



Date: August 16, 2005
To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Bonnie Lowenthal, Councilmember, First District
Subject: Racial Profiling (revised)

Over the years, the subject of racial profiling has been discussed in our neighborhoods, by our residents, particularly in times of increased police enforcement against crime spurts. Because this issue can be of particular concern in communities of color, it may be necessary for a public discussion to take place so that the issue of "racial profiling" can be thoroughly defined, discussed and vetted in an educational format.

Recently the Long Beach Police Department underwent an extensive state-developed training on racial profiling that included Chief Batts and all sworn officers in the department. The public could very well profit from the knowledge gained through that training.

I, therefore, request that the City Council receive a verbal report at a future date from the Chief of Police regarding the department training recently received by sworn personnel.