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Title

GANG REDUCTION STRATEGY

Initiated by

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Subject

Motion - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Gang Reduction Strategy is a critical step in the City's efforts to end gang violence. As the Mayor's plan aptly notes, gangs rob the City of our most valuable asset: the next generation of community, business, and City leaders. By focusing resources on prevention, intervention, and reentry, in tandem with suppression, the Gang Reduction Strategy will help address the factors that lead youth into gang involvement and begin to offer genuine alternatives to gang life.

A cornerstone of the Mayor's plan is intensive delivery of comprehensive, integrated gang prevention programs in eight, high-priority "Gang Reduction Zones." Each Zone--selected on the basis of gang crime rates-- will include the nationally recognized Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR)Program. While five of these Zones will be built on existing City programs--and will be eligible to receive a share of \$3 million in new gang reduction funding--the Zones in Baldwin Village, Ramona Gardens, and Imperial Courts are instead slated to be funded through state and federal grant funds. Implementation of the Mayor's Strategy in these three Zones will therefore be delayed until state and federal grant applications can be written, submitted, and approved and funds disbursed.

The families in Baldwin Village, Ramona Gardens, and Imperial Courts cannot afford to wait the months required to rely solely on this strategy. It is imperative that the City immediately begin in these communities, as in the other Five Zones, to lay the groundwork needed to end gang violence. A first step in each Zone will be to conduct a comprehensive needs and resources assessment in order to develop a meaningful, comprehensive community strategy.

Conducting these needs and resource assessments immediately will allow each Gang Reduction Zone to strategically leverage federal and state dollars upon receipt.

THEREFORE MOVE that \$100,000 from the 2006-2007 Unappropriated Balance/Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Reduction line item be appropriated for the purposes of conducting comprehensive needs and resource assessments in Baldwin Village, Imperial Courts, and Ramona Gardens in preparation for the implementation of Gang Reduction Zones; and

FURTHER MOVE that the funds be disbursed through a competitive procurement process overseen by a committee consisting of representatives from the Mayor's Office; impacted Council Districts; CAO; and CLA; and

FURTHER MOVE that the CAO and CLA prepare a Request for Qualification for each Gang Reduction Zone for consultants that would conduct comprehensive, community-based needs and resource assessments for Baldwin Village, Imperial Courts, and Ramona Gardens.

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File History

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4-25-07 - Ref to AD HOC on Gang Violence and Youth Development and Budget and Finance Committee

4-25-07 - File to AD HOC on Gang Violence and Youth Development Committee Clerk

8-3-07 - For ref - Communication from the City Administrative Officer 0220-04327-0000, dated August 3, 2007, relative to appropriating \$100,000 to fund comprehensive needs and resource assessments in the Baldwin Village (Southwest), Imperial Courts (Southeast) and Ramona Gardens proposed Gang Reduction Zones.

8-3-07 - Ref to AD HOC on Gang Violence and Youth Development and Budget and Finance Committees - to AD HOC on Gang Violence and Youth Development Clerk

