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01-2082

June 23, 2005

City Administrative Officer
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Commission on Status of Women

RE: DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM EXPANSION

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:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to Domestic Abuse Response Team Program expansion.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. APPROVE the establishment of a Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Program Citywide. Existing and future DARTs will be required to abide by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) protocols and have established relationships with shelters and other community-based social service agencies prior to delivering DART services in the City. The LAPD would be responsible for performing this approval process. A separate designated City department would be responsible for performing administrative and implementation responsibilities, assist in security funding (City and non-City), and coordinate with the LAPD to ensure compliance with protocols and other requirements.
2. INSTRUCT the General Manager, Community Development Department (CDD), to work with the LAPD and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) to prepare a DART Program funding package for consideration in the deliberation of the 2005-06 Budget to include all necessary administrative, operational and staffing needs.
3. INSTRUCT the General Manager, or designee, of the CDD, and the Chief of the LAPD, or designee, and REQUEST the Office of the Mayor, to seek federal and state funds for the continuation and expansion of the DART Program.
4. INSTRUCT the CDD and City Administrative Officer (CAO) and REQUEST the Office of the Mayor to consider funding a DART Program with Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan program savings.
5. INSTRUCT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report to Council in 30 days on sponsorship of federal and state legislation to fund the DART Program.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Domestic Violence Working Committee reports that there is no General Fund impact at this time. Approval of the recommendations in this report would centralize and formalize the funding and administration of the DART Program Citywide. The cost for starting and maintaining one DART is estimated at \$238,000. Citywide coverage could result in a potential annual cost of approximately \$4.2 million if the City funded one DART in each of the 18 LAPD stations. However, additional funding sources need to be identified prior to creating new DARTs.

(Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee waived)

Summary:

In a report dated June 11, 2004, the Domestic Violence Working Committee states that this Working Group was established on December 13, 2002, and consists of representatives from the Community Development Department (CDD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO), the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and a representative from the Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF) to consider the critical elements that contribute to effective domestic violence prevention through Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART) in the City, to make recommendations for the City's role in establishing, administering, maintaining, and potentially expanding services through Citywide DART Programs. The Working Group has submitted its findings and recommendations in this report.

The Working Group was asked to review DART-related material and recommend assessment tools. Assessment of six DARTs were underway, but none had been completed. The Working Group subsequently reviewed these evaluation findings. The quality of these assessments and the criteria utilized provided evidence to indicate that any additional assessment might not prove useful. Also, during the investigation, the LAPD finalized protocols that outline the requirements for DARTs when they work with law enforcement. Drawing from these findings, the Working Group has concluded that DARTs are effective when the teams involve centralized coordination between the LAPD, the City Attorney and established domestic violence intervention advocates (CBOs). The CBOs should have an established linkage with shelters and other social services in order to assist each victim once the DART has completed intervention services.

The report indicates that the City has benefitted from the services of DARTs, however the funding has been limited and their administration decentralized. The City has not funded DART services, but has received federal and state funding to support these projects. The MCJPO has administered and managed such federal grant awards, and the LAPD has administered and managed the state grants. The Working Group estimates that the annual operating cost of one DART as \$238,000 which would pay for civilian staff salaries, operating equipment and supplies. Citywide coverage could potentially cost \$4.2 million if DART for the City's 18 police stations were funded. Additional funding needs may materialize to cover other City administrative costs.

The Working Group recognizes that the City faces increased fiscal constraints and uncertainty due to projected shortfalls in this and the forthcoming fiscal years. Despite the City's funding challenges, there is growing evidence to suggest that DARTs can potentially reduce recurrence of domestic violence. DARTs help to increase awareness of domestic violence, help to correctly identify the types of violence and abuse affecting the entire family, and provide options for seeking help. The Working Group recommends that Council and the Mayor approve the centralized administration and of the Citywide DART Program, by assigning one City department the responsible of providing oversight and security funding for all DART operations. The City will require that current and future DARTs abide by the LAPD protocols and that the CBOs have established relationships with shelters and other social service agencies.

The Working Group report includes additional recommends, if future funding is identified. The current non-City grant funds are not necessarily renewable sources and each would require review as to which are renewable.

At its regular meeting on April 25, 2005, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter. Councilmember Zine supported the Working Group recommendations. He did, however, question the Working Group members about creating DART teams in the soon to be opened Police Stations. The CLA indicated that the Working Group's report was based on 18 Police Areas, and that the opening of the new Police Stations will warrant a review of the situation. Either a new DART team would be established at a new Police Station, if two stations could share one team, if in close proximity and if they do not have a terribly high volume of calls. The CAO indicated that they are presently looking at all

public safety grants, and if funding is not recommended in this upcoming Budget, for the Citywide DART expansion, the CAO will be making interim funding recommendations. The PS Committee concurred in the Working Team's recommendations. This matter is now being forwarded to Council for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTE

Jun 17, 2005 11:20:14 AM, #5

ITEM NO. (19)

Voting on Item(s): 19

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

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SUGGESTED NOTIFICATION OF COUNCIL ACTION**

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From: Beatrice Hsu
To: Adrienne Bass
Date: 05/26/2005 12:14:18 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: status of reports

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>>> Laura McLennan 5/26/2005 12:01 PM.>>>
waiver of this from HCED.is fine with me

Laura L. McLennan
Legislative Deputy
Councilmember Alex Padilla
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>>> Beatrice Hsu 5/26/2005 11:32 AM >>>
Thanks for reminding me about this.

John, I'd like to waive from HCED since this has already been heard extensively in Public Safety and in Budget. Laura, OK with you?

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>>> Angelica Samayoa 5/26/2005 10:23 AM >>>
Hi Bea:

I am not currently working on any reports for next week's HCED, but I do have a question relative to the DART joint report that was referred to HCED Committee (CF. 01-2082) from Public Safety. The Adopted 2005-06 Budget provides \$500,000 in continuation funding for existing programs, but leaves pending the policy recommendation to centralize the administration of DART programs to formalize funding efforts.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Report/Communication for Signature

Council File Number: ~~SA 01-2082~~ 01-2082

Committee Meeting Date: A-25-05

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COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSENT
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Chair	✓		
Councilmember <u>Reyes</u>			✓
Councilmember Weiss	✓		
Councilmember <u>Parks</u>			✓
Councilmember Zine	✓		

Remarks Concurred with Working Group's Res.

A. Bass

Legislative Assistant

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Council File 01-2082

December 21, 2004

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

RE: REQUEST FOR REPORT

At the request of the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I am transmitting a copy of the Domestic Violence Working Committee report relative to the Domestic Abuse Response Team program expansion, 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

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: June 11, 2004

To: The Mayor
The Council

From: The Domestic Violence Working Committee *RFD by JMK*

Subject: **REPORT ON DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM
EXPANSION**

Summary

On December 13, 2002, the Council established a Domestic Violence Working Committee (Working Group) consisting of representatives from the Community Development Department (CDD), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (MCJPO), the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and a representative from the Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF) to consider the critical elements that contribute to effective domestic violence prevention through Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART) in the City, to make recommendations for the City's role in establishing, administering, maintaining, and potentially expanding services through a Citywide DART Program. (C.F. 01-2082) The Working Group submits its findings and recommendations to the Council for consideration. The Department Heads represented in the Working Group are aware of and concur with the recommendations.

The Working Group was asked to review DART-related material and recommend assessment tools. Assessments of six DARTs were underway, but none had been completed. The Working Group subsequently reviewed these evaluation findings. The quality of these assessments and the criteria utilized provided evidence to indicate that an additional assessment might not prove useful. In addition, during this investigation, the LAPD finalized protocols that outline the requirements ("code of conduct") for DARTs when they work with law enforcement. Drawing from these findings, the Working Group concludes that DARTs are effective when the teams involve centralized coordination between the LAPD, the City Attorney and established domestic violence intervention advocates (CBOs). These CBOs should have an established linkage with shelters and other social services in order to assist the victim once the DART has completed intervention services.

The City has benefited from the services of DARTs, however their funding has been limited and their administration decentralized. The City has not funded DART services. In the past, federal and state funding has provided support for demonstration periods. The MCJPO has administered and managed such federal grant awards, while the LAPD has administered and managed the state grants. The Working Group estimates that

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the annual operating cost of one DART is \$238,000, which would pay for civilian staff salaries, operating equipment and supplies. Citywide coverage could potentially cost \$4.2 million if DARTs for the City's 18 police stations were funded. The estimates assume that the CBOs would not require start-up funds. Additional funding needs may materialize to cover other City administrative costs.

The Working Group recognizes that the City faces increased fiscal constraints and uncertainty due to projected shortfalls in this and the forthcoming fiscal years. Despite the City's funding challenges, there is growing evidence to suggest that DARTs can potentially reduce recurrence of domestic violence. DARTs help to increase awareness of domestic violence, help to correctly identify the types of violence and abuse affecting the entire family and provide options for seeking help.

At a minimum, the Working Group recommends that the Council and Mayor approve the centralized administration and implementation of a DART Program by assigning one City department the responsibility of providing oversight of all DART operations and securing funding (City and non-City). The City, in turn, should require that current and future DARTs abide by the LAPD protocols and that the CBOs have established relationships with shelters and other social service agencies.

Should additional funds be identified, the Working Group additionally recommends the following priorities: 1) support the operation of nine existing DARTs, some of which are operating with limited non-City funding (approximately \$2.1 million in annual funds); 2) initiate DARTs in areas with the highest recorded occurrence of domestic violence crimes (five additional DART teams for approximately \$1.2 million, or \$3.3 million total, in annual funds); and, 3) expand DART services Citywide (approximately \$4.2 million in annual funds). The current non-city grant funds are not necessarily renewable sources and each would require review as to which are renewable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Approve the establishment of a Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Program Citywide. Existing and future DARTs will be required to abide by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) protocols and have established relationships with shelters and other community-based social service agencies prior to delivering DART services in the City. The LAPD would be responsible for performing this approval process. A separate designated City department would be responsible for performing administrative and implementation responsibilities, assist in securing funding (City and non-City), and coordinate with the LAPD to ensure compliance with protocol and other requirements.
2. Instruct the General Manager, Community Development, to work with the Los Angeles Police Department and the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office to

prepare a DART Program funding package for consideration in the deliberation of the 2005-06 Budget to include all necessary administrative, operational and staffing needs;

3. Instruct the General Manager of the Community Development Department, or designee, and the Chief of the LAPD, or designee, and request the Office of the Mayor to seek federal and state funds for the continuation and expansion of the DART Program;
4. Consider funding a DART Program with Community Development Block Grant Consolidated Plan program savings; and,
5. Instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report to the Council in 30 days on sponsorship of federal and state legislation to fund the DART Program.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

There is no General Fund impact at this time. Approval of the recommendations in this report would centralize and formalize the funding and administration of the DART Program Citywide. The cost for starting and maintaining one DART is estimated at \$238,000. Citywide coverage could result in a potential annual cost of approximately \$4.2 million if the City funded one DART in each of the 18 LAPD stations. However, additional fund sources need to be identified prior to creating new DARTs.

FINDINGS

1. Basis for Report

On December 13, 2002, the City Council established a DART Working Group (Working Group) consisting of representatives from the Community Development Department (CDD), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (MCJPO), the Office of the City Attorney, the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with a representative from the Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF), to consider the establishment of a Citywide Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Program (C. F. 01-2082). The Working Group analyzed available data and statistics, reviewed DV program literature and program evaluations, considered the findings of assessments of current DARTs and evaluated the relationships between the City departments and community-based partners. The Working Group submits its findings for Council consideration.

2. Resources and Criteria Needed to Conduct an Assessment

The Working Group consulted DARTs in the City and in other jurisdictions and reviewed DARTs evaluations that were funded by the City and private entities. The resources and criteria needed to conduct an assessment of the current DARTs are detailed below:

- number of interventions completed;
- number of clients enrolled into case management services;
- number of cases filed for prosecution;
- number of cases rejected;
- number of cases participating in the City Attorney Hearing Program;
- number of successful client follow-up efforts; and,
- client, police, attorney and advocate surveys.

