

# Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Faith Initiative

# Things we know

- Residents told us that we need to do more with our faith community if we are to successfully and effectively address the gang issue.
- We know our faith community can reach people in way the city/government simply can't.
- We know our faith community have thousands of people ready, willing and able to be mobilized in a meaningful way.



## **Vision**

To partner with the Faith Based Community to achieve/realize zero gang related homicides in San José

## **Mission**

To proactively establish a relationship between the Faith Based Community and the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force to create community awareness of resources and foster hope

## Mobilizing the Community

Beautiful Day in partnership with the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force.

Mobilize thousands of residents to work in gang impacted "hot" spot areas to build and transform communities with high levels of gang and youth violence.

- Over 4000+ volunteers over 2 years
- Neighborhood and creek clean ups, rebuilding schools, painting murals, removing gang graffiti , and much more...



## Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Community Chaplaincy Program

- To provide compassion, aftercare and services to gang impacted families/individuals and assist residents in times of crisis and trauma.
- Secondary support to the MGPTF crisis intervention team.
- Valley medical pilot program.



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## Facilities Sharing

Build a network of Faith Institutions that work in partnership with the MGPTF and City officials to help reduce youth and gang violence.

- Signed memorandum of understanding that allows for shared facilities during times of crisis
- Resource center (hub) of information for the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force.
- Information conduit between Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force and residents.



Mayor's Gang Prevention  
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## Question & Answers