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MAYOR

April 28, 2008

Honorable Members of the City Council
C/O City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall

**RE: Bureau of Justice Assistance FY 2006 Congressional Mandated Award
(# 2006-DD-BX-0352): Council File 06-2555**

On September 11, 2006, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) awarded the City of Los Angeles a \$987,288 grant to operate the Baldwin Village Safer Cities Initiative: S.T.O.P. Program. The BJA FY 2006 Congressional Mandated Award provides funding for the development of a new Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Zone in Southwest Division, Baldwin Village through a collaboration of prevention, intervention, re-entry, and suppression programs.

The original grant period was from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. The City Council officially accepted the grant award on November 6, 2006. On June 7, 2007, Council approved a modified Grant Program and Budget and the term was extended to June 30, 2008. (C.F. 06-2555). The time extension was required because the project was originally proposed as a two-year service program and the Award notification was received after the start date, which required additional time for administrative set-up.

Transmitted herewith is a request for Council's approval extending the grant term an additional twelve months, to June 30, 2009 (See Attachment A). The BJA approved extending the grant term on February 28, 2008. This extension will provide more time to establish the necessary infrastructure to operate the GRYD Zone, and provide time for the selected community-based organizations to implement intervention, prevention, and re-entry programs in Baldwin Village, and will also allow more time to ensure that the CLEAR program will be fully functional by the end of the grant period.

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Background

In April of 2007, the Mayor's Office unveiled its Gang Reduction Strategy, which is a comprehensive, collaborative, and community-wide approach to reducing gang violence by providing essential services for prevention, intervention, re-entry, and suppression. The Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development is responsible for the prevention, intervention, and re-entry component. CLEAR serves as the suppression component and will be complimented and coordinated with the development of prevention and intervention services to build the comprehensive strategy of the GRYD Zones.

In November 2007, Baldwin Village was declared a GRYD Zone, which effectively created a new CLEAR site there, and added Baldwin Village as a major component of the Mayor's gang reduction strategy. This necessitated modifying the budget to reflect the clarified needs of the City of Los Angeles, and replaced the Safer Cities Initiative program that was initially supported by this grant with the new Gang Reduction Strategy.

The budget for this program is as follows:

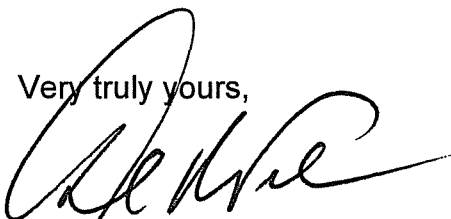
Mayor's Office Salaries	\$ 89,631
City Attorney Salaries	\$ 87,574
Fringe Benefit Reimbursement	\$ 15,454
Community Service Contracts	\$721,768
Operating Costs, Mayor	\$ 6,500
Supplies, Other	\$ 10,850
Travel/Training	\$ 9,100
Indirect Costs	\$ 46,341
TOTAL	\$987,228

In November 2007, the Mayor's GRYD Office released a request for bids to conduct community needs assessments in all six new GRYD Zones to identify specific components of the gang problem, analyze their causes, map resources currently available, and identify gaps in services. The data-guided assessments will include general descriptive data, gang crime data, and surveys, personal interviews, and focus groups with key stakeholders. The competitive bid yielded four selected contractors: the Advancement Project (Pacoima & Newton), Cal State LA (Baldwin Village & Ramona Gardens), and Lodestar Management Research (Northeast). Cal State LA's assessment of Baldwin Village will be paid for out of this grant. The Advancement Project will also be conducting the mapping component of the assessment, mapping critical demographic data and assets within each GRYD Zone. The results of the assessments will be compiled in reports and will inform the development of an RFP for additional resources to be invested in prevention, intervention, and re-entry services in early summer of 2008.

I THEREFORE REQUEST that the City Council:

1. APPROVE the grant period extension for an additional twelve months, for the period of July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009, for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Congressional Mandated Award for the Baldwin Village Gang Reduction and Youth Development Zone.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio R. Villaraigosa', written in a cursive style.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

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