Comparisons of pre- and post-test surveys of DARTs provided evidence that the programs increased awareness of domestic violence, helped to identify the types of violence and abuse affecting the entire family, and provided options for assistance. The LAPD evaluation of the West Los Angeles Safe Women's Project was completed in March 2003 - serving West Los Angeles Division; the MCJPO's evaluation of the Family Violence Prevention Initiative was completed in April 2003 - serving 77th, West Valley, Van Nuys, and Newton Divisions; and the OCEAN (On-Call Emergency Advocate Network) program of SOJOURN Services for Battered Women and their Children evaluation was completed in June 2003 - serving the Pacific Division. These evaluations determined that DARTs are effective when the teams involve coordination between the LAPD, the City Attorney, and domestic violence intervention advocates (CBOs) with ties to the domestic violence service provider community. From those findings, the Working Group determined

that an additional assessment would duplicate existing and effective City efforts to evaluate DARTs.

3. LAPD DART Protocols

DARTs provide crisis counseling, advocacy, support and resource information to victims of domestic violence. The LAPD facilitates the ability of DARTs to provide these services. Protocols have been established to support the work of DARTs while protecting victim confidentiality and the integrity of the crime scene investigation. These Protocols were developed by the LAPD with input from the offices of the Los Angeles City Attorney, the District Attorney, the MCJPO, the City Risk Manager and DART CBOs. The Protocols consist of requirements for: obtaining DART approval, advising victims of confidentiality rights, obtaining the victim's permission before entering a crime scene and defining the roles of all participants of a DART.

The Working Group received testimony from participants of two DARTs that adhere to the Protocols but respond in different ways. Both DART models rely on the LAPD officer to secure the scene prior to making contact with the victim and/or the crime scene. These models work as follows:

- **Model A.** In Model A, one DART officer (specially trained LAPD patrol officer or detective) and two DART advocates respond to radio calls that involve domestic violence. The DART arrives at the scene and relieves the patrol unit after the scene is secured, thus permitting that unit to return to the field. The patrol officer briefs the DART officer and the DART advocate before leaving the scene. The DART officer then assumes responsibility for conducting the investigation. Advantages of Model A are: 1) the standard allows for a more rapid response to 911 calls by relieving the patrol unit at the scene; 2) it provides a highly trained officer to conduct the investigation, resulting in a more complete and in-depth report; and, 3) it allows the advocates time to provide immediate crisis counseling and to give accurate information to the victim before fear, intimidation or misinformation can impair judgement.
- **Model B.** In Model B, the emphasis of this response is the establishment of a safe location for a victim and DART advocate to meet, which may or may not be at the scene of the incident. The DART advocate does not respond to the scene with the LAPD. When an LAPD officer or the victim calls a hotline for assistance, the DART advocate will respond after the LAPD patrol officer has secured the scene and completed the investigation. The response time is usually twenty to thirty minutes from when the call is received on the hotline. The response is usually in person at another location deemed safe by all parties involved. If necessary, the DART advocate may request that the DART officer stay at the location if safety concerns have not been met.

In both models, the victim is offered a variety of services that include, but are not limited to: shelter, food, clothes, legal referral services, court accompaniment and family assistance services. DART advocates typically re-contact the victim within twenty-four to forty-eight hours after the initial LAPD contact. Population density, crime incidence and overall demographics play a role in determining which model would be most appropriate for a particular community. Regardless of the model, DARTs must adhere to the Protocols, which were created to support and provide a structure for Citywide implementation of DARTs.

In this report the Working Group focuses on the LAPD-DART response. Other DART strategies, such as the hospital-based programs, are not as closely associated but are able to reach victims who may not otherwise access help. For instance, the California Hospital operates a hospital-based program in the LAPD Newton Area. Law mandates medical personnel to report evidence of domestic abuse, and so they are properly trained to identify the signs of abuse. The victim can be assigned to an on-site case manager for counseling services. The Working Group recognizes the value that hospital based programs offer to the domestic violence community.

4. City's Role in Administering a Citywide DART Program

The nine DARTs operating in the City rely on different fund sources, administrative and program oversight. Existing City departments such as the MCJPO, LAPD and the City Attorney assist DARTs in limited ways. The MCJPO and LAPD receive funding to support DARTs. The MCJPO provides support through federally funded sources and LAPD administers and manages through state-funded sources. Prior to the establishment of the LAPD Protocols earlier this year, DARTs operated without specific guidelines other than those agreed upon at the affected LAPD station. Fund sources are not reliable, nor is there a mechanism to trigger the identification of additional funds until existing funds have been exhausted.

The Working Group considered the strengths of current City departments that participate in the provision of DART services, and recommends a centralized but collaborative coordination that involves efforts to secure future funding, Request for Proposals (RFP) development, program implementation, fiscal monitoring, and work with the DARTs on an on-going basis to assess program effectiveness.

Finally, the CDD currently administers the Domestic Violence Shelter Operations Program that supports shelter-based and non-shelter-based domestic violence services throughout the City. The CDD does not manage any DARTs, however programs may be better served if the CDD acts as a resource linking them to other services. Specific department roles can be detailed further should the Council and Mayor adopt the concept of a Citywide DART Program.

Personnel assigned to DARTs (LAPD and CBOs) experience high turnover rates through reassignments or other factors. As a result, ongoing training is necessary to

ensure that all participants have the requisite training. Since January 2003, the DVTF has been conducting quarterly training seminars to educate police officers and advocates. These seminars are provided through the volunteer efforts of the DVTF in coordination with the LAPD and the City's DV Coordinator. The LAPD and the DVTF have undertaken efforts to formalize this training. The Working Group supports these efforts.

At a minimum, the Working Group recommends that the Council and Mayor approve centralizing the administration and implementation of a Citywide DART Program. The City should require that DARTs abide by the LAPD Protocols and that the CBOs have established relationships with shelters and other community-based social service agencies. The City, in turn, should provide oversight of DART operations and assistance in securing funding (City and non-City).

5. Program Funding Needs

The City currently does not fund any DART services. The funding estimates that were provided in the preliminary CAO and CLA report (C.F. 01-2082) have been updated and are summarized in Attachment A. Previously the reported cost for one DART was \$423,000. The revised preliminary budget is \$238,000 per DART, less than previously calculated. Citywide coverage could potentially require a commitment of \$4.2 million. The revised estimate would cover DART salaries and indirect costs for 24-hour coverage seven days a week, other costs such as advertisement, pagers, equipment, personnel training and evaluation. The estimates assume that the CBOs would not require start-up funds. Additional funding needs may materialize to cover other City administrative costs. The Working Group recommends the competitive selection of established and qualified domestic violence prevention agencies that would not require start-up funds, and that the program will include an on-going evaluation component.

The Working Group recognizes that the City faces increased fiscal uncertainty due to projected shortfalls in this and the forthcoming fiscal years. (C.F. No. 03-0600-S36) The Council and Mayor adopted new budget policies restricting one-time sources of revenue to fund one-time expenditures, and that any new expenditure approved by interim Council action must also be accompanied by a pre-identified funding source. These recent policies limit the funding opportunities for DARTs because these services are not recognized as a formal City service.

Despite the City's funding challenges, DARTs have helped to mitigate domestic violence (DV) crimes throughout the City, and may have helped to reduce their re-occurrence. While DV crimes are down by 3.7 percent, 26,749 DV crimes were reported in 2002 and 13,092 crimes were reported in 2003, from January 1 through June 30. The merits of the DART programs have only become evident through recent evaluation findings. For this reason, the Working Group supports the concept that DARTs be formalized by centralizing operations and

administration. In addition, a Citywide DART Program merits consideration along with the City's other funding priorities.

The need for DARTs varies throughout the City. Southwest Division, the LAPD area with the highest incidence of DV-related crimes, has a DART with limited hours of operation (See Attachment B). In addition, in four of the LAPD areas with high DV-related crimes (Foothill, Southeast, Northeast, and Devonshire) there are no DART services available. Should additional funds be identified, the Working Group recommends the following priorities:

1. Supporting the operation of nine existing DARTs on a continual basis, all of which are operating with limited grant funds (funding need: approximately \$2.1 million);
2. Initiating DARTs in areas with the highest recorded occurrence of DV crimes (five DARTs for an additional \$1.2 million, or \$3.3 million total); and,
3. Expanding coverage Citywide (approximately \$4.2 million total).

The previous joint CAO and CLA report provided a list of foundations that financially support domestic violence programming. (C.F. 01-2082) Upon further investigation, the Working Group determined that most of these foundations limit support to geographic areas outside the City. Also the DARTs are not eligible for most of the available grants. Although, no new funding sources were identified, the Working Group recommends that the following existing sources be considered for potential future funding:

- General Fund: Preparation of a DART Program budget package for consideration in deliberation of the 2005-06 Budget to include all necessary administrative, operational and staffing needs;
- Community Development Block Grant: Preparation of a DART Program budget package for consideration during preparation of the 30th Program Year Consolidated Plan Reprogramming. The Working Group acknowledges that the City's public services allocation was reduced in 2004-05, therefore reducing the amount of funds available for DARTs; and,
- Other governmental grants: Preparation of a DART Program budget package for consideration for other government funding sources, either through legislation or federal and state grant programs.

Attachments

Overview of the Los Angeles Police Department Protocols

Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) counselors who respond to a domestic violence incident, whether immediately to the scene of the incident itself or afterwards, provide counseling, support and resource information to the victim.

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) recognizes the significant benefits afforded domestic violence victims by early DART intervention at the scene of the incident. The LAPD also recognizes the importance of protecting the statutory privilege concerning communications between victims and DART counselors, and of avoiding a potential conflict between this privilege and the discovery obligations of the LAPD and the prosecutor.

Balancing these interests, it is the policy of the LAPD that: a) the criminal investigation of domestic violence incidents is to be conducted by LAPD; and b) DART counselors are not part of the criminal investigation team and will be allowed access to the scene of the criminal investigation only at the request of, with the consent of, and for the purpose of providing counseling and assistance to the victim.

To implement this policy, a protocol has been established to support the work of DARTs while protecting victim confidentiality. This protocol was developed with input from the Los Angeles City Attorney, the Los Angeles District Attorney, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning, the City Risk Manager and domestic violence intervention advocates.

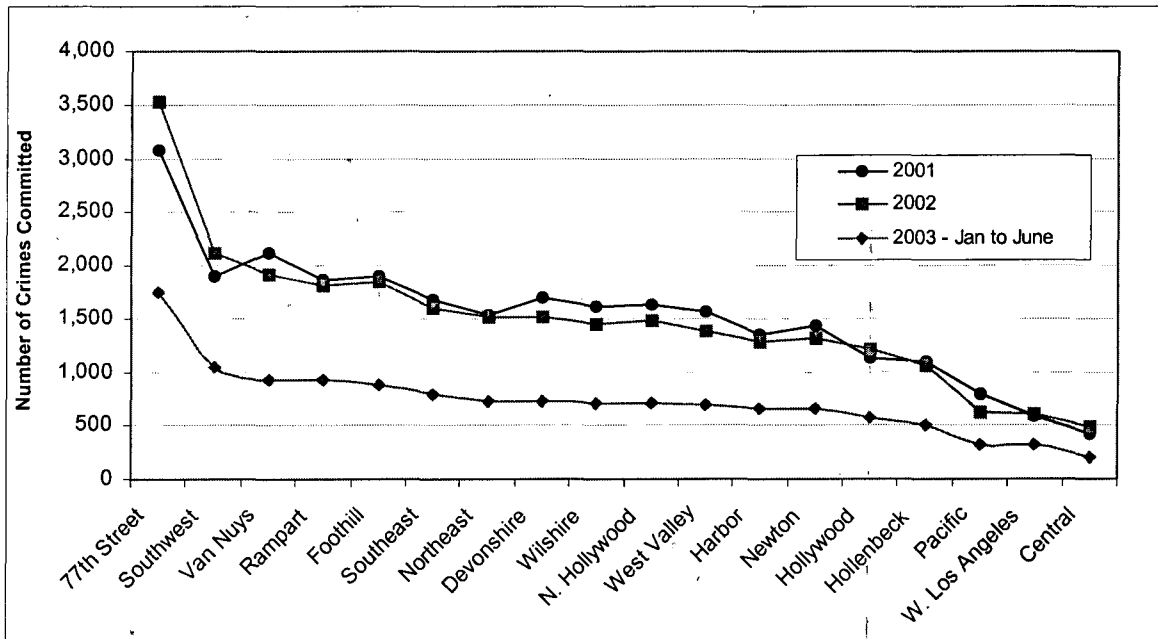
Domestic Abuse Response Team
Preliminary Summary of Costs for a Shelter-based Service Provider

Summary of Costs	Amount
Personnel and fringe benefits: includes salaries (4 full-time Advocacy Coordinators, available 24 hours/7 days a week), Workers Compensation, and health benefits)	\$ 185,000
Indirect costs (Overhead)	27,200
Operations: includes telecommunication, local mileage, printing costs	10,000
Other costs: includes advertisement (employee recruitment), pager, equipment repair, office supplies, lock changes, kit supplies, and transportation	6,500
Personnel training	4,000
Evaluation	5,000
Rent	Suggested match
Insurance	Suggested match
One DART Total	<u>\$ 237,700</u>
<i>Maximum Citywide Total Cost (18 Police Areas)</i>	\$ 4,278,600

¹ This budget is based on information provided by members of the Domestic Violence Task Force.

