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June 20, 2005

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Councilmember Cardenas
Councilmember Padilla
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office

RE: FUNDING FOR THE VAN NUYS COMMUNITY COURT PROJECT

At the meeting of the Council held JUNE 17, 2005, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____ X _____
Attached motion (-) adopted.....	_____
Attached resolution adopted.....	_____
FORTHWITH.....	_____
Mayor concurred	_____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	_____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)...	_____
Ordinance adopted.....	_____
Ordinance number.....	_____

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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your PUBLIC SAFETY Committee

reports as follows:

Public Comments: Yes No
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to funding for the Van Nuys Community Court Project.

Recommendation for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Cardenas - Padilla):

INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) to report back in ninety days on the progress of the remaining amount required to fund the Van Nuys Community Court Project through March 31, 2006.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that there is no General Fund impact. Funding is provided by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (\$23,333), Council District 11 (\$20,000) and the 2005-06 Community Development Block Grant Budget (\$50,000) to continue the Van Nuys Community Court Project for six months.

Summary:

On December 7, 2004, the Motion (Cardenas-Padilla) requesting the CAO, CLA and MCJPO review potential funding sources for a one year extension for the Van Nuys Community Court Project, was introduced and referred to the Public Safety (PS) Committee. The Chair of the PS Committee requested the CAO review this Motion and report back to the Committee.

In a report dated May 20, 2005, the CAO states that the Van Nuys Community Court is one of two Community courts in Los Angeles, established as part of the Community Court Pilot Project in October 2001. The Downtown Community Court is the other. The pilot was funded by a \$997,800 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The CAO indicates that Community Courts deliberate over low-level crime "quality of life" offenses, such as prostitution, disorderly conduct, vandalism, shoplifting and graffiti. The courts sentence offenders to community service, while at the same time offering assistance to address problems that may cause criminal behavior. Residents, businesses and social service agencies collaborate with the courts by supervising community service projects and by providing on-site social services that include drug treatment, health care and job training.

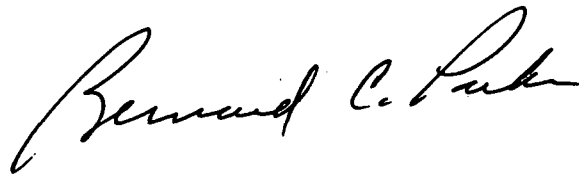
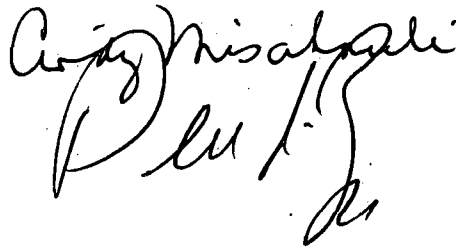
The CAO indicates that the Van Nuys Project has received a total of \$287,300 in funding. \$257,300 is from the BJA Grant and the remaining \$30,000 was provided by Council District 11's Community service budget. The Van Nuys Advisory Board has developed a plan to sustain the program and the lead agency, the Volunteer Center of Los Angeles (VCLA) is seeking funding from various sources. The sources include private funds from the Mid-Valley Chamber of Commerce, Auto Row car dealership and more than 30 businesses along Van Nuys Boulevard and additional public funds from the City's Bureau of Street Lighting's projects advertised for bids and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

To dated, \$95,333 has been secured from the following sources: 1) \$20,000 from Council District 11; 2) \$50,000 from the 2005-06 CDBG Budget; and, 3) \$23,333 from the LA County Board of Supervisors. The CAO anticipates that the additional \$74,667 needed to sustain the program will be secured from various private and/or public sources. The Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) will continue to work with the VCLA to seek the necessary funding.

At its regular meeting on June 6, 2005, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter and concurred in the CAOs recommendation to instruct the CLA, CAO and MCJPO to report back in 90 days on the progress of 0the remaining amount to fund the Project through March 31, 2006. This matter is now being forwarded to Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
MISCIKOWSKI	YES
REYES	ABSENT
PARKS	YES
WEISS	ABSENT
ZINE	YES

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COUNCIL VOTE

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Items for Which Public Hearings Have Been Held - Items 7- 26

Voting on Item(s): 7-12,14-18,20-26

Roll Call

CARDENAS	Yes
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Absent
HAHN	Absent
LABONGE	Yes
LUDLOW	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PARKS	Yes
PERRY	Yes
REYES	Absent
SMITH	Yes
VILLARAIGOSA	Absent
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes

Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION**

Council File No. _____

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Council Member(s) <u>Cardenas & Padilla</u> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mayor (with/without file) | (Mail Stop 370) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | City Administrative Officer | (Mail Stop 130) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | City Attorney / <u>CITY ATTY w/ BLUE SHEET</u> | (Mail Stop 140) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Chief Legislative Analyst | (Mail Stop 136) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Police Department | (Mail Stop 400) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fire Department | (Mail Stop 250) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Department of Animal Regulation | (Mail Stop 105) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dept. of Building and Safety | (Mail Stop 115) |
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Building Advisory Appeal Board | (Mail Stop 115) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Department of Social Service | (Mail Stop 700) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office</u> | |
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES SPEAKER'S BOARD

Date

6-6-05

Council File No., Agenda Item, or Case No.

