

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff**

**CIVIL ACTION**

**VERSUS**

**No. 12-1924**

**CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,  
Defendant**

**SECTION "E"**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing has been scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on August 29, 2012 for consideration of a Joint Motion for Entry of Consent Decree that has been filed in the above case. The hearing will be held at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, which is located at 500 Poydras St., New Orleans, Louisiana 70130.

The Complaint in the above case was brought by the United States of America against the City of New Orleans, Louisiana under the provisions of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, 42 U.S.C. § 14141 ("Section 14141"); the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d (the "Safe Streets Act"); and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d to 2000d-7, and its implementing regulations, 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-.112 ("Title VI"), in order to remedy an alleged pattern or practice of conduct by the New Orleans Police Department (the "NOPD") that is alleged to subject individuals to excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment, unlawful searches and seizures in violation of the Fourth Amendment, and discriminatory policing practices in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Safe Streets Act, and Title VI. The proposed Consent Decree contains detailed provisions concerning changes in NOPD policies and practices related to: (1) the use of force; (2) investigatory stops and detentions, searches, and arrests; (3) custodial interrogations; (4) photographic lineups; (5) bias-free

policing; (6) community engagement; (7) recruitment; (8) training; (9) officer assistance and support; (10) performance evaluations and promotions; (11) supervision; (12) the secondary employment system, also known as the paid detail system; (13) misconduct complaint intake, investigation, and adjudication; and (13) transparency and oversight. In addition, the proposed Consent Decree includes detailed provisions regarding the implementation and enforcement of the Consent Decree.

A copy of the proposed Consent Decree is available for public inspection in the Offices of the Clerk of Court located at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, 500 Poydras St., C151, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The proposed Consent Decree is also available on the Court's website, <http://www.laed.uscourts.gov/> under "Court News." The offices of the Clerk of Court may not answer questions concerning the proposed Consent Decree.

After the conclusion of the hearing, the Court will be required to determine whether the proposed Consent Decree is fair, adequate and reasonable and is not the product of fraud, collusion, or the like. Any person wishing to comment upon the proposed Consent Decree may do so by filing a written submission, not to exceed 20 pages in length, with the Clerk of this Court no later than August 24, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

  
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**SUSIE MORGAN**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**