Rudin for a two year term. The current committee members are: District 1, Midge Marino; District 2, E. Ralph Jennings; District 3, Olive Horrell; District 4, Jimmie Yee; District 5, Walter Landry; District 6, Lillie Reed; District 7, Dick Brown; District 8, Margaret Wensrich; and Member At Large, Alberto Gonzalez.

The mission of the PCRAC is to facilitate positive community relations between the Police Department and the citizens of Sacramento. The PCRAC held its first meeting on November 6, 1989. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month.

DISCUSSION

In order to become familiar with the Police Department's organization, the members of the PCRAC went on a tour of the Hall of Justice, the Joseph E. Rooney Police Facility, the Communications Center, and other Department facilities. Ride Alongs and attendance in Police Academy and Advanced Officer Training courses were also made available.

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The committee members used the nominal group technique to establish a list of priority issues they wanted to explore with the police department. The top concerns which emerged from the process were:

- Gangs
- Drugs
- Drive-by shootings
- Dispatching problems
- Crime Problems
- Community Relations
- Vehicle Problems

The committee has received informational presentations and updates on traffic enforcement & deployment, crime prevention, Neighborhood Watch, bias motivated/hate crimes, the law enforcement magnet schools, Community Oriented Policing, gangs & drugs, the Management Outreach Program, recruitment & career opportunities, and special events, such as an anti-gang/drug parade, a summer youth employment drive, a summer recreation program, and a block party at Franklin Villa Estates.

The committee discussed issues and events they felt were relevant to their mission. Among the topics the committee discussed are police communications with the public and how to deal with neighborhood problems and disturbances. They also have discussed incidents that have received controversial media attention, such as the heavy enforcement activity along the American River at North 10th Street, and the Chief of Police's stand on police participation in truce negotiations with gang members. The October meeting will include presentation of opposing views on the issue of the hypodermic needle exchange program for drug users. The committee will have the opportunity to question proponents and opponents and will issue a statement either in favor of or opposition to the program.

The committee members receive agendas and minutes of all task force meetings in which the Police Department is involved, i.e. Task Force On Black Youth Gangs, Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Committee, the Sub-committee on Police Issues, and the Asian Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement. They have attended meetings and functions sponsored by these task forces.

Committee members are currently working with their City Council Members and the Police Department to facilitate district community meetings that will play a major role in the Community Oriented Policing plan. A critical component of the Community

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Oriented Policing plan is the input of citizens and what they perceive as problems in their neighborhoods. The purpose of the meeting is twofold. The meeting will introduce the PCRAC member for the district to the neighborhood and will allow residents direct input to police managers and PCRAC members. These meetings are the beginning of a truly cooperative and collaborative approach to law enforcement in the City of Sacramento.

The public attendance at the monthly meetings has not exceeded four citizens at any particular meeting. The agenda for each meeting is posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting as required by the Brown Act.

FINANCIAL DATA

Not applicable.

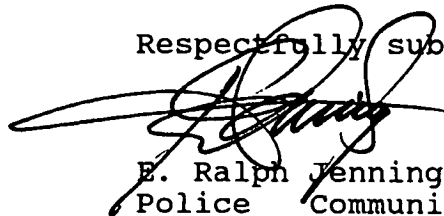
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Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

For information only.

Respectfully submitted,



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