ITEM # 4

I wish to speak before the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Name of City Agency, Department, Committee or Council

Do you wish to provide general public comment, or to speak for or against a proposal on the agenda? () For proposal

() Against proposal

Name: DON SCHULTZ General comments

Business or Organization Affiliation: VN COMMUNITY COURTS CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Address: P.O. BOX 3528 VAN NUYS CA. 91407
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REPORT FROM

OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Date: May 20, 2005

CAO File No. 0220-03614-0006
Council File No. 99-1571-S3
Council District: 6

To: The Public Safety Committee

From: William T Fujioka, City Administrative Officer

Reference: Request from the Public Safety Committee dated December 14, 2004

Subject: FUNDING FOR THE VAN NUYS COMMUNITY COURT PROJECT

SUMMARY

On December 7, 2004, the Council adopted a motion (Cardenas-Padilla) to request the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) to review potential funding sources in the amount of \$170,000 for a one-year extension of services at the Van Nuys Community Court (Van Nuys), while the Court identifies a permanent funding source. The Council also instructed that the review should include possible identification of Los Angeles County funding sources for this collaborative project.

Van Nuys is one of two community courts in Los Angeles established as part of the Community Court Pilot Project in October 2001. The Downtown Community Court is the other. The pilot was funded by a \$997,800 grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Community Courts (courts) deliberate over low-level crime "quality of life" offenses, such as prostitution, disorderly conduct, vandalism, shoplifting and graffiti. The courts sentence offenders to community service, while at the same time offering assistance to address problems that may cause criminal behavior. Residents, businesses and social service agencies collaborate with the courts by supervising community service projects and by providing on-site social services that include drug treatment, health care and job training.

The Volunteer Center of Los Angeles (VCLA), a non-profit organization, was selected as a result of a Request for Proposal to provide services in Van Nuys. To date, the Van Nuys project has received a total of \$287,300. Of this amount, \$257,300 is from the BJA grant which funded the City's original agreement with the VCLA from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 (\$172,000) and an amendment extending the agreement to September 30, 2004 (\$85,300) (C.F. 99-1571-S1 and 99-1751-S2). The remaining \$30,000 was provided by the Council District 11 Community Services budget (C.F. 02-2102). The VCLA continued the program without additional funds from October 1, 2004 to December 30, 2004.

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The Van Nuys Advisory Board has developed a plan to sustain the program. As the lead agency, the VCLA is seeking funding from various sources. These sources include private funds from the Mid-Valley Chamber of Commerce, Auto Row car dealership and more than 30 businesses along Van Nuys Boulevard and public funds from the City's Bureau of Street Lighting's projects advertised for bids and the Community Development Block Grant. Decisions from these sources are pending.

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The annual cost of the Van Nuys program is \$170,000. To date, \$95,333 has been secured from the following sources:

- \$20,000 - Council District (CD) 11. On February 11, 2005, the Council approved a motion (Miscikowski-Cardenas) C.F. 04-2540-S1 to provide funding to the community court from discretionary funds;
- \$50,000 - 2005-06 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget; and,
- \$23,333 - Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. This amount is subject to a three to one equivalent City match and a commitment to retain services for a minimum of 12 months. The three to one City match requirement has been met with the total of \$70,000 provided above from CD 11 and CDBG. The City expects to meet the requirement to retain services for 12 months.

Funding will be provided directly to Van Nuys from the sources listed above. The \$95,333 assembled to date represents approximately six months funding (April 2005 through September 2005). We anticipate that the remaining \$74,667 required to fund the project for 12 months will be assembled from various private and/or public sources. The MCJPO will continue to work with VCLA to seek the necessary funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, the City Administrative Officer and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office to report back in ninety days on the progress of the remaining amount required to fund the project through March 31, 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no General Fund impact. Funding is provided by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (\$23,333), Council District 11 (\$20,000) and the 2005-06 Community Development Block Grant Budget (\$50,000) to continue the Van Nuys Community Court Project for six months.

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December 14, 2004

✓ William Fujioka, City Administrative Officer
Office of the City Administrative Officer

Ron Deaton, Chief Legislative Analyst
Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst

Joe Jackson, Director
Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning

RE: REQUEST FOR REPORT

At the request of the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I am transmitting a copy of the Motion (Cardenas-Padilla) relative to identifying funding sources in the amount of \$170,00 for a one year extension for the Van Nuys Community Court, until the court can identify a permanent funding source, to your Office for review and recommendation.

Please transmit your completed report to the Public Safety Committee, c/o Adrienne Bass, Legislative Assistant, Office of the City Clerk, Room 395, City Hall, for scheduling and consideration by the Committee.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Bass
Legislative Assistant
Public Safety Committee

MOTION

The Van Nuys Community Court opened in May 2001, making it the first post-criminal filing Community Court program in the State of California. The Van Nuys Community Court is a problem-solving/collaborative court that links misdemeanor adjudication with social service intervention and neighborhood restoration in the Van Nuys community. The development of the Community Court program was based on a number of needs demonstrated in Van Nuys. There were a vast number of low level, or quality-of-life crimes, that were not being addressed by the overburdened police and court systems. Moreover, the community and elected officials held a desire to get "to the core" of the problems, and why people commit crimes in the first place. The community had realized that to respond only with punitive measures was not the solution for offenders, the community, and the future of Van Nuys.

Prior council action (CF 99-1571) initiated the creation of the Community Court on a pilot basis. The program has proven to be successful and merits a review of potential funding sources to keep the program going.

I THEREFOR MOVE that Chief Legislative Analyst, City Administrative Office and Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning be requested to review potential funding sources in the amount of \$170,000 for a one year extension, while the Community Court identifies a permanent funding source. This review should also include possible identification of County funding sources for this collaborative project.

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PRESENTED BY: Tony Cardenas
TONY CARDENAS
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY: Alexis [Signature]

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