



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

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Department Name: CEO
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Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Chandra L. Wallar, CEO *CW*
Director(s)
Contact Info: Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO 568-3404
SUBJECT: South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs Update

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Receive an update from Saul Serrano, Task Force Coordinator regarding activities of the South Coast Gang Task Force on Youth Gangs.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda in order for the Board of Supervisors to receive a report from Saul Serrano, Task Force Coordinator regarding recent activities and upcoming items regarding the South Coast Gang Task Force on Youth Gangs.

Background:

The South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs (SCTFYG) was formed in 2009 after a yearlong effort of community meetings and discussions on youth gang issues and solutions. This regional effort is funded by local governments in the south coast and solidified by a memorandum of understanding.

The regional approach recognizes that the problem of youth gang violence is a community problem and finding a solution will require on-going collaborative community efforts. The SCTFYG's focus is specific:

- Take a regional approach focused on the south coast jurisdictions of the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta, Santa Barbara and County of Santa Barbara (south).
- Advocate for comprehensive programs that include suppression, intervention and prevention.
- Be experimental with solutions, programs, and opportunities.

- Be patient as the problem did not develop overnight and solutions will not be accomplished overnight.

The SCTFYG is guided by two advisory bodies: the Leadership Council primarily composed of elected officials, and the Executive Council, primarily composed of chief executives from public, private and non-profit organizations, and community representation. The composition includes representatives from City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors, philanthropic organizations, youth and parents, service providers, law enforcement, County probation and social services, school districts, community college and UCSB, City and County executives, and the faith community. Multiple individuals from the County of Santa Barbara serve on and assist with the task force. First District Supervisor Salud Carbajal and Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf alternate with the City of Santa Barbara, Mayor Helene Schneider, in chairing this effort. Sheriff Bill Brown, CEO Chandra Wallar, County Probation Deputy Chief Steve DeLira, County Social Services Deputy Delfino Neira, and Assistant CEO Terri Nisich actively work in support of the task force and attend all meetings.

Regional administrative support is provided by the Community Action Commission which serves as the host agency. Using a per-capita formula, the effort is funded by a combined contribution of \$151,666.

The funding included:

<i>Agency</i>	<i>Amount</i>
County of Santa Barbara	\$50,434
City of Santa Barbara	\$67,729
City of Goleta	\$22,800
City of Carpinteria	\$10,703
Total	\$151,666
Community Action Commission (CAC) In-kind funding:	\$25,964

Additional contributions included:

Hutton Parker Foundation	Office Space
Bower Foundation	\$15,000
McCune Foundation	\$2,000

The partnerships formed through the SCTFYG have been key in securing funding for youth intervention programs in the South Coast. In the last four years, two Cal-GRIP (California Gang Reduction, Intervention, and Prevention Program) grants were received totaling approximately \$750,000 to provide services to 250+ youth in the south coast.

Additional information about the work of the South Coast Task Force on Youth Gangs can be found at <http://youthgangtaskforce.org>.

cc: Saul Serrano, City of Santa Barbara