



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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ATTENTION: Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
Agenda of June 6, 2007
SUBJECT: Informational Report from the Commission on Gang Prevention
and Intervention

SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OR THE CITY COUNCIL.

BACKGROUND

The Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention is to serve as an official advisory body to the Mayor and City Council on policy issues relating to gang prevention and intervention.

The Commission will make recommendations concerning gang prevention, intervention, diversion, and suppression methods; identify local, state, and federal funding sources; and address other gang-related policy matters.

DISCUSSION

The Commission organized a community forum entitled: *Community Solutions: Creating Regional/Neighborhood Anti-Gang Strategies*. The purpose of the May 10th event was to gather neighborhood specific concerns and strategies for its strategic action plan.

Over 350 participants from throughout San Diego County came together. Attendees included representation from probation, courts, schools, youth and family services, faith-based community, state, local and federal law enforcement agencies, healthcare providers, job training agencies, local neighborhood associations, local elected officials, representatives of federal, state and local social service agencies, and community based organizations.

The summit was sponsored by the City of San Diego's Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California, the Jacobs Family Foundation and the San Diego Foundation.


Experts in anti-gang strategy implementation as well as city officials from communities who have prevention and intervention initiatives that are working presented at the forum. Researcher and consultant Dr. Anthony Braga who has worked on Operation Ceasefire and founder of the Omega Boys Club Street Soldiers, Dr. Joseph Marshall were among the presenters. Mayor Patrick Morris from San Bernardino presented Operation Phoenix; Lt. Richard Saito discussed San Jose's strategy implementation; and Lt. Garza discussed Fresno's Operation Bulldog. The speakers were all from the National League of Cities' 13 California City Gang Network.

Afterwards, participants broke into workgroups based upon the area of the county in which they work and/or live to develop community focused strategies aimed at impacting gang violence and preventing youth from joining gangs. The areas included neighborhoods of Linda Vista, Mid City, Southeastern, Southbay, and Mira Mesa along with regional areas of East County and North County.

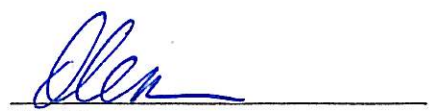
FOLLOW UP

The Commission will invite the facilitators to report quarterly to continue the excitement and focus on strategies and work within the communities.

The Commission will use the information to inform its strategic action plan.



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