

Minorities Gain In CETA

The number of whites eligible to participate in the Clark County Comprehensive Employment Training Act program has been reduced by 13 percent, and the number of blacks increased by 10 percent, a spokesman said Monday.

Earlier this year the

Department of Labor, monitor of the national CETA program, advised the local consortium that it wanted the ratio of participation in the federally financed program to reflect the ethnic percentage of the population.

CETA officials argued that they

wanted the ratio of participation by ethnic groups to reflect the numbers from each group that applied.

Under the modified percentages, participation by whites will be decreased from 63 percent to 50. The percentage of black participation will be increased

from 23 to 33; Hispanics from 7 to 13 percent; Indians reduced from 4 percent to 1 percent, and Asians will remain at 3 percent, Ramirez said.

The modifications "look a hell a lot better. They reflect the kind of people walking through our doors."

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Crime Prevention Center Plans Delayed

For the second time in a week, development of a proposed crime fighting center to be located in the crime beleaguered West Las Vegas area of the city was put on hold.

On Dec. 23 the Metro Police Department Fiscal Affairs Committee postponed action until its Dec. 30 meeting to consider accepting a \$100,000 grant from the City of Las Vegas, which is to be used to establish the center.

James Lien, business manager for the committee, reported at that time that action on the grant was delayed by the committee because a memorandum of agreement between Metro and the city had not been drawn up in time to submit at the meeting.

Again at its Dec. 30 meeting, the committee put development of the crime center on hold, this time due to their postponing their decision whether to even accept the

\$100,000 start-up grant from the city. And again James Lien gave as a reason for the delay the fact that a memorandum of understanding between Metro and the city had not been finalized.

Acceptance of the community block grant for the center has now been scheduled for the agenda of the Metro Police Fiscal Affairs Committee meeting on Jan. 27.

The proposed crime center will be used as a base for the Neighborhood Watch program, a community security program, for business and residential security inspection, for operation identification services, for home protection awareness and other crime-prevention programs for residents and merchants. The center is slated to be established in the Golden West Shopping Center (now renamed The Nucleus Plaza) and will be manned by two police officers and one clerk typist.



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