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November 21, 2006

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Title: Informational Report: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report (July - September 2006)

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and File

Contact: James Maccoun, Lieutenant, (916) 433-0866

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 2006.

Policy Considerations: The work of the Community Racial Profiling Commission directly supports the City Council's 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: _____
for Rick Braziel, Deputy Chief of Police

Approved by: _____ A/COP (FOR)
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

for _____
Ray Kerridge
City Manager

Ref: COP 10-43

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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 July 1, 2006, and October 31, 2007, and selected benchmark sites for their study. In September 2006, surveyors received training to collect the relevant data. The commission members will continue to meet with Lamberth staff throughout the duration of the data collection project. Delivery of the consultants' final report is anticipated in the first quarter of 2008.

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Letter to the Mayor and City Council

November 21, 2006

Subject: Community Racial Profiling Commission Quarterly Report (July – September 2006)

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 2006 describes the activities of the CRPC from July through September 2006.

Commission Membership

The following table depicts the third quarter status of Commission membership. Deputy Chief Rick Braziel announced that due to the change in both their command assignments, he would cede his position as CRPC Vice Chair to Deputy Chief Steve Segura, beginning with the September meeting. In July, Walter Kawamoto joined the Commission as the representative from District 2. On September 20, 2006, the City Clerk posted four available seats on the Commission, one Category E, member from the public-at-large, and three Category D, one member each from Council Districts 1, 7 and 8. The postings will be open for one month.

CRPC 2006 Third Quarter Membership

NAME	CATEGORY	NAME	CATEGORY
TBD	District 1	Danette Brown	At-Large
Walter Kawamoto	District 2	Ernest Carter	At-Large
Manuel Valencia III	District 3	Renee Carter, Chair	At-Large
John Floyd	District 4	John Vigna	At-Large
Linda Love	District 5	Rick Braziel, Vice Chair	Standing
Julia Vera	District 6	Steve Segura, Incoming Vice Chair	Standing
Alex Eng	District 7	Dave Topaz, SPOA	Standing
Aaron Evans	District 8	Don Casimere, OPSA	Standing

The Mission of the Community Racial Profiling Commission is to serve as an advisory body of our community regarding bias free policing.

Since the last quarterly update in July 2006, the Commission has experienced and accomplished the following:

Traffic Stop Data Study

- John Lamberth and Jerry Clayton of Lamberth Consulting, noting that a year had passed since their agency's initial presentation to the commission, discussed project details and background with CRPC members. Additional topics covered were methods of surveying benchmark intersections, analyzing resulting data, and reporting study results.
- Chair Renee Carter observed training of the research surveyors employed by Lamberth Consulting to conduct visual data collection at 50 major intersections throughout the City from September through November 2006.
- Staff briefed commission members on the comparison of traffic stop locations in the City to accident locations and DUI checkpoint locations in the City. Additional discussions covered SPD motor officer deployment policy, traffic stop data compared to parolee location data, and the breakdown of traffic stops into categories of hazardous and non-hazardous.
- Commission members received notice that the new Scantron form they had helped re-design would be ready for use in the fall of 2006.

Weekend Workshop – Commission members attended a daylong meeting and workshop that featured:

- Presentation and discussion on the Role of the Commission and on the Brown Act
- Discussion of the history of the CRPC
- Formulation of new Commission goals by members
- Presentation on definitions of probable cause to arrest, probable cause to search, reasonable suspicion, consensual stops, and types of police searches
- Presentation on Police Department training on racial profiling and participation in interactive video study material from the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance
- Discussion on the definition of "racial profiling"

Goals

It has been this Commission's steadfast goal to provide the City with a greater opportunity to be inclusive and allow for equitable representation and accountability. The Commission will continue to work on ensuring effective community engagement related to the study, including planning to convene a one-day workshop, facilitated by Lamberth Consulting, featuring dialogue among members of the Police Department and the public. The Commission continues to work 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, bike and pedestrian stops in the city of Sacramento.

Sincerely,

Renee Carter, 2006 Chair, CRPC

Rick Braziel, 2006 Vice Chair, CRPC