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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON REGISTRY OF HATE CRIMES
SUPV. DIST: All REQUESTED BY: VICE-CHAIR WILLIAMS
SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

This is a status report from the Human Relations Commission on the development of a "Registry of Hate Crimes."

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

File the status report.

ARLENE

THIS WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME BACKGROUND INFO ON THE HATE CRIMES REGISTRY. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL DETAIL PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

THANKS, Jerry Chagala

BOARD POLICY(IES) APPLICABLE: N/A
PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTION: 2/9/88 (25)
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: CAO

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On February 9, 1988, Vice-Chair Leon Williams initiated action wherein the Board of Supervisors directed the Human Relations Commission to establish a "Registry of Hate Crimes." The Commission was to accomplish this task in consultation and cooperation with various law enforcement agencies and community service organizations (See Attachment A).

After conducting meetings with local law enforcement agencies and community service organizations, it became apparent that the development of the Registry required two separate reporting systems. Although both systems would collect essentially the same information, the forms and reporting procedures would have to be different. The law enforcement reporting system had to tie into the existing Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) with information coming to the Commission in the format of ARJIS print-outs. The community system required the development of a specialized reporting form to be completed manually by the victim or reporting agency and submitted to the Commission for documentation.

Community Reporting System

After extensive consultation with the Attorney General's Office and other governmental jurisdictions already collecting hate crime statistics in California, the Human Relations Commission developed a "Hate Crime Incident Reporting Form" for use with the community reporting system. Meetings were held with participating community service agencies (See Attachment B) to refine the reporting form, clarify the definition of a "hate crime," and work out reporting procedures. Participating agencies were provided with a supply of the revised reporting form (See Attachment C) and began collecting information for the Registry effective October 1, 1988.

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Law Enforcement Reporting System

The full implementation of the Hate Crimes Registry has been subject to delay due to the fact that several local law enforcement agencies initially refused to participate. The reasons for this resistance were:

- Officers already overburdened with paperwork,
- Cost of training officers to identify and report hate crimes,
- Cost of revising the ARJIS 2 Incident Report form, and
- Concern that reporting procedures might conflict with pending State legislation requiring law enforcement reports of hate crimes.

Gradually, these problems were resolved and overcome. A major concern about possible conflict with pending State legislation evaporated when A.B. 39 (Calderon) died in committee, and S.B. 802 (Watson) failed passage.

The ARJIS 2 Incident Report form was revised in September of 1988 to include a block for "hate crime" (See top of Attachment D), instructions for use of the form have been developed (See Attachment E), officer training in the reporting of hate crimes is in progress, and the Revised ARJIS 2 form will be in use throughout the County as soon as supplies of the old form are exhausted.

News Conference

A news conference calling public attention to the full implementation of the Hate Crimes Registry was conducted on December 15, 1988, and included Supervisor Leon Williams, local law enforcement agencies, the District Attorney's Office, representatives from participating community service organizations, and the Chair of the Human Relations Commission's Law Enforcement/Community Relations Subcommittee.

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Reports of Findings

Now that the Registry is operational and beginning to yield specific information, the Commission will submit semi-annual reports of Registry findings to the Board. Registry data will also be shared with the media to heighten public awareness of hate crimes, with law enforcement agencies to facilitate the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes, and with the Attorney General's Office where the information will be factored in with hate crime statistics from other governmental jurisdictions throughout California. According to the Attorney General's Office the documentation of hate crimes is essential for all levels of government to establish public policy, allocate resources, and enact legislation to effectively deal with hate crimes.

CITIZEN COMMITTEE STATEMENT	X YES	NO	
COUNTY COUNSEL APPROVAL - AS TO LEGALITY		YES	X N/A
STANDARD FORM	ORDINANCE		RESOLUTION
AUDITOR APPROVAL NEEDED	YES	X NO	
4 VOTES REQUIRED	YES	X NO	
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT APPROVAL NEEDED		YES	X NO
CONTRACT REVIEW PANEL	APPROVED	X NOT APPLICABLE	
CONTRACT NUMBER: N/A			
CONCURRENCES (If Applicable) N/A			

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January 10, 1989
MEETING DATE