



REPORT TO COUNCIL

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**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

**Title: Informational Report: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly
Report (July - September 2007)**

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: Sylvia Moir, Lieutenant, (916) 808-0850

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal/Economic Development

Organization No: 2112

Description/Analysis

Issue: The attached report provides the City Council with the Commission's third quarterly update of 2007.

Policy Considerations: The work of the Community Racial Profiling Commission directly supports the City Council policies of inclusion, establishing and strengthening community partnerships, and enhancing educational opportunities for the entire community.

Environmental Considerations: This report concerns administrative activities that will not have a significant effect on the environment, and does not constitute a "project" as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); 15378(b)(2)].

Rationale for Recommendation: Pursuant to City Code 2.110.040, the Community Racial Profiling Commission is required to submit quarterly reports to the City Council.

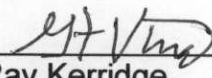
Financial Considerations: There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted by:  _____
Sylvia Moir, Lieutenant

Approved by:  _____
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

for  _____
Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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Attachment 1**Background**

In July 2000, the Sacramento Police Department undertook a comprehensive study of traffic stops to address perceptions of racial profiling. In March 2004, City Council approved the establishment of a formal advisory commission to provide equitable representation, accountability, and reporting from Sacramento residents on this issue of national importance, as well as provide the City with a greater opportunity to be inclusive. In November 2004, City Council confirmed selections for membership on the Community Racial Profiling Commission, whose purpose is to assist the City with its racial profiling vehicle stop study. The Commission held its first meeting in January 2005 and set its future meeting dates as the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Center.

In February 2006, Lamberth Consulting was awarded the contract to conduct the Traffic Stop Data study. Lamberth Consulting staff studied Police Department processes of data collection and mapping, in-car camera recording of pedestrian and bicycle stops, and Police Department policies related to stops. Lamberth staff decided to conduct their study on data collected between October 1, 2006, and September 30, 2007, and selected benchmark sites for their study. Surveyor training began in September 2006; data collection began on October 1, 2006 and continued through September of 2007, with the final report to the Sacramento City Council expected in January 2008. The commission members will continue to meet with Lamberth staff throughout the duration of the data collection project.

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		

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