² Additional expenses includes items that may be required by the City to administer the DART Program, by the DART service providers, or other program stakeholders.

Citywide Domestic Violence Crimes Committed



Division	Area	2001	2002	2003 ¹ Jan to June	Service Provider
South	77th Street	3,081	3,535	1,743	Project Peacemakers
South	Southwest	1,898	2,122	1,043	Project Peacemakers - volunteer driven with minimal services
Valley	Van Nuys	2,117	1,923	925	Valley DART/Haven Hills
Central	Rampart	1,872	1,823	919	ERIN
Valley	Foothill	1,894	1,853	880	No DART service available.
South	Southeast	1,689	1,598	782	No DART service available.
Central	Northeast	1,523	1,516	730	No DART service available.
Valley	Devonshire	1,690	1,521	723	No DART service available.
West	Wilshire	1,619	1,446	714	ERIN
Valley	N. Hollywood	1,624	1,479	701	No DART service available.
Valley	West Valley	1,561	1,378	695	Valley DART/Haven Hills
South	Harbor	1,341	1,281	655	No DART service available.
Central	Newton	1,431	1,313	651	Project Peacemakers - volunteer effort with minimal services
West	Hollywood	1,132	1,203	576	Rainbow
Central	Hollenbeck	1,091	1,051	508	No DART service available.
West	Pacific	792	621	325	Sojourn-Ocean
West	W. Los Angeles	590	604	315	No DART service available.
Central	Central	417	482	207	No DART service available.
	Totals	27,362	26,749	13,092	

¹ Information collected as of October 1, 2003. Crime figures are listed in order from highest to lowest occurrence for the period from January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003.

Source: Los Angeles Police Department

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FRANK T. MARTINEZ
Executive Officer

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October 21, 2003

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Honorable James Hahn, Mayor
cc: Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office
Councilmember Parks
Councilmember Miscikowski
Community Development Department
Police Department,
cc: Domestic Violence Task Force
Board of Police Commissioners
City Attorney
Chief Legislative Analyst
City Administrative Officer

RE: ADDING THE MAYOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING OFFICE AS A SUB-RECIPIENT
OF THE SPECIALIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT GRANT

At the meeting of the Council held October 3, 2003, the following action
was taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____
Attached motion (Miscikowski - Parks) adopted.....	_____ X _____
Attached resolution adopted.....	_____
Mayor approved.....	_____
FORTHWITH.....	_____
Mayor concurred	_____ 10-16-03 _____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)...	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	_____

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SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 01-2082

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE OCTOBER 3, 2003


RE: ADDING THE MAYOR'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING OFFICE AS A SUB-RECIPIENT
OF THE SPECIALIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT GRANT

OCT 17 2003

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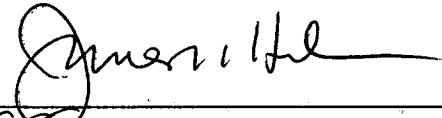
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MOTION

On March 28, 2003, the Council adopted (C.F. No. 01-2082) a Motion that provided for the execution of contract amendments and continuation funding for four Family Response Teams. These programs, originally begun in July 2001 and expected to terminate on December 31, 2002, were implemented to build a partnership between law enforcement, community agencies, and the City Attorney Domestic Violence Unit to reduce family violence. Funded initially through an earmark in the Federal 1999-2000 Budget to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, a recommendation was approved to continue the programs, utilizing \$135,000 in funding from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning for the Specialized Law Enforcement Unit Grant (aka the Safe Women's Project). Sufficient funding was available to continue the programs through June 30, 2003.

The Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office was authorized to negotiate and execute the contract amendments, each for \$33,750, with the African Community Resource Center, California Hospital Medical Center, Haven Hills, Inc. and Project PeaceMakers, Inc. However, it was not anticipated that since the Los Angeles Police Department was the recipient of the grant funds from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning, the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office would encounter difficulty in reimbursing the four contractors.

To mitigate this situation, I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. ADD the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office as a sub-recipient of the Specialized Law Enforcement Unit Grant; and,
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office to process a Journal Voucher to transfer the reimbursement from the Los Angeles Police Department to their office in order to honor invoices from the four contractors.

PRESENTED BY Cindy Miscikowski
Cindy Miscikowski
Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED BY Bernard C. Parker

SEP 26 2003

ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

September 26, 2003

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Oct 3, 2003 10:29:34 AM, #3

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 30-50
Voting on Item(s): 30-49
Roll Call

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

Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0

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June 4, 2003

Honorable James Hahn, Mayor
cc: Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office
Councilmember Zine
Councilmember Holden
Community Development Department
Police Department,
cc: Domestic Violence Task Force
Board of Police Commissioners
City Attorney
Chief Legislative Analyst
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JUN 10 2003

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RE: REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKING GROUP TO
REPORT BACK ON DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM EXPANSION

At the meeting of the Council held June 3, 2003, the following action was
taken:

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

J. Michael Carey

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VERBAL MOTION

I HEREBY MOVE that Council ADOPT the following recommendation of the Community Development Department (CDD) (Item No. 23, CF 01-2082) relative to a request for an extension for the Domestic Violence Working Group to report back on Domestic Abuse Response Team Program expansion:

APPROVE the request to extend the deadline for the Domestic Violence Working Group to report back on the status of its work to September 2003.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CDD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

PRESENTED BY _____

DENNIS P. ZINE
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY _____

NATE HOLDEN
Councilmember, 10th District

June 3, 2003

CF 01-2082

Motion
ADOPTED

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTE

Jun 3, 2003 10:50:43 AM, #8

Items for Which Public Hearings Have Not Been Held - Items 21-27

Voting on Item(s): 22-23,25-27

Roll Call

BERNSON	Yes
GALANTER	Absent
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Yes
HAHN	Yes
HOLDEN	Yes
LABONGE	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Absent
PACHECO	Yes
PARKS	Yes
PERRY	Yes
REYES	Yes
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes

Present: 13, Yes: 13 No: 0

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PLEASE SCHEDULE THIS ITEM FOR COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2003.
Thanks - Maria L. Espinoza

01-2082 COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (CDD) relative to a request for an extension for the Domestic Violence Working Group to report back on Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) Program expansion.

Recommendation for Council action:

APPROVE the request to extend the deadline for the Domestic Violence Working Group to report back on the status of its work to September 2003.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the CDD. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

(Public Safety Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

215 W. 6TH STREET
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JULIE DOWNEY
INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER



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Date: April 15, 2003
To: The Public Safety Committee
From: Julie Downey, Interim General Manager
Community Development Department
For the Domestic Violence Working Group

Subject: **REPORT BACK ON DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (DART) PROGRAM EXPANSION**

SUMMARY

On December 18, 2002, the City Council approved a communication from the Chair of the Public Safety Committee regarding the proposed expansion of Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) programs (C.F. No. 01-2081). Further, the City Council established a Domestic Violence (DV) Working Committee to consider a number of issues needed to assess current DART programs, and requested that it report back in 90 days. The Council directed the Working Group to focus on the identification of resources to implement the DART Programs and develop criteria for conducting program assessments. In an effort to provide thorough consideration of the tasks enumerated in the December 18, 2002 Council action and develop fully informed recommendations, the DV Working Group respectfully requests additional time to address the issues and to provide a progress report on the status of the tasks outlined in the above-mentioned Council action. It is requested that the DV Working Group submit its report by September 30, 2003.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Domestic Violence Working Group is comprised of representatives from the Community Development Department (CDD), Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (CJPO), City Attorney, CLA, CAO and the Domestic Violence Task Force. The CDD, lead department, convened the first meeting of the DV Working Group on January 23, 2003. Initial discussions focused primarily on developing priorities, assigning tasks and projecting timelines for work to be accomplished. The Working Group met subsequently on February 13, 27, and March 13 and 27th. Meeting agendas have included a verbal status report from the CAO relative to outside funding resources, discussion of the LAPD protocols and West Los Angeles Safe Women's Project program evaluation. The Group plans to review evaluations on several DART programs for additional information to assist the group with its work. In order to thoroughly address the many issues related to DART, including but not limited to funding opportunities (public and private), program development and design, review of assessments and other related materials, additional time is requested so the Group can better respond to the City Council and Mayor.

RECOMMENDATION

It is respectfully requested that the Mayor and City Council APPROVE extension of time until September 2003 for the Domestic Violence Working Group to report back on the status of their work.

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April 9, 2003

Honorable James K. Hahn, Mayor
Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office
City Administrative Officer
City Attorney
Police Department

Controller, Room 300
Accounting Division, F&A
Disbursement Division
Councilmember Miscikowski
Councilmember Garcetti

RE: GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING TO FUND
FOUR SPECIALIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

At the meeting of the Council held MARCH 28, 2003, the following action was
taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____
Attached motion (Miscikowski - Garcetti) adopted.....	_____ X _____
Attached resolution adopted.....	_____
Mayor approved.....	_____
FORTHWITH.....	_____
Mayor concurred	_____ 4-3-03 _____
To the Mayor FORTHWITH	_____ X _____
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s)...	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	_____
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SUBJECT TO MAYOR'S APPROVAL

COUNCIL FILE NO. 01-2082

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL DATE March 28, 2003

RE: GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING TO FUND
FOUR SPECIALIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

APR 11 2003

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*Transmit objections in writing pursuant to LAAC 14.7

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The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) has been funded by the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) since 1997 to provide a specialized law enforcement unit domestic abuse response team (DART) program. Originally targeted at the West Los Angeles Police Area, the program was co-located in the police station and aimed to increase the number of investigations and arrests for cases involving domestic violence, rape, stalking and elder abuse. In addition, the program provided law enforcement personnel with training on response and investigation techniques, and provided victims with immediate intervention that included information on existing resources and shelters and other related services. Grant funding, that had already been extended one additional year, was going to expire at the end of FY 2001/2002.

In July 2002, the LAPD was notified by OCJP that a fifth-year of funding in the amount of \$135,000 would be again available to provide a specialized law enforcement unit domestic abuse response team (DART) program. Before a new DART program could commence, the City Attorney ruled that a new Request for Proposals (RFP) process would need to be approved by the City Council and Mayor. Time did not allow for the Police Department to execute a competitive bid process and the money was to be sent back to OCJP.

Concurrently, the LAPD was notified by the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) that funding for the Family Violence Prevention Initiative would terminate on December 31, 2002. Begun in July 2001 and funded through an earmark in the Federal 1999-2000 Budget to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, this program was implemented to build a partnership between law enforcement, community agencies, and the City Attorney Domestic Violence Unit to reduce family violence through the establishment of Family Violence Response Teams (FVRT). Four targeted areas of the city were selected by a competitive bid process, each with a lead community agency and an associated LAPD Area. The goals and objectives for this initiative were similar in scope to those established for the OCJP specialized law enforcement unit DART Program. Continuation of City funding for the four FVRTs is now pending and awaiting the identification of resources to expand DART or similar immediate response programs on a citywide basis. This recommendation was contained in the November 14, 2002 report prepared, as the City Council directed, by the Offices of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer (C.F. No. 01-2082).

