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To: Urbana City Council

From: Laurel Prussing

Re: Appointments to Urbana Traffic Stop Data Task Force

Dear Charlie, Eric, Carol, Bill, Dennis, Mike and Diane,

Here are 11 people for your consideration for appointment to the Traffic Stop Data Task Force. I believe they meet the requirements of a mix of people from different backgrounds including those with expertise in statistics, social systems and police work. By race they include at least 6 minorities (4 African-American, 1 Hispanic and 1 Asian), by residence they include 4 from Urbana, 6 from Champaign and 1 from Sidney. There are 5 women and 6 men:

Chair: Pete Reznick, long-time member of the Urbana Human Relations Commission. He also represents Urbana on the UC2B project.

Grace Mitchell, former Vice-Chair of the Urbana Civilian Police Review Board. Grace served as a counselor at Urbana High School for many years.

Patricia Avery, President of the Champaign County NAACP and former Chair of the Champaign County Board.

Eric Jakobsson, Urbana City Council member, research scientist, and with his wife Naomi, parent of children of many races.

Sergeant Andy Charles, Urbana Police officer since 1989, former canine officer and the department expert on traffic stops.

Mike Bily, former Urbana Police Chief, who has monitored and worked with the IDOT traffic stop statistics since their inception.

Alejandra Coronel, bilingual consultant and Language Services Supervisor for Presence Covenant Medical Center. She serves as a bridge between Latino communities and local agencies including law enforcement.



Nicole Anderson Cobb, PhD, Visiting Lecturer, University of Illinois: a historian with expertise on hate crimes prevention and ways to eliminate possible bias and discrimination.

Will Kyles, Champaign Council member with a vital interest in good policing and fair treatment of minorities.

Paul Testa, PhD student, University of Illinois. He has focused on developing statistical tools to analyze data and is eager to apply these tools to the work of the Task Force. He is a mentor at Urbana Middle School.

Shinjinee Chattopadhyay is an adjunct lecturer in Finance at the University of Illinois. She has a PhD in Economics and Finance with a specialty in studying employment discrimination.