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Report Type: Staff/Discussion

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Title: Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Plan (MGPTSF) Update

Location: Citywide

Issue: The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force provides periodic updates to the City Council on gang prevention and intervention services.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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Division: Neighborhood Services

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Attachments:

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City Attorney Review

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Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: Staff is committed to providing the City Council regular updates to the MGPTF Strategic Plan adopted by Council on October 2, 2012 (Motion # 2012-237). The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force recently identified the following primary objectives for the initiative:

- Increase reading proficiency rate at targeted schools
- Train and certify 100 community leaders and practitioners in violence reduction and conflict mediation
- Create 1,000 internship opportunities for at risk youth
- Reduce gang-involved firearm assaults in high crime areas

The continued support of the City in implementing the MGPTF Strategic Plan is critical in reaching the identified goals.

Policy Considerations: Providing programs for at-risk youth is consistent with the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Plan and the City Manager's Performance Goals to enhance neighborhood safety.

Economic Impacts: There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not constitute a "project" as defined in section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14 Cal. Code Reg. § 15000 et seq.), and is otherwise exempt pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) (no significant effect on the environment) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sustainability: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Implementation of the Strategic Plan provides a blueprint consisting of evidenced-based and promising practices to address and prevent youth and gang violence in the City of Sacramento.

Financial Considerations: Funding of one full-time employee for this initiative has been allocated through the Department of Parks and Recreation operational budget. Two Cal-GRIP grants in the amount of \$249,953 and \$455,000 have been accepted by the City Council (Reso #2012-219 and Reso #2012-410 respectively). Additionally, a grant from The California Endowment was accepted in the amount of \$129,125 (Reso #2013-002).

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable.

Background:

In February 2011, Mayor Kevin Johnson formed the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) to address and prevent issues related to gang and youth violence in Sacramento. The MGPTF meets quarterly and consists of members representing the City and County of Sacramento, school districts, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, law enforcement and others. The MGPTF spent 14 months engaging in a robust community discussion process which included community forums, focus groups, stakeholder meetings and informational interviews. This process provided valuable input in producing a comprehensive strategic plan. The City also received technical assistance from the California 13 Cities Gang Prevention Network.

Effective July 2, 2012, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force became operational through the Department of Parks and Recreation's Neighborhood Services Division and is staffed by a Project Manager funded by the City's general fund; additionally one full-time and one half-time Program Analyst positions are funded by grants. The MGPTF Strategic Plan was adopted by Sacramento City Council on October 2, 2012 (Motion No. 2012-237) and endorsed by the County Board of Supervisors on January 29, 2013.

The purpose of the MGPTF is to provide a collaborative structure and methodology to leverage resources and expertise, and align strategies and services under the framework of the MGPTF Strategic Plan. This comprehensive framework builds upon the public health model and is designed to allow the City, its stakeholders, its partners and the community to assume responsibility and accountability for the safety and health of our youth, families and neighborhoods.

The Comprehensive Model includes four overarching focus areas:

- School-Based Approach - increase school based supports and enrichment activities to facilitate student achievement;
- Community Empowerment - strengthen community capacity to address gang involvement and create safe neighborhoods;
- Workforce Readiness - provide workforce readiness and other positive alternatives for at risk youth; and
- Regional Accountability - develop regional collaboration towards enforcement, awareness, and evaluation.

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Within the past year several state and private grants totaling \$834,078 have been awarded to the City to support the implementation of the MGPTF Strategic Plan. Through multiple partnerships an additional \$704,953 of in-kind resources has also been successfully leveraged. The majority of these grants are due to conclude within the next fiscal year.

These funds have been invested to accomplish the following:

- Served 215 high-risk elementary youth via the Gang Prevention and Literacy project in South Sacramento
- Conducted multiple two-day Violence Reduction trainings for 30 gang prevention practitioners
- Implemented first Violence Prevention Summit at Sacramento State University for 315 high school students and 75 service providers
- Secured the Ceasefire program including street outreach, call-ins and social services for 50 active gang members
- Provided monetary stipends for 118 at-risk high school students via the Summer at City Hall internship program
- Designed the Sacramento Community Safety Scorecard evaluation tool to measure conditions within the City's five most violent areas
- Initiated a pilot gun buyback strategy to address gun violence and increase community awareness
- As member of the CA 13 Cities Gang Prevention Network, supported the passage of AB 526 which broadens funding streams for cities with comprehensive plans to address juvenile delinquency

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force has made substantial progress toward expanding prevention and intervention services to address the complex issues surrounding gang and youth violence in Sacramento. Community engagement and cross sector collaboration between faith leaders, law enforcement, social service agencies, hospitals and schools is at an unprecedented level. The continued support of the City in implementing the strategies and objectives within the MGPTF Strategic Plan is essential to the success of creating a safer community.