Recognizing the critical need to continue funding of these four FVRTs, the LAPD is recommending that the \$135,000 of the OCJP specialized law enforcement program funding be utilized. OCJP has been informed of this recommendation and is supportive of this decision, and the MCJPO advises that the contracts for these four programs, now in a closedown mode, can be amended to incorporate the additional funding. This will serve as an intermediate, stopgap measure as attempts to identify new funding sources are redoubled. It should not, however, be regarded as a commitment for ongoing support of these programs. With the specialized law enforcement funding for domestic violence anticipated for Fiscal Year 2003/04, the LAPD is preparing an RFP with selection of provider(s) and implementation expected by July 1, 2003.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor, take the following actions relative to the specialized law enforcement program funding available from OCJP:

1. ACCEPT the additional grant award in the amount of \$135,000 for a total grant amount of \$855,000 from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for program implementation ending June 30, 2003;
2. AUTHORIZE the Mayor to negotiate, execute and submit the necessary documents, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality, relative to the grant award to OCJP;
3. AUTHORIZE the Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) to negotiate and execute contract amendments with the four organizations listed below, to extend the Family Violence Prevention Initiative for a cumulative total not to exceed \$135,000, and change the termination date from December 31, 2002 to June 30, 2003, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality:

Account No.	Name	Amount
T-201	African Community Resource Center	\$33,750
T-202	California Hospital Medical Center	\$33,750
T-203	Haven Hills, Inc.	\$33,750
T-204	Project: PeaceMakers, Inc.	\$33,750

4. ;and, AUTHORIZE the MCJPO, or designee, to prepare any necessary Controller instructions and/or make any technical adjustments that may be required consistent with this action, subject to the approval of the City Administrative Officer, and instruct the Controller to implement these instructions.

PRESENTED BY: _____

Cindy Miscikowski
CINDY MISCIKOWSKI
Councilmember, Eleventh District

SECONDED BY: _____

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
TO THE MAYOR FORTHWITH

March 21, 2003

COUNCIL VOTE

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ITEM NO. (32)

Voting on Item(s): 32

Roll Call

BERNSON	Absent
GALANTER	Absent
GARCETTI	Yes
GREUEL	Yes
HAHN	Absent
HOLDEN	Absent
LABONGE	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Absent
PACHECO	Yes
PARKS	Yes
PERRY	Yes
REYES	Yes
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes

Present: 10, Yes: 10 No: 0

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December 20, 2002

Honorable James Hahn, Mayor
City Administrative Officer
City Attorney
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Police Department
cc: Domestic Violence Task Force
Chief Legislative Analyst
Community Development Department

RE: EXPANSION OF THE DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAMS

At the meeting of the Council held December 18, 2002, the following
action was taken:

- Attached report adopted.....
- Attached motion adopted().....
- Attached resolution adopted().....
- Ordinance adopted.....
- Motion adopted to approve attached report.....
- Motion adopted to approve attached communication..... X
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TO: LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

File No.01-2082

FROM: COUNCILMEMBER CINDY MISCIKOWSKI, CHAIR
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Public Comments Yes No
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COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE relative to proposed expansion of the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) programs.

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Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Garcetti - Miscikowski - Zine):

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An analysis of the current DART coverage and crime statistics indicates that some areas of the City with the highest incidence of domestic violence crimes either do not offer DART services at all, or their service availability is limited. For example, the 77th Street police station had the highest rate of domestic violence crimes (11%), but DART services are available Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Meanwhile Rampart (7%), Wilshire (6%), and Pacific (3%) police stations offer services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Some police stations that do not have DART teams have developed informal relationships with local advocates to provide different services. For instance, the Newton and Central police stations work closely with the California Hospital Collaborative that has provided medical, counseling, and referral assistance, but their services are not considered a DART program.

A number of City departments provide technical support and approximately \$2.1 million in annual City funding to service providers who operate DART teams, although the scope of services for most of these contracts are not restricted to the DART program. Costs of DART teams are absorbed among the costs of operating comprehensive service programs. These services include but are not limited to shelter, counseling and legal assistance. These comprehensive contracts are subject to availability of funds and contractor performance.

LAPD received \$720,000 over a four-year period from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (State-OCJP). LAPD in turn contracted with the Safe Women's Center for a DART team at the West Los Angeles police station. The contract term ended in September 2002. LAPD reports that an independent consultant was hired to perform an evaluation. Other than the West Los Angeles service provider, LAPD does not dedicate specific funds to the DART teams. Rather, existing resources of the LAPD and the DART provider are shared at the police station.

The Community Development Department's Human Services & Family Development Division (CDD-HSFD) administers two programs that fund DART teams as part of comprehensive service contracts. The Domestic Violence Shelter Operations (DVSO) program funds non-profit organizations for shelter, transitional shelter, and non-shelter services. Additionally, the Domestic Violence Service Provider (DVSP) program supports agencies for non-shelter services as part of the Neighborhood Action Program. Combined, the two programs fund five DART teams with \$1.2 million in annual Community Development Block Grant funds. CDD-HSFD staff performs contract monitoring and payment activities per the specific goals of the two programs.

The Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) administers the Family Violence Prevention Initiative (FVPI), a competitive grant program supporting emergency and follow-up intervention services to address the emotional and practical needs of victims/witnesses of family violence, and to help ensure meaningful consequences for the perpetrators of violence. FVPI provides funding to three recognized DART team agencies.

The fourth agency, the California Hospital Collaborative, provides comprehensive services in the Newton and Central police areas, two areas that do not have recognized DART team coverage. FVPI represents a total funding of \$800,000 in annual U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funding. These contracts expire on December 31, 2002.

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Finally, the Domestic Violence Task Force (DV Task Force) assists the City in coordinating domestic violence programs and sponsoring legislation. The DV Task Force is comprised of representatives from City departments, elected offices, Los Angeles County, and non-profit social service agencies that currently provide and participate in all aspects of domestic violence service and advocacy programs. One dedicated Project Coordinator (DV Project Coordinator), whose position is in the Community Development Department, provides staff assistance to the DV Task Force. The DV Project Coordinator is responsible for collecting and analyzing domestic violence-related data, preparing and presenting narrative reports to the DV Task Force, Council, Mayor, and other City departments as needed. This position does not perform contract monitoring activities.

The CLA/CAO recommend that an assessment of the existing DART teams be conducted before expanding the DART program Citywide. This would require the creation of a Domestic Violence Working Committee consisting of the current City partners who fund and monitor the current DART teams. This will require that a City department be designated as the lead of the Domestic Violence Working Committee to identify criteria and resources needed to perform the assessment.

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The findings of the City Attorney's Office relative to the protocols to be used by patrol officers and DV advocates while responding to calls for service would be a valuable tool to assist in the development of criteria and resources needed for an assessment.

CDD has the most comprehensive experience in monitoring contracts on a Citywide level. Additionally, CDD-HSFD staff involved in domestic violence programs is encouraged to receive the same forty-hour training that DV advocates receive. The CLA and CAO recommend that CDD-HSFD be designated as the lead of the Domestic Violence Working Committee to discuss an assessment of current DART teams. CDD concurs with our recommendation.

The MCJPO has expertise in law enforcement as it relates to domestic violence issues and interacts regularly with law enforcement agencies, other City departments, and community advocates. MCJPO could provide valuable input in the development of an assessment of DART teams, as well as provide vital input as to possible future funding requests at the federal and state levels.

There are nine police stations that do not have a DART team, requiring the City to make an annual commitment of approximately \$3.8 million. It should be noted that most current DART teams rely heavily on volunteer participation. The preliminary budget also does not factor in whether the current police areas with DART teams are adequately coordinated, staffed and funded. An accurate cost estimate can be obtained once the Domestic Violence Working Committee is able to use information relative to the operations, staffing and funding of current DART teams, the findings of the City Attorney's Office relative to protocols, and the results of the evaluation of the West Los Angeles DART team.

The Domestic Violence Trust Fund No. 880 (Trust Fund No. 880) could be used to house future DART funds. Trust Fund No. 880 was created in 1993 to further the collection, exchange and dissemination of information, prevention and prosecutions and other related purposes relative to domestic violence. The CDD has authority to use these funds only with the formal consent of the DV Task Force. Revenues are collected through non-consecutive fund raising activities. As of July 1, 2002, the balance of the DV Fund was \$26,391. The Task Force wishes to increase the Fund before it is expended.

The City established a 10% set-aside for the DVSO program for non-shelter services, which consist of services to clients who may not be ready to move into an emergency shelter but are still in need of counseling, referrals, food distribution and financial assistance services.

There may be an opportunity in the 2004 DVSO Request for Proposals for funding of future DARTs if the 10% set-aside is increased.

The Mayor and the City Council may deem that the use of General Funds for this program is appropriate. The CLA/CAO do not recommend using the General Fund for expansion of this program. The preliminary estimated amount is \$3.8 million or more for Citywide support. As noted in the Reserve Fund report and the first financial status report recently issued by the CAO, the City already faces potential funding problems of approximately \$79 million. The Reserve Fund must be preserved to meet these funding needs and to prepare for the anticipated impact of the State budget shortfall next year. It should also be noted that the Reserve Fund Policy states that the Contingency Reserve is to be used for unanticipated expenses or revenue shortfalls impacting programs already approved in conjunction with the current year budget, and not to fund new programs or positions added outside of the current year budget.

DART teams may be eligible to compete for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the annual Consolidated Plan process. The application deadline for the 2002-03 Program Year (29th Year), effective April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, was September 30, 2002, which would presumably defer any funding possibilities for this project until 2003-04. Block Grant Mid-Year Reprogramming efforts by the Mayor's Office have also resulted in funds available for high priority projects within the City, although this has primarily occurred to meet HUD expenditure timeliness requirements. Priority of current reprogramming efforts is placed on repayment of projects from which CDBG funds were borrowed in past reprogramming cycles.

The City and DV advocates could jointly sponsor state and federal legislation and pursue other related opportunities. For instance, the City recently supported Senate Bill 1618 (Kuehl) to increase the marriage license fee from which a portion of this fee would be used to fund domestic violence centers. The fee would be increased to \$33 and would require \$6 of that amount to be allocated to develop and expand domestic violence centers to target under-served areas and populations to the extent feasible. The City also supported Assembly Bill 2729 (Wesson) to expand the uses of the Victims of Crime Fund to reimburse domestic violence intervention counseling. Senate Bill 1618 died in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on August 31, 2002, and Assembly Bill 2729 was vetoed by the Governor on September 30, 2002.

The CLA/CAO recommend that the City continue to seek federal and state legislation that supports funding for domestic violence programs through the City's 2003-04 Legislative Program.

Federal and state grants typically fund comprehensive programs with a scope of services that includes follow-up services. Eligibility for these funds may be limited if the City determines that priority of services should be restricted to a DART sequence model.

The CLA and CAO recommend that an assessment of the current DART program be performed prior to its expansion Citywide. The assessment would help define the role of the City and City departments in administering a Citywide program, delineate roles, identify gaps in services, and identify the most appropriate and available funding sources to cover additional costs and ensure continued coverage. Ultimately an assessment should provide the City with vital information to be considered in the expansion of the DART program, or a similar response model, and should aid in the identification and acquisition of additional funding.

The CLA/CAO recommend that CDD be designated as the lead of the DV Working Committee, whose responsibility will be to identify criteria and delineate an effective assessment of the existing DART Teams and to report back to the Council and Mayor with a recommendation. CDD is aware and is in support of this recommendation.

At the Public Safety Committee's November 25, 2002 meeting, Committee Chair Cindy Miscikowski recommended to approve the CLA/CAO recommendations as contained in its November 14, 2002 report with an amendment to include a member of the DV Task Force as part of the DV Working Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Miscikowski

Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Chair
Public Safety Committee

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scopes of work for comprehensive services that include and extend beyond the DART Program.

