

Memorandum

TO: Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed

SUBJECT: **2008 Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Restructure**

DATE: December 14, 2007

APPROVED: *Chuck Reed*

DATE: *12/14/07*

INFORMATION

The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) has a long, and proven history of being successful. This past year, I have learned that the main reason for the Task Force's success is collaboration. The Task Force is able to be effective because we bring people from every aspect of the gang problem together, at one table and with one common goal: to reclaim our youth.

In order to continue reinforcing our partnerships and maximizing the efficiency of the Policy Team, I have established new assignments for Policy Team Members. The list of individuals who will serve as the Policy Team members can be found in **Attachment A**.

I urge everyone to continue to attend our Policy Team meetings and to remain active in the Technical Team meetings. This is a reshuffling of duties to keep the group moving forward, while staying true to the original intent of former Mayor Susan Hammer. These new assignments closely reflect the size and dynamics envisioned for the MGPTF in 1991.

The Policy Team meetings will continue to be held the fourth Friday of even numbered months. In addition to these meetings, I am establishing four subcommittees to begin in March, 2008:

1. Community Engagement
2. School Safety
3. Inter-agency Collaboration
4. MGPTF Technical Team

Each subcommittee will select a chair and a vice-chair who will provide regular updates at our MGPTF Policy Team meetings. These subcommittees will be

supported by staff from my office, the Police Department (PD) and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS). A list of subcommittee assignments can be found in **Attachment B**. Subcommittee meetings, with the exception of the Technical Team, will be open to the public. At our February 22nd Policy Team meeting we will establish a work plan for the Policy Team and our subcommittees. Below is a brief description of my expectations for each subcommittee:

Community Engagement Subcommittee: When a crisis situation occurs, it is crucial that the MGPTF provide the affected community with the resources they need. Through our community meetings this year, we have learned that the community can also be our biggest allies in combating the factors that can lead our youth to joining gangs. Our community members can also aide us in identifying which services are most effective and where they are most needed. Next year, this committee will focus on ways to get Task Force information and resources out to all of our residents. They will also work on helping to outreach to our ethnic communities.

School Safety Subcommittee: Currently, this is one of three subcommittees of the Schools/City Collaborative. It is co-chaired by Superintendent Bob Nunez from East Side Union High School District and Dr. John Porter from Franklin-McKinley School District. The School Safety Subcommittee discusses current city programs centered on or related to school safety. The subcommittee evaluates these programs and provides recommendations or actions relating to these programs. Looking forward, the School Safety Subcommittee will work closely with the MGPTF on overlapping school issues.

Inter-agency Collaboration: This year, we were able to secure an additional \$1 million dollars in one-time funding for the MGPTF. While this money was much needed, it is not enough. The City, County and State continue to face budget shortfalls. In order to ensure that our ability to combat gangs does not suffer, we must build stronger partnerships with other agencies. Through these partnerships we can ensure we are using our resources to the best of our abilities and not leaving any gaps in services. We must always keep in mind that gangs do not stay within city limits, so we must work with our neighboring cities as well.

MGPTF Technical Team: The Technical Team will continue to be staffed primarily by PRNS and PD. The meetings will continue to be held monthly. The Technical Team is the arm of the MGPTF that is on the ground and working daily to reclaim our youth. These are closed meetings so that sensitive information can be shared. For the MGPTF to continue to be successful, we need all of our city, county, state, community-based organizations, faith community, schools, parent groups and community stakeholders to continue to work together and be actively engaged in the Technical Team. It is also vital that information that comes out of the Technical team be brought back at the Policy level.

2008 MGPTF Policy Team Members	
Mayor- <i>Co-chair</i>	Chuck Reed
Chief of Police- <i>Co-chair</i>	Rob Davis
City Councilmember	TBD- <i>December 18th Council meeting</i>
County Board Supervisor	Blanca Alvarado
Tech Team Representative- Foothill Division	TBD*- <i>January 9th Tech Team meeting</i>
Tech Team Representative- Western Division	TBD*- <i>January 9th Tech Team meeting</i>
Tech Team Representative- Central Division	TBD*- <i>January 9th Tech Team meeting</i>
Tech Team Representative- Southern Division	TBD*- <i>January 9th Tech Team meeting</i>
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation- Division of Juvenile Justice	Jeff McLaughlin
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation- Parole Agent	Evan Suzuki
City Attorney's Office	George Rios
City Manager's Office	Eve Castellanos
Community Member At-Large	Cora Tomalinas
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services	Angel Rios
Santa Clara County Chief Probation Officer	Sheila Mitchell
Santa Clara County District Attorney	Dolores Carr
Santa Clara County Office of Education- Alternative Schools Department	Paula Mitchell
Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff	Lindley Zink
State of California Superior Court- Juvenile Division	Judge Richard Loftus
Strong Neighborhoods Initiative	Laura Lam
Superintendent of East Side Union High School District	Bob Nunez
Superintendent of Franklin-McKinley School District	Dr. John Porter
Work2Future Liaison	Jeff Ruster
Youth Commission	Betty Montoya

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1. Community Engagement Subcommittee	
Community Member At-Large	Cora Tomalinas
Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services	Angel Rios
Strong Neighborhoods Initiative	Laura Lam
Youth Commission	Betty Montoya

2. School Safety Subcommittee	
Santa Clara County Office of Education- Alternative Schools Department	Paula Mitchell
Superintendent of East Side Union High School District- <i>Co-chair</i>	Bob Nunez
Superintendent of Franklin-McKinley School District- <i>Co-chair</i>	Dr. John Porter
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3. Interagency Collaboration Subcommittee	
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation- Division of Juvenile Justice	Jeff McLaughlin
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation- Parole Agent	Evan Suzuki
County Board Supervisor	Blanca Alvarado
Santa Clara County Chief Probation Officer	Sheila Mitchell
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