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A recent newspaper article reported that gang-related violence has soared in the San Fernando Valley. The West San Fernando Valley has seen an even higher increase in gang-related crimes.

In March 2006, the City Council approved a contract for \$465,150 to hire the Advancement Project to craft a Citywide Gang Activity Reduction Strategy. It is important that the Advancement Group take into consideration the increase in gang violence in the Valley and apply it to its gang reduction strategy. Furthermore, the Advancement Project should be aware of the spike in documented gangs in the Valley. According to the newspaper article, there are 80 gangs with about 20,000 members, up from 70 gangs with about 15,000 members just five years ago.

The Los Angeles Police Department should inform the City Council on the reasons behind the inflation of gang-related violence and on steps that are being taken to dissuade more violence. Also, the Advancement Project should be made aware of these new acts of violence and report on how they affect its report on the City's gang problem and any strategies that may be implemented to address it.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Los Angeles Police Department to report to the Public Safety Committee within 30 days on the increase in gang-related killings and crimes in the San Fernando Valley.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Advancement Project to report to the Public Safety Committee in 30 days on how the increase in gang-related activity affects its Citywide Gang Activity Reduction Strategy.

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