Our Offices identified other issues that are summarized in this report that should be addressed prior to identifying and committing future funds for the expansion of the program. We found that the DART Program does not have a governing policy, nor is there a dedicated City Department responsible for monitoring the entire DART Program. Large variations also exist among the way each DART program operates. The City Attorney's Office is currently working with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to establish protocols relevant to how patrol officers and Domestic Violence (DV) advocates respond to domestic violence-related calls for service while protecting confidentiality privileges and credibility of evidence gathering. This dialogue will culminate in a report identifying the legal parameters, roles and responsibilities of the patrol officers and DV advocates. We also found differences in funding sources, levels of service, City department involvement, and variations of the DART Program sequence models. Prior to committing funding for a citywide DART Program, these differences must be resolved and the City Attorney's Office and the LAPD should develop program standards and guidelines.

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City of Los Angeles, 2001				
Police Area	Police Bureau	Council Districts	Citywide % Crimes	% Crimes in Police Areas without DART
77th Street	South	8	11.3%	
Van Nuys	Valley	2, 4, 5, 11	7.7	
Southwest	South	9	6.9	6.9%
Foothill	Valley	2, 7	6.9	6.9
Rampart	Central	1, 13	6.8	
Devonshire	Valley	12	6.2	6.2
Southeast	South	8, 15	6.2	6.2
N. Hollywood	Valley	2, 4	5.9	5.9
Wilshire	West	10	5.9	
West Valley	Valley	3, 12	5.7	
Northeast	Central	1, 13, 14	5.6	5.6
Newton	Central	9	5.2	5.2
Harbor	South	15	4.9	
Hollywood	West	13	4.1	
Hollenbeck	Central	14	4.0	4.0
Pacific	West	6	2.9	
W. Los Angeles	West	11	2.2	
Central	Central	1	1.6	1.6
<i>Total % of Reported DV Crimes in 2001</i>			100%	42.3%

Source: Los Angeles Police Department reported domestic violence crimes in 2001.

An analysis of the current DART coverage and crime statistics indicates that some areas of the City with the highest incidence of domestic violence crimes either do not offer DART services at all, or their service availability is limited. For example, the 77th Street police station had the highest rate of domestic violence crimes (11%), but DART services are available Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Meanwhile Rampart (7%), Wilshire (6%), and Pacific (3%) police stations offer services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Due to a lack of funding, the other DART teams provide services two to four days out of the week for different ranges of hours. We are unable to determine the benefit that could directly be attributed to the DART teams.

LAPD also shared that some of the police stations that do not have DART teams have developed informal relationships with local advocates to provide different services. For instance, the Newton and Central police stations work closely with the California Hospital Collaborative that has provided medical, counseling, and referral assistance, but their services are not considered a DART program.

3. Current City Partnerships and Funding Support

A number of City departments provide technical support and approximately \$2.1 million in annual City funding to service providers who operate DART teams, although the scope of services for most of these contracts are not restricted to the DART program. We found that the costs of DART teams are absorbed among the costs of operating comprehensive service programs. These services include but are not limited to shelter, counseling and legal assistance. These comprehensive contracts are subject to availability of funds and contractor performance. Fund amounts and sources are shown on Attachment I.

Los Angeles Police Department

LAPD received \$720,000 over a four-year period from the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (State-OCJP). LAPD in turn contracted with the Safe Women's Center for a DART team at the West Los Angeles police station (C.F. No. 1372). The contract term ended in September 2002. LAPD reports that an independent consultant was hired to perform an evaluation. The findings of this evaluation are scheduled to be released in November 2002. Other than the West Los Angeles service provider, LAPD does not dedicate specific funds to the DART teams. Rather, existing resources of the LAPD and the DART provider are shared at the police station.

CDD - Human Services & Family Development Division

The Community Development Department's Human Services & Family Development Division (CDD-HSFD) administers two programs that fund DART teams as part of comprehensive service contracts. The Domestic Violence Shelter Operations (DVSO) program funds non-profit organizations for shelter, transitional shelter, and non-shelter services. Additionally, the Domestic Violence Service Provider (DVSP) program supports agencies for non-shelter services as part of the Neighborhood Action Program. Combined, the two programs fund five DART teams with \$1.2 million in annual

Community Development Block Grant funds. CDD-HSFD staff performs contract monitoring and payment activities per the specific goals of the two programs.

Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office

The Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office (MCJPO) administers the Family Violence Prevention Initiative (FVPI), a competitive grant program supporting emergency and follow-up intervention services to address the emotional and practical needs of victims/witnesses of family violence, and to help ensure meaningful consequences for the perpetrators of violence. FVPI provides funding to three recognized DART team agencies. The fourth agency, the California Hospital Collaborative, provides comprehensive services in the Newton and Central police areas, two areas that do not have recognized DART team coverage. FVPI represents a total funding of \$800,000 in annual U.S. Department of Justice; Bureau of Justice Assistance funding. These contracts expire on December 31, 2002.

City Attorney's Office

Another City partner which is an active participant of the DART program is the City Attorney's Office, which provides technical guidance to LAPD, other City departments and the Domestic Violence Task Force through all aspects of the law enforcement and prosecution process. Currently, the City Attorney's Office is working with LAPD to identify protocols to be used by patrol officers and DV advocates while responding to calls for service. The protocols address roles and responsibilities that affect liability issues, confidentiality protections, and evidence gathering. This report has not been released to date. However, this information would be an essential resource in a discussion about the expansion of a coordinated response.

Domestic Violence Task Force

Finally, the Domestic Violence Task Force (DV Task Force) assists the City in coordinating domestic violence programs and sponsoring legislation. The DV Task Force is comprised of representatives from City departments, elected offices, Los Angeles County, and non-profit social service agencies that currently provide and participate in all aspects of domestic violence service and advocacy programs. One dedicated Project Coordinator (DV Project Coordinator), whose position is in the Community Development Department, provides staff assistance to the DV Task Force. The DV Project Coordinator is responsible for collecting and analyzing domestic violence-related data, preparing and presenting narrative reports to the DV Task Force, Council, Mayor, and other City departments as needed. This position does not perform contract monitoring activities.

4. Potential Citywide DART Program Coverage

Our Offices recommend that an assessment of the existing DART teams be conducted before expanding the DART program Citywide. This recommendation would require the creation of a Domestic Violence Working Committee consisting of the current City partners who fund and monitor the current DART teams. This will require that a City

department be designated as the lead of the Domestic Violence Working Committee to identify criteria and resources needed to perform the assessment. Below is a summary of City departments that work with LAPD and which we identify as key participants of a Domestic Violence Working Committee.

LAPD – Detective Services Group

LAPD's Detective Services Group (LAPD-DSG) would be instrumental in providing input from all police stations to examine existing DART teams and other models that may not fall under the definition of DART. For instance, the partnership between the California Hospital Collaborative that was mentioned earlier in this report. There may be other partnerships that are not by definition considered a DART team, but may serve vital roles in addressing the immediate needs of victim-survivors and their families.

City Attorney's Office

As stated earlier in this report, the findings of the City Attorney's Office relative to the protocols to be used by patrol officers and DV advocates while responding to calls for service would be a valuable tool to assist in the development of criteria and resources needed for an assessment.

Community Development Department

CDD has the most comprehensive experience in monitoring contracts on a Citywide level. Additionally, CDD-HSFD staff involved in domestic violence programs is encouraged to receive the same forty-hour training that DV advocates receive. The CLA and CAO recommend that CDD-HSFD be designated as the lead of the Domestic Violence Working Committee to discuss an assessment of current DART teams. CDD concurs with our recommendation.

Mayor's Criminal Justice Planning Office

The MCJPO has expertise in law enforcement as it relates to domestic violence issues and interacts regularly with law enforcement agencies, other City departments, and community advocates. MCJPO could provide valuable input in the development of an assessment of DART teams, as well as provide vital input as to possible future funding requests at the federal and state levels.

5. Proposed Citywide DART Costs and Funding Sources

Attachment VI provides a projected budget of \$422,914 (annual cost) which represents the estimated costs associated with the operation of one DART team. This is a preliminary estimate based on input received from LAPD-DSG and a DART team provider, Ocean Community Center. Multiplied by nine (the number of police stations that do not have a DART team) the City would be making an annual commitment of approximately \$3.8 million. It should be noted that most current DART teams rely heavily on volunteer participation. The preliminary budget also does not factor in whether the current police areas with DART teams are adequately coordinated, staffed and funded. An accurate cost estimate can be obtained once the Domestic Violence

Working Committee is able to use information relative to the operations, staffing and funding of current DART teams, the findings of the City Attorney's Office relative to protocols, and the results of the evaluation of the West Los Angeles DART team. We have included a discussion of potential funding sources that the new Domestic Violence Working Committee can consider for their report back to the Council.

Domestic Violence Trust Fund

The Domestic Violence Trust Fund No. 880 (Trust Fund No. 880) could be used to house future DART funds. Trust Fund No. 880 was created in 1993 to further the collection, exchange and dissemination of information, prevention and prosecutions and other related purposes relative to domestic violence. The CDD has authority to use these funds only with the formal consent of the DV Task Force (C.F. No. 01-0832). Revenues are collected through non-consecutive fund raising activities. As of July 1, 2002, the balance of the DV Fund was \$26,391. The Task Force wishes to increase the Fund before it is expended.

Community Development Department Programs

The City established a 10% set-aside for the DVSO program for non-shelter services, which consist of services to clients who may not be ready to move into an emergency shelter but are still in need of counseling, referrals, food distribution and financial assistance services. There may be an opportunity in the 2004 DVSO Request for Proposals for funding of future DARTs if the 10% set-aside is increased. Additional information regarding the use of Community Development Block Grant funds is included later in this report.

General Fund

The Mayor and the City Council may deem that the use of General Funds for this program is appropriate. Our respective Offices do not recommend using the General Fund for expansion of this program. The preliminary estimated amount is \$3.8 million or more for Citywide support. As noted in the Reserve Fund report and the first financial status report recently issued by the CAO, the City already faces potential funding problems of approximately \$79 million. The Reserve Fund must be preserved to meet these funding needs and to prepare for the anticipated impact of the State budget shortfall next year. It should also be noted that the Reserve Fund Policy states that the Contingency Reserve is to be used for unanticipated expenses or revenue shortfalls impacting programs already approved in conjunction with the current year budget, and not to fund new programs or positions added outside of the current year budget.

Federal Community Development Block Grant Funds

DART teams may be eligible to compete for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the annual Consolidated Plan process. The application deadline for the 2002-03 Program Year (29th Year), effective April 1, 2003 to March 31, 2004, was September 30, 2002, which would presumably defer any funding possibilities for this project until 2003-04. Block Grant Mid-Year Reprogramming efforts by the Mayor's

Office have also resulted in funds available for high priority projects within the City, although this has primarily occurred to meet HUD expenditure timeliness requirements. Priority of current reprogramming efforts is placed on repayment of projects from which CDBG funds were borrowed in past reprogramming cycles.

Funding through New Legislation

The City and DV advocates could jointly sponsor state and federal legislation and pursue other related opportunities. For instance, the City recently supported Senate Bill 1618 (Kuehl) to increase the marriage license fee from which a portion of this fee would be used to fund domestic violence centers. The fee would be increased to \$33 and would require \$6 of that amount to be allocated to develop and expand domestic violence centers to target under-served areas and populations to the extent feasible. The City also supported Assembly Bill 2729 (Wesson) to expand the uses of the Victims of Crime Fund to reimburse domestic violence intervention counseling. Senate Bill 1618 died in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations on August 31, 2002, and Assembly Bill 2729 was vetoed by the Governor on September 30, 2002.

Our Offices recommend that the City continue to seek federal and state legislation that supports funding for domestic violence programs through the City's 2003-04 Legislative Program.

Additional Funding Sources

A summary of potential future sources of funding at the federal, state, and private levels is included in Attachment VII of this report. Federal and state grants typically fund comprehensive programs with a scope of services that includes follow-up services. Eligibility for these funds may be limited if the City determines that priority of services should be restricted to a DART sequence model.

