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Title: Police Department Strategies for Community Policing (Oral Report)

Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and file.

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Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: On December 16, 2014, City Council asked the Chief of Police to return to Council with Sacramento Police Department (SPD) strategies for community policing. The Mayor specifically requested the Chief address four primary areas: Training, Diversity, Accountability, and Community Engagement.

The SPD has been a proponent of community policing since it was conceptualized by the U.S. Department of Justice two decades ago with the idea that trust and mutual respect between police and the community it serves is critical to public safety. The concepts of community policing are bolstered by SPD philosophies that center around long-term thinking towards problem solving by all employees, lowering crime through prevention efforts as opposed to arrest, and reliance on community partnerships. These philosophies have survived critical incidents, economic challenges, and staff reductions, and currently play a critical role in SPD's efforts to rebuild.

To that end, the Sacramento Police Department will address Council's request by providing a more in-depth overview of the multitude of strategies in place, those in progress, and future opportunities for enhancing community policing as it applies to training, diversity, accountability, and community engagement.

Policy Considerations: The strategies provided for community policing are consistent with City Council's goal of improving and expanding public safety. It is also consistent with City Council's goal of establishing and strengthening community partnerships.

Economic Impact: None.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable.

Sustainability Considerations: Not applicable.

Commission/Committee Action: Not applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Not applicable.

Financial Considerations: None.

Local Business Enterprise Program (LBE): Not applicable.