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BLACK AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

Statement on Racial Profiling:

Recommendation:

Continue and expand the study of Racial Profiling in Sacramento City and County.

Discussion:

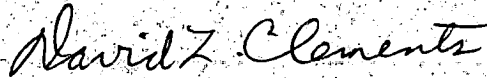
BAPAC commends the Sacramento City Council and the Sacramento Police Department for conducting the Racial Profiling Study.

However BAPAC thinks the study is too limited in scope. Its methodology focused singularly on police stoppages unfairly denigrates the role of policing and the public's responsibility to provide oversight of law enforcement institutions.

The issue of Race is a defining issue in American Society. The adverse impact of racial profiling and the injustice it brings is many centuries old. Racial Profiling exist and is a fact. The question is How to minimize it and to reduce the adverse impact it imposes on American Citizens. It appears to BAPAC the Racial Profile Study by its nature does not address this.

People of African descent, Colored People, all People, we believe are aware upgrades in the criminal justice system are needed to minimize the adverse impact of racial profiling. Therefore it is the belief of BAPAC that an expanded definition and methodology of the study of Racial Profiling that measures the adverse impact of Racial Profiling is needed. Such a study would greatly reduce the racial bias contained in the rhetorical discussions of the current study.

Respectfully Presented,



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