

ORDINANCE NUMBER O- 19339 (NEW SERIES)

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, DIVISION 18 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 22.1801(b) AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING DIVISION 22 AND SECTIONS 22.2201, 22.2202 AND 22.2203, ALL RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2002, the City Attorney's Office and the Police Department, along with over 24 public and private agencies, opened the San Diego Family Justice Center at 707 Broadway in downtown San Diego; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center is the most comprehensive facility of its kind in America, providing "one stop shop" services to victims of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, each day over 120 child abuse and domestic violence professionals and volunteers provide services to victims of family violence and sexual assault at the Family Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, each month the San Diego Family Justice Center provides services to 600-800 women, men, and children; and

WHEREAS, as part of the healing and therapeutic services offered by the San Diego Family Justice Center, the Center has developed a camp for victims of domestic violence and their children; and

WHEREAS, Camp Hope is the first camp of its kind in the country to focus on victims of child abuse, victims of domestic violence, and at-risk children; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Family Justice Center (including its camping initiative, Camp Hope) has quickly become a national model; and

WHEREAS, in October 2003, President Bush announced the President's Family Justice Center Initiative to create Family Justice Centers across America modeled after the San Diego Family Justice Center and its related programs; and

WHEREAS, over the next two years, the United States Department of Justice, with strong bi-partisan support from Congress, will fund fifteen sites with approximately \$20 million already authorized for the national initiative; and

WHEREAS, in June 2004, the Office on Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice awarded the San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation a grant of \$1.6 million to provide training and technical assistance to the fifteen federally funded Family Justice Center sites over the next two years; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney and Police Chief have been working in partnership with District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Supervisor Pam Slater, and Sheriff Bill Kolender to develop a strategic plan to facilitate creation of Family Justice Centers throughout the County in furtherance of a Regional Family Justice System for San Diego County that coordinates services for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse, and sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, because the organization and operation of the San Diego Family Justice Center is independent and unique from all other functions of the City Attorney's Office and in order to carry on with the considerable investment made by the City and assure continued benefits to the citizens of San Diego realized from the Family Justice Center, the Chief of Police,

the City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the City Attorney are jointly proposing to establish a new City department to continue with the management, operations, and future development of the San Diego Family Justice Center; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article 2, Division 18, Section 22.1801(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 22.1801 City Departments

- (a) [No change in text.]
- (b) The following are the departments of the City of San Diego within the meaning of the Charter and ordinances of said City:

Auditor and Comptroller

Citizens Assistance and Information

City Attorney

City Clerk

City Council — District 1

City Council — District 2

City Council — District 3

City Council — District 4

City Council — District 5

City Council — District 6

City Council — District 7

City Council — District 8

City Manager

City Retirement
City Treasurer
Development Services Department
Engineering Department
Executive Services Department
Family Justice Center Department
Financial Management
Fire
General Services
Intergovernmental Relations
Library
Mayor
Neighborhood Code Compliance
Park and Recreation
Personnel
Planning
Police
Purchasing
Real Estate Assets
Risk Management
Waste Management
Water Utilities

(c) [No change in text.]

Section 2. That Chapter 2, Article 2, of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by adding a new Division, and new Sections 22.2201, 22.2202, and 22.2203, to read as follows:

Division 22: Family Justice Center Department

§ 22.2201 Family Justice Center Department

The Family Justice Center Department is a City department. The department is a collection of public agency and social service agency organizations collaboratively brought together under the executive management of the City to fulfill a community need for “one stop shop” services to victims of domestic violence and their children.

§ 22.2202 Director of Family Justice Center Department

The Director is the administrative head of the department and shall be selected by the City Manager. The Director shall be the appointing authority of all City personnel authorized in the department through the normal annual budget and appropriation process of the City, with the exception of: any Deputy City Attorneys who shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the City Attorney, and any employees classified by the City to serve under the appointment, direction, and supervision of the Chief of Police.

§ 22.2203 Family Justice Center Steering Committee

The Family Justice Center Steering Committee shall consist of the Director of the Family Justice Center, the City Attorney, the Chief of Police for the City of San Diego, and the current Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee of the City Council. The San Diego District Attorney shall also be invited to participate. The Family Justice Center Steering Committee members or

their designees shall meet periodically, but no less than once a quarter, to develop and oversee the operational guidelines for the Family Justice Center, and to make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council for development of a Long Range Strategic Plan for development of the Family Justice Center, and to make recommendations pertaining to programs, priorities, and the annual budget for the Family Justice Center.

Section 3. The City Manager is directed to take those steps required to expeditiously establish the Family Justice Center Department as a managerial department, including but not limited to, the following:

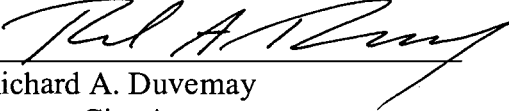
1. Identify all staff positions to be assigned to the Family Justice Center Department from the City Attorney's Office and Police Department, and all current City costs associated with the Family Justice Center operation and report back within sixty days;
2. work with the City Attorney, Police Chief, the Municipal Employees Association, and other City department heads to coordinate all necessary transitional processes for creation of the Family Justice Center Department;
3. work with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Chair, City Attorney, and District Attorney to establish the Steering Committee to assist the Manager in overseeing the Family Justice Center Department;
4. include the Family Justice Center Department in the FY2006 Manager's Proposed Budget; and

5. work with the City Attorney and Police Chief to appoint an Acting Director for the Family Justice Center Department and initiate a selection process for a permanent Director after the formal adoption of this ordinance.

Section 4. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its final passage, a written or printed copy having been available to the City Council and the public a day prior to its final passage.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its passage.

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