6. Program Assessment and Challenges

Our Offices identified numerous issues in this report that should be addressed prior to identifying and committing future funds for the expansion of a coordinated DART Program, or a similar program. These include:

- There is not a dedicated City Department responsible for monitoring the entire DART Program;
- It was difficult to determine whether the current DART teams are appropriately implemented and funded because the DART Program does not have a governing policy or performance measures
- It is difficult to identify and isolate the costs of DART teams from the \$2.1 million in City grant funds, because service provider contracts include scopes of work for comprehensive services that extend beyond the DART Program;
- Each current DART team is unique in its composition of funding sources, levels of service, dependence on volunteer staff, City department involvement, and choice of DART Program sequence models; and,
- Some DART teams utilize non-City funds to operate their DART teams, an issue that will require consideration if the City develops a Citywide policy.


The following three reports will provide a framework from which the City can begin to address some of the issues that are identified above:

- The City Attorney's Office report relative protocols to be used by patrol officers and DV advocates while responding to calls for service has not been released but will provide guidance in the development of a coordinated response;
- The findings of the West Los Angeles DART evaluation, scheduled for release in November 2002, will provide a guide that can be used in the review of all current DART teams, and,
- Two police stations entered into a partnership with a local DV advocate to coordinate support services that, by definition, are not considered DART programs. This partnership should be discussed as an alternative response model.

The CLA and CAO recommend that an assessment of the current DART program be performed prior to its expansion Citywide. The assessment would help define the role of the City and City departments in administering a Citywide program, delineate roles, identify gaps in services, and identify the most appropriate and available funding sources to cover additional costs and ensure continued coverage. Ultimately an assessment should provide the City with vital information to be considered in the expansion of the DART program, or a similar response model, and should aid in the identification and acquisition of additional funding.

Our Offices recommend that CDD be designated as the lead of the DV Working Committee, whose responsibility will be to identify criteria and delineate an effective assessment of the existing DART Teams and to report back to the Council and Mayor with a recommendation. CDD is aware and is in support of this recommendation.


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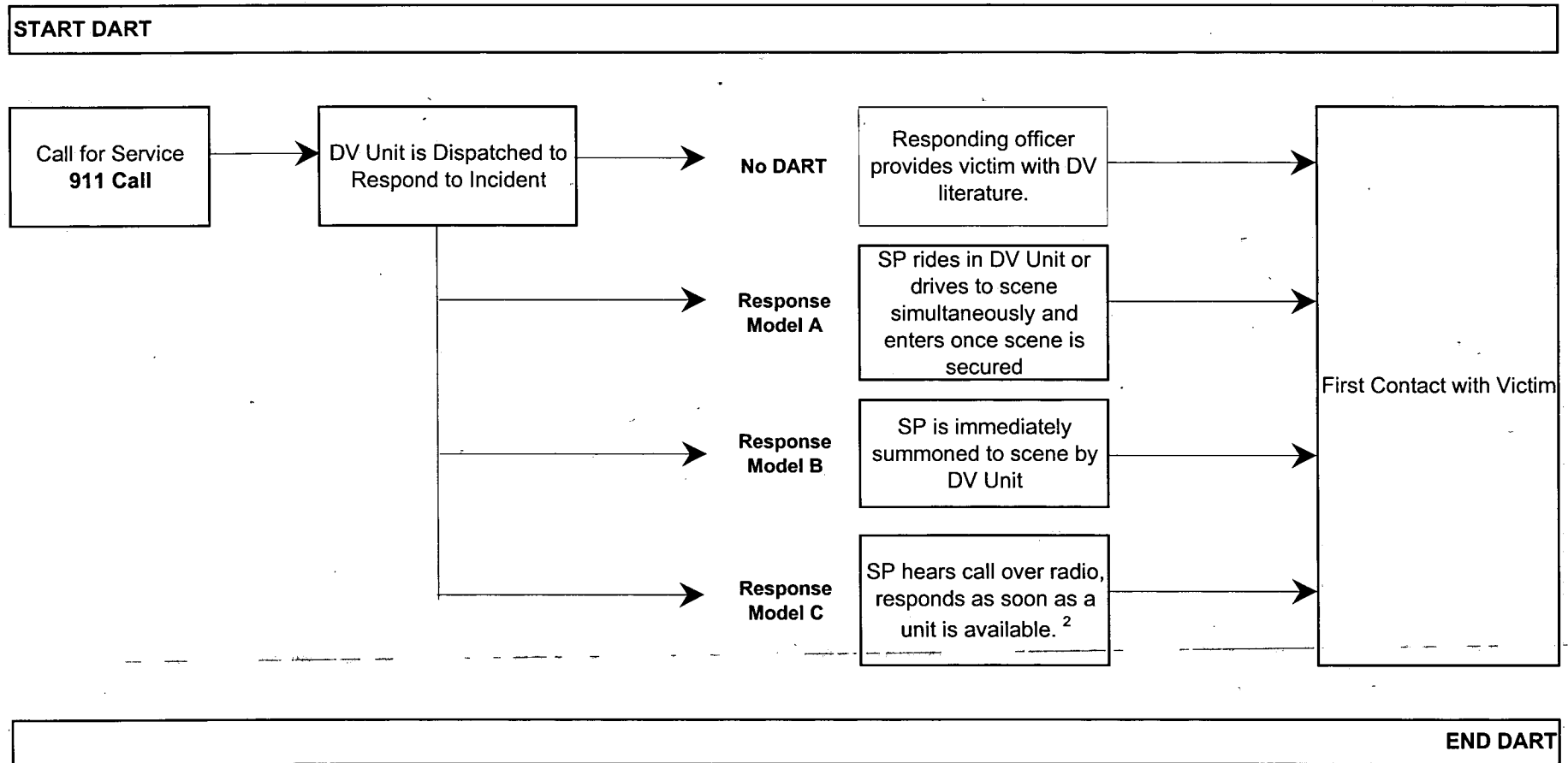

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Attachments

DART Program Response Sequence Model ¹

This model is intended to illustrate the possible sequences of action that may be taken upon receipt of a 911 Call (Call for Service). For purposes of this report, the DART response model begins at the 911 call and ends when first contact is made with the victim.



Begin Follow-Up Services

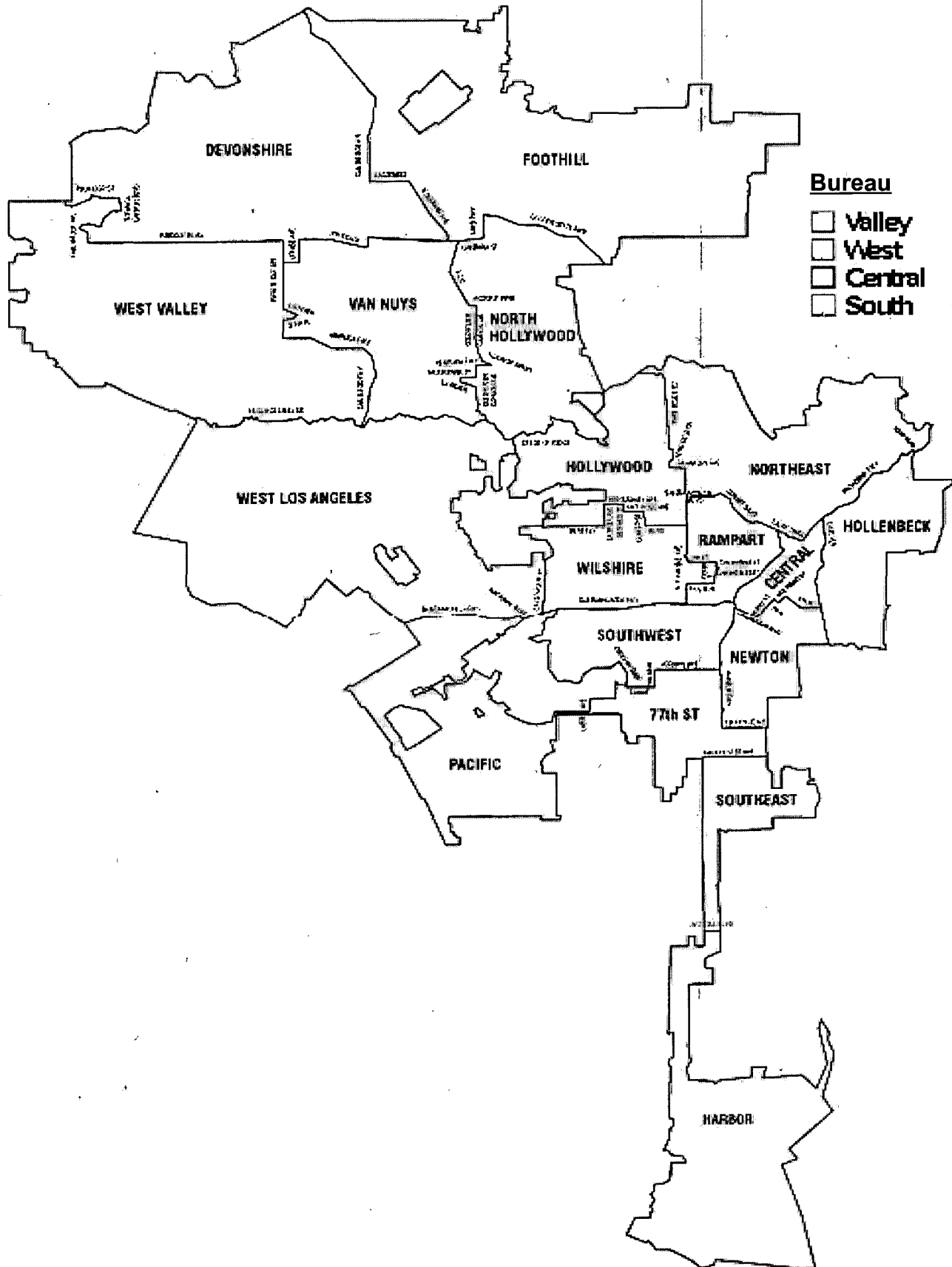
DV Unit = Domestic Violence Unit
 SP = Civilian Service Provider

¹ This model does not specify the number of Domestic Violence police officers (DV Unit) or Civilian Service Providers (SP) responding to the call per Response Model, which varies by police area. This diagram also does not consider follow-up services as part of the DART response model.

² Average Response Time: Usually within 24 hours or up to 72 hours

Los Angeles Police Department Area Map

Attachment II



DART Service Provider Coverage

Attachment III

Police Bureau	Police Area	Service Provider	Days of Operation per week	Hours of Operation	Staffing Situation	Reported Annual Budget ¹	Additional Information: Annual City Funding for DART and Related Domestic Violence Services ²				Notes on Fund Sources
							Mayor's Office - Federal Family Violence Initiative	CDD - DV Service Provider	CDD - DV Shelter Operations	LAPD-State OCJP Funding	
Central	Rampart - Model B	Project ERIN	7 days	24 hours	Full time: 1 coordinator, 2 therapists, 2 case managers; Part-time: 2	\$ 573,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	These resources are shared with Wilshire below. Funders: VAWA, CalWorks, DHS State, OCJP, STOP State
South	Harbor - Model C	Rainbow	Fri. - Mon.	24 hours	Breakdown was not available because no staff is assigned solely to one specific program.	-	-	100,000	180,000	-	Breakdown was not available because no staff is assigned solely to one specific program.
	77th Street - Model A	Project Peacemakers	Fri. - Sat.	5:30 pm to 4:00 am (7.5 hrs.)	1 Coordinator, 2 advocates, 1 clinical assessor, 23 volunteers	200,000	200,000	-	-	-	Family Violence Initiative (\$0 funding prior to July 1, 2001)
Valley	Van Nuys - Model A	Valley DART/Haven Hills	5 days	6:00 pm to 2:00 am (8 hrs.)	Full time: 1 Program coordinator, 1 Case manager, 1 Spanish Speaker, 1 Advocate; Part time: 3 therapists, 12 volunteers	370,000	200,000	68,231	211,629	-	No notes to date.
	West Valley - Model A	Valley DART/Haven Hills	4 days	6:00 pm to 2:00 am (8 hrs.)	Full time: 1 Program coordinator, 1 Case manager, 1 Spanish Speaker, 1 Advocate; Part time: 3 therapists, 12 volunteers	-	-	-	138,189	-	No notes to date.
West	Hollywood - Model A	African Community Resource Center / Prototypes	Sun. - Thurs.	6:00 pm to 12:00 midnight (6 hrs.)	1 project manager, 1 project coordinator, 3 case managers, 20+ volunteers	200,000	200,000	-	345,385	-	In-kind contributions and volunteer labor
	Wilshire - Model B	Project ERIN	7 days	24 hours	2 advocates	573,900	-	-	-	-	See Rampart above for shared information
	W. Los Angeles - Model B	Safe Women's Center ³	7 days	Varies	3 part time, 4 full timer	278,700	-	-	-	180,000	Contract term ended in September 2002. LAPD received grant from State OCJP for \$720,000 over a four-year period
	Pacific - Model C	Sojourn-Ocean Community Center	7 days	24 hours	4 advocacy coordinators, 1 relief staff	225,100	-	-	120,000	-	Volunteers work 12 hour shifts on-call (paid 1 hour of every 4 hrs. on call). Funders: City of Santa Monica
Supplemental Services	Newton - Model C	Central LA Family Violence Response Team - California Hospital Collaborative	7 days	24 hours	4 social workers, 4 translators, 1.5 case manager	300,000	200,000	-	-	-	Not considered a DART, however provide comprehensive follow-up services.
	Central - Model C	Central LA Family Violence Response Team - California Hospital Collaborative	7 days	24 hours	4 social workers, 4 translators, 1.5 case manager	-	-	-	-	-	Not considered a DART, however provide comprehensive follow-up services. Collaboration between Calif. Hospital, LA Com. On Assaults Against Women, 1736 Family Crisis Center, etc.
	Newton - Model A	Project Peacemakers	7 days	24 hours	4 social workers, 4 translators, 1.5 case manager	-	-	-	-	-	Newton does not have a DART, however Project Peacemakers reports that they provide follow-up assistance.
Totals						\$ 2,721,600	\$ 800,000	\$ 168,231	\$ 995,203	\$ 180,000	

¹ These amounts were reported by current DART service providers as the annual budget. These figures may also include costs for services outside the scope of the DART response model.

