



**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER MYRTLE COLE
FOURTH COUNCIL DISTRICT**

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 15, 2014

TO: Councilmember Marti Emerald
Chair, Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee

FROM: Councilmember Myrtle Cole, Fourth Council District *Myrtle Cole*

SUBJECT: Request for Information from the San Diego Police Department regarding Policies and Procedures for Collecting Racial Data

A recent investigation was conducted regarding the San Diego Police Department's policy on collecting racial data for traffic stops. In an effort to discuss and address concerns about racial profiling, I respectfully request that you docket an item for the next Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee meeting scheduled for January 29, 2014. I ask that representatives from the San Diego Police Department be in attendance to provide an overview of its current policies and practices related to the collection of racial data. Specifically, I request that the Department explain what is being done to either reinforce or improve upon existing policies.

As a former police officer, I am well aware that this is a very sensitive matter. It is critical that our Police Officers adhere to the highest and most ethical standards and have the appropriate resources to do so.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

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cc: Scott Chadwick, Chief Operating Officer
Police Chief William Lansdowne
Jaymie Bradford, Office of the Interim Mayor