



REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Staff Report
June 24, 2008

**Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council**

Title: Proposed Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Measure

Location/Council District: Sacramento County

Recommendation: This report is for information only.

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Presenters: Lyn Corbett, Office of Youth Development, 808-8849; Roger Dickinson, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

Department: City Manager's Office

Division: Office of Youth Development

Organization No: 0340

Description/Analysis

Issue: Sacramento County Supervisor, Roger Dickinson, has launched a drive to place a measure on the November ballot that would provide funds for youth development, gang prevention and intervention programs. The measure, if approved, would impose a ¼ cent sales tax increase and raise over \$50 million a year. Half of the funds generated would go back to the generating source (the County and cities) and the other half would be administered by an appointed Community Oversight Board. A measure fact sheet and jurisdiction allocation information are included as Attachment 1 and 2 to this report.

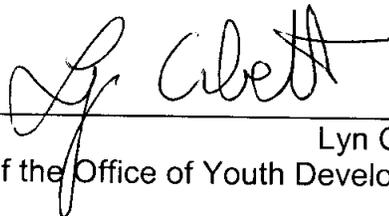
Policy Considerations: Youth development and youth issues are a high priority for the City Council. Last year, the Council approved funding to establish an Office of Youth Development to provide focus on coordination of youth issues.

Environmental Considerations: None.

Rationale for Recommendation: This report is for information only.

Financial Considerations: Based on current information, should this measure be approved by the voters it would provide an estimated \$7,925,000 in new funding to the city for youth and gang programs.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): None.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Lyn Corbett
Director of the Office of Youth Development

Recommendation Approved:

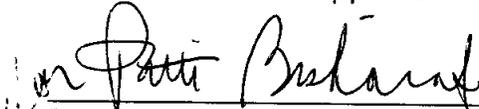

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City Manager

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2008 Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Measure Fact Sheet

Key Facts on the Measure:

- If County Supervisors act, Measure will be on the November ballot
- Measure will require a ¼ cent sales tax increase raising over \$50 million a year
- Funds raised by this measure would enable the non-profit organizations, business and local government to respond to youth violence and gang activities by providing funding to youth development, gang prevention and intervention programs
- Money from the measure would be allocated to after school and job training programs, to local community based organizations that have a proven track record for running anti-gang and youth development programs, and to hire additional law enforcement personnel specializing in working with young people
- Half the funds generated from the measure would go back to the generating source (the cities), where the other half will be administered by an appointed Community Oversight Board that accepts applications for funding from various organizations focusing on youth development. This Board will have representatives from the local communities, government, and schools
- Sacramento County Board of Supervisors can put the measure on the ballot. The second option to put the measure on the ballot is to collect 36,800 valid signatures (must collect at least 55,000) and submit those to the registrar by July 8
- Need a 67% or 2/3 vote to pass
- November 2008 election is the best time to do this vote as turnout will be very high (esp. among young people and women who traditionally support these types of measures)
- Sonoma and Fresno County (and many cities) have passed similar measures

Key Facts on Gangs:

- Gang violence in Sacramento County has increased 73 percent in the last 20 years
- The number of people 21 or younger killed by guns in Sacramento County was higher in 2007 than in any other year in the past decade, even as violent crime decreased in the county

- The California Department of Finance is projecting the Sacramento County “at-risk” youth population ages 10-17 will increase 64% by 2025
- There are more than 65 gangs in Sacramento County with over 6,000 active gang members total
- It costs \$170,000 a year to put a kid in juvenile detention or in prison. It will be cheaper in the long run to provide additional funds for anti-gang and after-school programs that keep kids out of trouble and prevent them from joining gangs

Youth Prevention Measure ~ Jurisdiction Allocation (\$25 million)

	% of Sale Share	Amount
County	38%	\$9,500,000.00
City of Sacramento	31.70%	\$7,925,000.00
Galt	0.60%	\$150,000.00
Citrus Heights	6.10%	\$1,525,000.00
Elk Grove	8.90%	\$2,225,000.00
Isleton	0.10%	\$25,000.00
Rancho Cordova	5.00%	\$1,250,000.00
Folsom	9.50%	\$2,375,000.00