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SUBJECT: SOUTH COAST GANG TASK FORCE - LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Dear Mr. Centeno:

We are requesting that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors formally approve participation in the South Coast Gang Task Force and designate a Supervisor to represent the County on the Task Force's Leadership Council.

A year ago, the City of Santa Barbara convened a half-day work session with 45 executive level staff of government agencies and community based organizations located on the South Coast that are engaged with suppression, intervention, and prevention of youth gang violence. This initial meeting resulted in a year long process that produced two major initiatives designed to combat gang violence.

The first effort involved the development and implementation of a Summer Program targeted to 82 local youth with gang affiliations. This program has become the model for year-round coordination and collaboration by all the agencies and organizations that have various responsibilities and roles with respect to our community's response to youth gang violence.

The second major effort was to create a long term institutional structure that will work to better coordinate the multitude of ongoing efforts on the South Coast that deal with elements of the gang problem. This long term structure was developed by a committee composed of key governmental officials, education representatives, and directors of major nonprofits. This organizational structure has been designated as the South Coast Gang Task Force.

Attached is a diagram that illustrates the organizational structure for the Task Force and a summary description of Leadership Council, their respective purposes and proposed membership.

The first meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and will be held at the Franklin Community Center, 1136 Montecito Street, Santa Barbara, 93103.

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We look forward to a representative of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors being a member of the Leadership Council to support the vital work to reduce youth gang violence on the South Coast. Please contact Jennifer Bartley, Executive Assistant, at (805) 897-2682 to confirm your acceptance of this role and for a Supervisor's attendance at the upcoming meeting on April 22, 2009. After we have received your confirmation, we will send you an agenda via email.

Sincerely,

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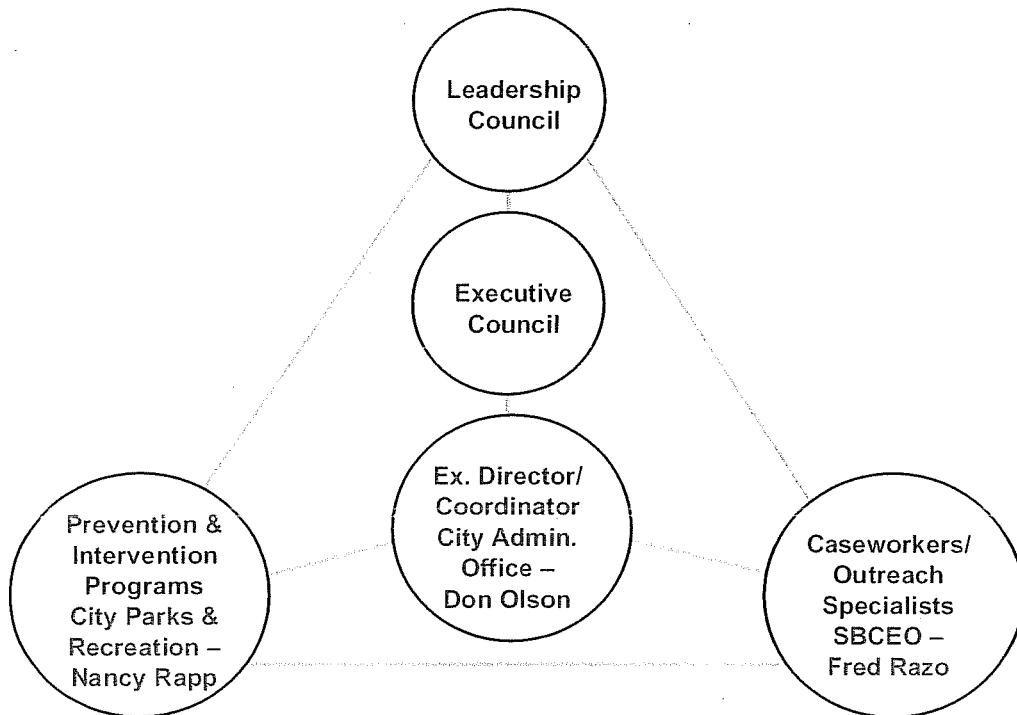
James L. Armstrong
City Administrator

Cc: Mike Brown, County Executive Officer
Don Olson, Special Projects Manager, City of Santa Barbara

Attachment: South Coast Gang Task Force Organizational Structure &
Summary Description of Leadership Council

SOUTH COAST GANG TASK FORCE

Organizational Structure and Interim Staffing



Leadership Council

Description:

As envisioned, the South Coast Gang Task Force Leadership Council is to be composed of elected officials and community leaders who are members of political jurisdictions or organizations who can commit resources to end youth gang violence.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Leadership Council is to serve as the overall oversight group of the effort to end the negative effects of youth gangs. The Leadership Council will:

- Represent a South Coast regional commitment to a five-year pilot program to end youth gangs and violence
- Commit to support the effort and secure the resources to accomplish the mission
- Call for performance measures to evaluate and continue program funding
- Focus on ending youth gangs and violence
- Meet jointly with Executive Council three times a year to receive reports on program progress and accomplishment

Meeting Frequency:

The Leadership Council, as envisioned, will meet every six (6) months.

Composition:

Chair or Member of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors [TBD]

Mayor, City of Santa Barbara

Mayor or Council Member, City of Goleta [TBD]

Mayor or Council Member, City of Carpinteria [TBD]

Bill Brown, Santa Barbara County Sheriff

Henry Yang, Chancellor, University of California Santa Barbara

William Cirone, Superintendent, Santa Barbara County Office of Education

Board President or Member, Santa Barbara School Districts

Board President or Member, Carpinteria Unified School District

Presiding Superior Court Judge or Designee [TBD]

Christie Stanley, District Attorney, Santa Barbara County

The Foundation Roundtable [TBD]

Corporate Roundtable [TBD]

President/Chair of the Interfaith Initiative [TBD]

Community/Family Representative [TBD]

Youth Representative [TBD]