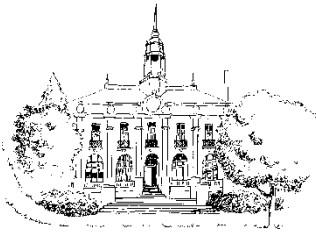


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CONSENT CALENDAR

December 15, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: Referral to City Manager: Creation of a Response to Campus Area Assaults, and Participation in the Non-violent Neighborhood Summit

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager creation of a short term strategic action plan to respond to assaults in the campus area, and providing official City participation in the Non-violent Neighborhood Summit.

BACKGROUND

Neighborhood residents, students, employees and businesspeople have recently expressed concern about the level of violence in the campus area. The most frequently mentioned specific concerns include ASSAULTS and ROBBERIES. There is also considerable interest in doing work on educational efforts to prevent hate crimes, rape and domestic violence. Several students have already raised these concerns at two recent City Council meetings. Additional residents have especially expressed concern about the Hillegass Avenue corridor. In the short term, this item requests the City Manager to prioritize strategic actions and partnerships to calmly respond to the immediate situation.

In the medium to long term, effective response to these concerns requires significant attention and coordination between the City and University as well as other affected groups.

Recent retirements and staffing changes have dramatically changed the face of officials involved. Particularly the City has a new Police Chief Michael Meehan, the University has a new police Chief Mitch Celaya. There is a new District Attorney, Nancy O'Malley, new City Area Coordinator, Officer Jamie Perkins, new U.C. Public Affairs Caleb Dardick. We want to welcome all these new people and encourage them and us to work closely together.

The January Non-violent Neighborhood Summit proposal seeks to facilitate more effective coordination and cooperation in addressing public safety in the campus area, particularly with a targeted effort to prevent assaults and robberies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Staff time

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