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June 28, 2006

Councilmember Reyes  
Councilmember Rosendahl  
City Administrative Officer  
Chief Legislative Analyst  
Department of Recreation & Parks  
Office of the Mayor, Attn:  
Office of Criminal Justice Planning  
Councilmember Wesson

Community Development Department,  
General Manager, Clifford Graves  
Los Angeles Police Department  
Commission for Children, Youth, &  
Families  
Los Angeles Human Relations  
Commission

RE: AUGMENTING FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS SERVING AND PUBLICIZING AT-RISK YOUTH  
IN VENICE AND DEL REY, ESTABLISHING A "SAFE PASSAGES" PROGRAM AT  
VENICE HIGH SCHOOL; AND, TO WORK WITH LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS  
TO CALM TENSIONS AND PREVENT VIOLENCE

At the meeting of the Council held June 23, 2006, the following action was  
taken:

Attached report adopted.....  
Attached motion (-) adopted.....  
Attached resolution adopted.....  
FORTHWITH..... X  
Motion adopted to approve committee report recommendation(s),  
as amended..... X  
Generally exempt.....

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Your HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Public Comments	<u>XX</u>	<u>—</u>

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to augmenting funding for programs serving and publicizing at-risk youth in Venice and Del Rey, establishing a "Safe Passages" program at Venice High School; and, to work with local neighborhood organizations to calm tensions and prevent violence.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Rosendahl - Reyes):

1. DIRECT the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to:
  - a. Coordinate with the City Administrative Officer (CAO), the Community Development Department (CDD), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning, the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families, and other relevant department and agencies; and, to report back within 10 days with recommendations on how to augment funding for programs serving at-risk youth in the communities of Venice and Del Rey.
  - b. Prepare a full and exhaustive list of job training and at-risk youth employment programs, and work with Council District 11 and local neighborhood councils to publicize those programs directly to at-risk populations in Venice and Del Rey.
2. DIRECT CDD to:
  - a. Work with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), LAPD, local neighborhood councils, and other agencies and departments as appropriate, to determine the need and available resources for the establishment of a Venice High School "Safe Passages" program, similar to programs at campuses in other parts of the city.
  - b. Report back on the potential for providing specialized training in fund-raising, grant-writing, and professional development for community organizations in CD 11 serving at-risk youth.
3. REQUEST the \*City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission to work with LAPD, local neighborhood organizations, and LAUSD - especially officials at Venice High School, Mark Twain Middle School, and other local schools - to make every effort and to use every resource possible to calm tensions and prevent retaliatory attacks and any additional violence.  
**\*(Rosendahl - Wesson)**

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted. Neither the CAO nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

(Education and Neighborhoods Committee and the Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development Committes waived consideration of the above matter.)

Summary:

On June 7, 2006, Council considered Motion (Rosendahl - Reyes) relative to augmenting funding for

\*ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL ACTION OF 6-23-06.

programs serving and publicizing at-risk youth in Venice and Del Rey, and various actions intended to address area youth violence. Motion states that on June 5, 2006, 17 year-old Agustin Contreras was shot and killed at Venice High School, the apparent victim of gang brutality. Described as a good student with a promising future, Agustin was reportedly killed when he intervened to protect his younger brother from a gang-related robbery and assault. His death is an unspeakable tragedy that has rocked the campus and the entire community.

Motion goes on to state that the shooting echoes previous cycles of violence that have threatened the campus, maimed and wounded innocent victims, and disrupted the lives of families living in nearby communities, especially in the Oakwood neighborhood of Venice, and in Del Rey. On June 6, 2006, Council District 11 held a town meeting at the Oakwood Recreation Center focusing on gang violence and rising community tensions. The meeting voiced an anguished cry for more and better services for at-risk youth on the Westside, too often forgotten or ignored in the shadows of the surrounding affluent communities.

Motion mover goes on to state that the cycle of violence in our neighborhoods must be stopped. It is inextricably intertwined with poverty, with hopelessness, with lack of opportunity. Council referred Motion to the Housing, Community, and Economic Development and Education and Neighborhoods Committees, and to the Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development.

At its meeting held June 20, 2006, the Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations of the accompanying Motion (Rosendahl - Reyes).

Respectfully submitted,

HOUSING, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



**ADOPTED**

JUN 23 2006

MEMBER  
WESSON  
REYES  
CARDENAS  
GARCETTI  
PERRY

VOTE  
YES  
ABSENT  
ABSENT  
YES  
YES

MOTION ADOPTED TO APPROVE COMMITTEE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS, *AS AMENDED*

**LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

**FORTHWITH**

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