



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** 02/27/2017

SUBJECT: 2016 Racial Profiling Report

PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue

Summary:

The Police Department hired Alex del Carmen, PH.D., of Del Carmen Consulting to analyze racial profiling data collected by the Police Department during calendar year 2016. Dr. del Carmen concluded that the North Richland Hills Police Department has complied with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (SB1074).

General Description:

The 77th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 1074, an Act relating to the prevention of racial profiling by certain peace officers. This law specifically prohibited racial profiling by peace officers in Texas. This law also added, among other things, requirements for the training of peace officers. In addition, this law added Section 2.132 to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. This statute requires police departments to adopt a policy on racial profiling, which we have done.

The North Richland Hills Police Department provided the required training to all its members before the statutory deadline of September 1, 2003. Most Patrol Section officers received this training before January 1, 2002 when key portions of the statute took effect. The Police Department continues to train new officers.

The required policy on racial profiling must include a report to the governing body of each county or municipality served by the agency. The annual report must contain, "information relating to traffic stops in which a citation is issued and to arrests resulting from those traffic stops, including information relating to: a) the race or ethnicity of the individual detained; and b) whether a search was conducted and, if so, whether the person detained consented to the search." If the Police Department did not have video-recording equipment in all patrol cars and audio-recording devices for motorcycle officers, the required data collection and analysis would be much more extensive.

It was reported to Dr. del Carmen by the Police Department that during calendar year 2016, three racial profiling complaints were received and were determined to be unfounded. The analysis of the 15-year traffic-related contact data suggested that the North Richland Hills Police Department has been, for the most part, consistent in the racial/ethnic composition of motorists it comes in contact with during a given year. The consistency of contacts for the past 15 years is in place despite the fact the city demographics may have changed, thus, increasing the number of subjects likely to come in contact with the police.