² These City grant sources support DART services and related services outside the scope of the DART response model. This information is for discussion purposes only and does not reflect funds exclusive to the DART Program.

³ The contract term of the West Los Angeles DART team expired. This police station no longer operates a DART, pending the results of an evaluation. This table excludes Police Areas without recognized DART team coverage, or a similar program.

Domestic Violence Statistics for Calendar Year 2001

January 2001 to December 2001

CD	Bureau	Area	Arrests	Crimes	Calls for Service
1	Central	Central - No DART	232	417	724
1,13	Central	Rampart - Model B	606	1,872	3,434
14	Central	Hollenbeck - No DART	313	1,091	2,205
1,13,14	Central	Northeast - No DART	362	1,523	2,421
9	Central	Newton - No DART	392	1,431	2,720
	Central		1,905	6,334	11,504
9	South	Southwest - No DART	444	1,898	4,100
15	South	Harbor - Model C	371	1,341	2,508
8	South	77th Street - Model A	595	3,081	4,758
8,15	South	Southeast - No DART	512	1,689	3,863
	South		1,922	8,009	15,229
2,4,5,11	Valley	Van Nuys - Model A	637	2,117	2,939
3,12	Valley	West Valley - Model A	401	1,561	2,656
2,4	Valley	N. Hollywood - No DART	407	1,624	2,534
2,7	Valley	Foothill - No DART	464	1,894	2,788
12	Valley	Devonshire - No DART	417	1,690	2,819
	Valley		2,326	8,886	13,736
13	West	Hollywood - Model A	344	1,132	1,781
10	West	Wilshire - Model B	582	1,619	2,760
11	West	W. Los Angeles - Model B	138	590	978
6	West	Pacific - Model C	284	792	1,611
	West		1,348	4,133	7,130
		City Wide Totals	7,501	27,362	47,599

Definitions:

Arrests - Shows the number of arrests that result from a domestic violence-related call for service.

Crimes - Shows the number of crimes involving domestic violence. These calls may or may not lead to an arrest, depending on whether or not the assailant is caught and/or the victim presses charges.

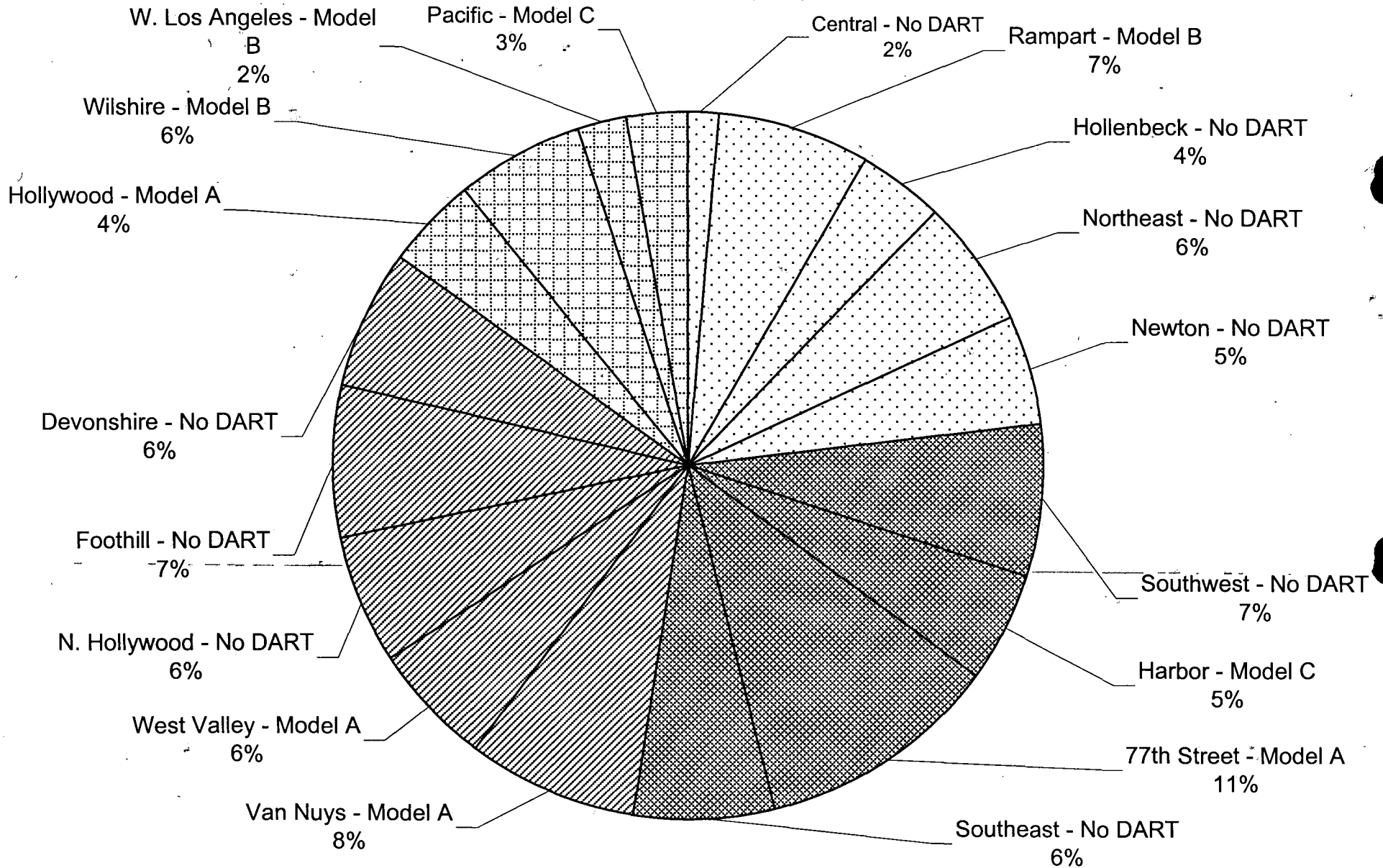
Calls for Service - Shows the number of domestic violence-related Calls for Service that were received. This number may include multiple calls for the same incident. Calls for Service may or may not indicate that a legitimate crime has occurred, and may or may not lead to an arrest.

Statistics for Calendar Year 2001

January 2001 to December 2001

Attachment IV - B

This chart represents the percentage of reported domestic violence crimes by Police Area (and grouped by Police Bureau).



Source: Los Angeles Police Department - Detective Services Group

Counselor Requirements

Pursuant to existing state law, a domestic violence counselor must meet specified requirements. Any counselors participating in the DART program must meet one of the following requirements:

(A)

- i. Be employed by any organization providing programs specified in Section 18294 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, for the purpose of rendering advice or assistance to victims of domestic violence.

According to the Section 18294 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any organization providing assistance to domestic violence victims must offer the following basic services:

- (1) Shelter on a 24 hours a day, seven days a week basis;
- (2) 24 hours a day, seven days a week switchboard for crisis calls;
- (3) Temporary housing and food facilities;
- (4) Psychological support and peer counseling;
- (5) Referral to existing services in the community;
- (6) Drop-in center to assist victims of domestic violence;
- (7) Arrangements for school age children to continue their education during their stay at the center; and,
- (8) Emergency transportation to the shelter and arrangements with law enforcement for assistance in providing transportation.

- ii. Have received specialized training in counseling of domestic violence victims and meet one of the following requirements:

- (1) Has a master's degree in counseling or a related field; or has one year of counseling experience, at least six months of which is in the counseling of domestic violence victims; and,
- (2) Has at least 40 hours of specialized training and is supervised by an individual who qualifies as a counselor.

(B)

A person who is employed by any organization providing programs specified in Section 13835.2 of the Penal Code, for the purpose of counseling and assisting victims of domestic violence. (See Section A.ii. For counselor requirements)

According to Section 13835.2 of the Penal Code, any organization providing assistance to domestic violence victims must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Provide services to victims and witnesses;
- (2) Be recognized by the Board of Supervisors as the major provider of services to victims and witnesses in the county; and,
- (3) Assist victims of crime in the preparation, verification, and presentation of their claims to the State Board of Control.

The Preliminary Cost of One DART Program Team – 1 Year

The following budget represents the estimated costs associated with operating one Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). This is a sample budget derived from information provided by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and a current DART service provider. This information is for discussion purposes only and does not reflect the variations that may result from the DART Program assessment. This estimate includes the cost of sworn staff that may already be included in LAPD's adopted budget, and assumes that the duties can be absorbed by these existing sworn staff. Given the limitations of this preliminary estimate, the financial impact of funding the nine police stations that do not have DART service providers would represent a potential cost to the City of approximately \$3.8 million.

Police Department – Responding Unit	
OSD Detective -Operation Support Division, Captain 1 @ 2	\$194,726
Police Car-DV designation	Undetermined
Community Advocate Salaries	
Advocacy Coordinator @ 4	140,000
Relief Staff	9,000
Subtotal Police and Advocate Salaries	<u>\$343,726</u>
Operating Expenses	
Worker's Compensation	\$7,227
SUI	1,513
Health Insurance	13,000
FICA	11,399
Advertising	1,000
Pager	1,560
Equipment Repair	500
Office Supplies	500
Lock Changes	1,000
Kit Supplies	2,000
Telephone	4,200
Mileage Local	3,000
Photocopy/Printing Costs	2,000
Admin Overhead	27,200
Subtotal Operating Expenses	<u>\$76,099</u>
Additional Expenses*	
Police radio unit	\$2,000
Color fax machine	500
Digital Camera - Model Sony Mavica FD80	589
Photocopy machine, Cell phones, Community advocate vehicle, marketing plan and promotional materials.	Costs Vary
Subtotal Additional Expenses (minimal)	<u>\$3,089</u>
Preliminary Cost of One DART for 1 year	<u>\$422,914</u>
PRELIMINARY COST TO THE CITY FOR NINE DARTS FOR 1 YEAR	<u>\$3,806,226</u>

¹ The DART program budget is modeled after information that was provided by the Sojourn Ocean Program (based in the Ocean Park Community Center) for the period of July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002.

² Additional Expenses includes items that would be acquired and/or provided by the Los Angeles Police Department, the DART service provider, or other program stakeholders. This list is not intended to represent a complete list of additional expenses.

