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ATTENTION: PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE  
JUNE 11, 2003

SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON STAR/PAL

#### SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

#### BACKGROUND

STAR/PAL is a non-profit organization that strives to offer an equal emphasis on academic, athletic, and recreational activities for the underserved youth in the San Diego region.

STAR/PAL was developed through an active partnership of the City of San Diego Police, Park & Recreation, Libraries, and Fire and Life Safety Services as a response to youth violence and the need for enhanced community resources. STAR/PAL represents a unique and effective partnership, in which professionals from the San Diego Police Department and the County of San Diego Probation Department work hand-in-hand with community-based youth programming professionals to support the mission and goals of STAR/PAL. These goals also support each law enforcement agency's goals for youth crime prevention and intervention strategies.

STAR/PAL's mission is: To inspire and aid the youth of greater San Diego to make positive life choices through active participation in educational, athletic, and recreational activities in collaboration with community partners.

STAR/PAL's target populations are those youth and families residing and attending school in traditionally underserved communities. STAR/PAL reaches out to youth, ages 5 to 18, by offering free programs at locations within walking distance of their homes and schools. Each program is designed to increase youth contact with caring adult role models, to support academic and athletic interests, and to transfer leisure time skills so that each child can be more aware of community resources, and how to use their spare time more appropriately.

## DISCUSSION

Summary of programs:

### Recreation & Special Events

Fishing  
Sailing Regatta  
Summer Camp  
Tickets for Kids

### Athletics

Sports Championships  
Summer Baseball/ Softball  
Golfing  
Fundamental Skills Camps

### Educational/ Enrichment

Arts Reflecting Prevention  
Kidzwatch Academies  
Cultural Field Trips  
Aquatic Field Trips

### STAR/PAL Goals

1. Contribute to the decrease in juvenile crime and violence.
2. Develop positive relationships between young people and role models from the entire community.
3. Provide positive and structured leisure time opportunities and encourage youth participation.
4. Keep our youth in school.

### Statistics

20,460 youth served in 2002

52,045 youth contacts in 2002

317 volunteers gave more than 3,400 hours of service in 2002

### New STAR/PAL Center Project

STAR/PAL has nearly completed a \$1.3 million capital campaign for a new 3,400 square foot STAR/PAL Headquarters and for the renovation of the existing 1,800 square foot Center in Colina del Sol Park in East City Heights. When completed, this 5,400 square foot facility will house the STAR/PAL Youth Computer Lab, several multi-purpose rooms, and the administrative offices for the STAR/PAL Team. STAR/PAL has a 25-year lease agreement with the City of San Diego for this property.

STAR/PAL anticipates breaking ground by the end of this summer, with completion set for late 2003. This project has been adopted by the Building Industry Association's BIA Cares for Kids Fund and by Roel Construction. Major donors include San Diego National Bank, Parker Foundation, Weingart Price Foundation, Copley Newspapers, KUSI, Nice Guys, Stafford Memorial Trust, Cox Communications, County Board of Supervisors, and numerous STAR/PAL Board Members.

STAR/PAL Board Members

The Board of STAR/PAL is comprised of local leaders in the business, government, and non-profit sectors. Each Board Member actively supports the organization through volunteer service and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,

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