Potential Sources of Additional DART Team Funding

Federal, State and County

Federal Violence Against Women Organization (VAWO)

- The S•T•O•P (Services, Training, Officers and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grants are awarded to states to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. 25 percent of the grant funds to law enforcement, 25 percent to prosecution, 5 percent to courts, and 30 percent to victim services.
- **Federal Office of Justice Programs – Office for Victims Crime Discretionary Grant** Application, FY 2002 June 28, 2002. Violence Against Women Office, Grants to State Sexual Assault & Domestic violence Coalition Programs, May 30, 2002.
- **Office of Justice Programs - Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program.** The Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program is administered by the State and Local Assistance Division (SLAD), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). BJA is a component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). The purpose of the LLEBG Program is to provide units of government with funds to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety.
- **Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program:** The Violence Against Women Office (VAWO) Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program (State Coalitions Program). Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provisions. SEC. 2001 This funding is intended to provide federal financial assistance to state coalitions to support the coordination of state victim services activities, and collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities. requires that all applications be submitted through the OJP Grants Management System (GMS). (EDT) on June 13, 2002.

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Safety, Health and Employee Welfare Division. Represents a potential source for funding, technical support, and referral assistance.

U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs - Violence Against Women Office. Represents a potential source for funding, technical support, and referral assistance. Examples include the Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Discretionary Grants Program, the Domestic Preparedness Training & Technical Assistance Program.

Office of the Attorney General - Crime and Violence Prevention Center. The Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center creates and promotes effective policies and strategies for law enforcement and communities to build a safer state for our children, families and communities. Examine the catalysts that influence criminal and violent behavior in order to prevent future crime.

State of California - Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning - Victim Service/Violence Prevention Division. Represents a potential source for funding, technical support, and referral assistance.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services CalWORKs Domestic Violence Supportive Services Program. Its purpose is to coordinate the delivery of services to assist California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) participants overcome barriers to employment caused by domestic violence. Clients must be eligible for benefits under the CalWORKs program and a victim of domestic violence. The agency's focus must be serving battered victims and their children.

Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council –*Technical Support*. Its purpose is to study the problems of domestic and family violence in Los Angeles and to make recommendations pertaining to coordination, education, public information, training, shelter services, legislation, and the development of programs in these areas.

Private Foundations

The **Philip Morris Doors of Hope Direct Service grant** is a public-private partnerships supporting domestic violence service providers. The Direct Service initiative was created to help communities across the United States enhance and expand core services that are vital to breaking the cycle of violence.

The **California Endowment**, a private grant maker created as the result of Blue Cross of California's conversion in status from a non-profit to for-profit corporation, awards grants to organizations and institutions that directly benefit the health and well-being of Californians, and those that work to provide and expand access to affordable, health care in under-served communities.

Other Potential Sources

Other private and public hospitals, universities, and corporations may also offer alternative sources for partnership and funding. Recently, California Hospital assisted the Newton and Central police areas by providing comprehensive services. A number of private foundations could be contacted to fund future DART teams, or similar services. For example, the list below includes foundations that have supported domestic violence programs through funding and/or technical support in the past:

- Aetna Foundation, Inc.
- Alcoa Foundation
- The Allstate Foundation
- Blue Shield of California
- California Community Foundation
- The Hitachi Foundation
- Irvine Health Foundation
- Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- W. K. Kellogg Foundation
- The McKnight Foundation
- Vanguard Public Foundation
- Verizon
- Victoria Foundation, Inc.
- Thomas H. White Foundation

Internet References: CyberGrants (www.cybergrants.com) and Polaris (www.polarisgrantscentral.net) represent potential source for funding, technical support, and referral assistance. Additional sites are: www.dvponline.com/ts-archive0799.html; and www.fedmoney.com/grants/93591.htm.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Rules, communication from the Chief of Police relative to providing information on geographic areas which that did not have Domestic Violence Response Teams, also referred to as Domestic Abuse Response Teams, was referred on February 28, 2002, to the PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

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February 13, 2002

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
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Honorable Members:

This correspondence was prepared in response to a request for information from Councilmember Garcetti, dated October 4, 2001. Councilmember Garcetti requested the Los Angeles Police Department provide information on geographic Areas that did not have Domestic Violence Response Teams (DVRT), also referred to as Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART).

The purpose of a DVRT team is to provide immediate social services to the victim of domestic violence. There are several different models of DVRT teams operating in the City of Los Angeles. It has been the position of the Department to encourage models that employ innovative approaches to provide services to the victim as quickly as possible. Commanding officers are directed to identify the needs of the community and develop partnerships with service providers that meet those needs. They are further encouraged to integrate the DVRT concept into their programs where there is a benefit to the Department or the victims.

Currently, there are several different models of DVRT operating in the City of Los Angeles. Each unique model has a different level of participation by the community service provider and the officers assigned to the community police station. Partnerships were developed in Areas where a community service provider was willing to work with the victims and the police.

In the City of Los Angeles, there are nine Areas that have DVRT services. These programs are made available through grants, as well as private enterprise.

In Operations-Central Bureau, there is one DVRT. That team is called the Emergency Response Intervention Project (Project ERIN), and it operates in partnership with Rampart Area.

Newton Area has a grant-funded program that is based at California Hospital; however, there is no response team in their program. Northeast, Central, and Hollenbeck Area do not currently have a DVRT.

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The Honorable City Council

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In Operations-South Bureau, there are two DVRT programs. Rainbow Services provides a response team in partnership with Harbor Area. Project Peacemakers provides a response team in partnership with Seventy-Seventh Street Area. Southwest and Southeast Areas do not have a DVRT.

In Operations-Valley Bureau, there are two DVRT teams. Valley Domestic Abuse Response Team (Valley DART) provides a response team in partnership with Van Nuys and West Valley Areas. There are no DVRT programs in North Hollywood, Devonshire, or Foothill Areas.

In Operations-West Bureau, there are four DVRT teams. The African Community Resource Center provides a response team in partnership with Hollywood Area. Project ERIN provides a response team in partnership with Wilshire Area. The On-Call Emergency Advocate Network (Project OCEAN) provides a response team in partnership with Pacific Area. In West Los Angeles Area, the Safe Women's Center has a Department-sponsored response team.

A further description of the programs is covered in the attachment.

Very truly yours,



BERNARD C. PARKS
Chief of Police

Enclosure

c: Councilmember Eric Garcetti
Councilmember Dennis Zine
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski
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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAMS

Area	Description of services
CENTRAL	NONE
RAMPART	Emergency Response Intervention Network (Project ERIN) provides a field unit that responds as a second responder to the scene of a domestic violence incident/crime to address the needs of the victim. The unit is comprised of two advocates, and operates five nights a week. At least one of the advocates specializes in the treatment of children that are affected by domestic violence. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.
SOUTHWEST	NONE
HOLLENBECK	NONE
HARBOR	Rainbow Services provides a shelter based on-call service. They are contacted by pager and respond to field requests by officers. This unit is comprised of two advocates. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.
HOLLYWOOD	African Community Resource Center has a field unit that responds as a second responder to the scene of a domestic incident/crime. The unit is comprised of an advocate and a dedicated officer and operates four nights per week. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.
WILSHIRE	Emergency Response Intervention Network (Project ERIN) provides a field unit that responds as a second responder to the scene of a domestic violence incident/crime to address the needs of the victim. The unit is comprised of two advocates, and operates five nights per week. At least one of the advocates specializes in children that are affected by domestic violence. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon request of the detective.
WEST LOS ANGELES	Safe Women's Center has a field unit that responds as a second responder to the scene of a domestic incident/crime. The unit is comprised of an advocate and a dedicated officer and operates five nights per week. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.
VAN NUYS	Valley Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) has a field unit that responds as a second responder to the scene of a domestic incident/crime. The unit is comprised of an advocate and a dedicated officer and operates five nights per week. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.
WEST VALLEY	Valley Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) has a field unit that responds as a second responder to the scene of a domestic incident/crime. The unit is comprised of an advocate and a dedicated officer and operates four nights per week. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.
NORTHEAST	NONE
SEVENTY SEVENTH STREET	PROJECT PEACEMAKERS has a dedicated field unit of two officers that respond as a first responder to the scene of a domestic violence incident/crime. This primary responder deals with the suspect. This program includes a unit that responds as a second responder. That unit is comprised of an advocate and a dedicated officer that deal with the victim. This program operates four nights per week. Additionally, they outreach to victims upon review of a report or request of the detective.

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESPONSE TEAMS

Area	Description of services
NEWTON	California Hospital is a hospital-based system. Victims that are brought into the hospital received specialized services. There is no response team.
PACIFIC	On Call Emergency Action Network (Project OCEAN) provides a unit with two advocates that respond as second responders to provide services to the victim. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by pager. They respond to field requests by officers and outreach to victims where a crime or incident report was made, but no immediate response was requested.
NORTH HOLLYWOOD	None.
FOOTHILL	None.
DEVONSHIRE	None. Devonshire Area and Valley DART are in negotiation to field a program, and Valley Dart currently has sufficient resources to cover this population.
SOUTHEAST	None. Project Peacemakers from Seventy-Seventh Area will respond upon specific request, but is not currently contracted to provide services to this population.

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FRANK T. MARTINEZ
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relative to this matter
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RE: IDENTIFYING NEW AND EXPANDING EXISTING DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM
GEOGRAPHIC AREAS IN ORDER TO COVER POLICE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CALLS CITYWIDE

At the meeting of the Council held October 5, 2001, the following
action was taken:

Attached report adopted.....	_____
Attached motion (Garcetti - Miscikowski - Zine) adopted.....	_____ X _____
FORTHWITH.....	_____
Ordinance adopted.....	_____
Motion adopted to approve attached report recommendation(s)....	_____
Motion adopted to approve communication recommendation(s).....	_____
Findings adopted.....	_____
Negative Declaration adopted.....	_____

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MOTION

An act of physical abuse is committed against a woman every 15 seconds in the United States and approximately 6,000 women die each year as a result of domestic violence. The Los Angeles Police Department receives over 40,000 domestic violence calls each year. Even after receiving a police response, many victims of domestic violence, out of fear or unawareness, often fail to access available services that may help them break the cycle of violence.

Domestic Abuse Response Teams (DART) provide valuable programs in various parts of the City by instituting community policing programs which pair specially trained domestic violence advocates with police officers and emergency room personnel to provide a coordinated response on Domestic Violence related calls. These response teams provide valuable on-site intervention that includes linking victims with resources such as shelter, medical attention, counseling and other related services. These programs also work to increase the number of investigations and arrests for cases involving domestic violence, rape, stalking and elder abuse. Some DART programs are also able to provide law enforcement personnel with training on domestic violence response and investigation techniques. DART teams are only operational in a limited number of locations in the City, and the need for Domestic Violence services is Citywide in scope.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and in consultation with existing DART teams report to the City Council in 30 days detailing geographic areas that are currently covered by existing DART programs, and areas of the City which do not have DART programs.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO, in consultation with the Domestic Violence Task Force, DART service providers, LAPD, CDD, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning, and other City Departments as appropriate report to the City Council in 90 days with recommendations for potential sources of funding for expansion of DART services to cover police responses to domestic violence calls Citywide. The sources identified should not include monies already committed to existing Domestic Violence services.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA and CAO, in consultation with the Domestic Violence Task Force, DART service providers, LAPD, CDD, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning, and other City Departments as appropriate report back to the City Council in 90 days with recommendations for coordinating efforts to ensure proper response for domestic violence victims. The recommendations should include, but not be limited to, potential funding sources for a new full-time City position to serve as a liaison between DART service providers, LAPD, and community members. This report should include recommendations for the appropriate placement of this new position in the City's workforce.

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PRESENTED BY: Eric Garcetti
ERIC GARCETTI
Councilmember, 13th District

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ADOPTED
OCT 05 2001

SECONDED BY: Cindy Michalek
Dennis P. Zui

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL VOTE

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ITEM NO. (22)

Voting on Item(s): 22

Roll Call

BERNSON	Yes
GALANTER	Yes
GARCETTI	Yes
HAHN	Yes
HOLDEN	Yes
MISCIKOWSKI	Yes
PACHECO	Absent
PERRY	Absent
REYES	Yes
RIDLEY-THOMAS	Yes
WEISS	Yes
ZINE	Yes
*PADILLA	Yes
	Absent
	Absent

Present: 11, Yes: 11 No: 0