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ACTION CALENDAR

March 25, 2008

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Kriss Worthington and Darryl Moore

Subject: Support of Re-Establishing an East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution to express its support for re-establishing an East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership and direct the City Manager to send a letter to governmental agencies and stakeholders to request their support in joining a Partnership.

BACKGROUND:

In response to the need to address violence on a regional level, a number of East Bay cities, agencies and organizations came together to form the East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership (Partnership).

The Partnership was able to attract federal, state, local and foundational resources to support domestic violence and violence prevention programs as well as support law enforcement efforts. Despite the Partnership's ability to achieve some success in reducing crime, it eventually disbanded.

On February 2, 2007, the Richmond City Council convened a special meeting of East Bay elected officials to explore regional solutions to violent crime. One of the suggestions that came out of the meeting was to explore the re-formation of a Partnership. In response to this idea, on March 4, 2008, the Richmond City Council adopted a resolution expressing its support for re-establishing a Partnership.

The City of Berkeley has seen an increase in violent crime, including in neighborhoods bordering other cities. Unless violent crime is addressed not only on a local level but also on a regional level, Berkeley could continue to be negatively affected by violent behavior.

The Richmond City Council has indicated their clear interest in working with Berkeley and other cities in addressing violent crime and the City of Berkeley should send them a clear message that we are ready, willing and able to participate in this collaborative. Additionally, we should encourage other East Bay cities to join in the effort.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE

CONTACT PERSON:

Councilmember Kriss Worthington, 981-7170.

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Attachments:

1. Proposed resolution
2. List of Previous Members of Safety Partnership
3. List of Previous Partnership Programs

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RE-ESTABLISHING AN EAST BAY PUBLIC SAFETY
CORRIDOR PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, violent crime has increased in the City of Berkeley, including in neighborhoods bordering other cities; and

WHEREAS, such violent acts are not limited to Berkeley but occur in cities throughout the Bay Area and unless violence is addressed on a broader level, Berkeley could continue to be negatively affected by criminal activity resulting from other cities; and

WHEREAS, there are limited municipal resources and programs to reduce violence; and

WHEREAS, in response to the need to address violence on a regional level, a number of East Bay cities, agencies and organizations came together to form the East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership (Partnership); and

WHEREAS, the Partnership developed and funded a number of programs to address the root causes of crime such as; unemployment, drug abuse, lack of youth jobs and programs, and gang violence; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership achieved some success in reducing crime during its operation in the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership was able to attract federal, state, local and foundational resources to support domestic violence and violence prevention programs as well as support law enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, despite its successes, the Partnership eventually disbanded; and

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2007, the Richmond City Council convened a special meeting of elected officials from throughout the East Bay to explore regional approaches to reducing violence; and

WHEREAS, the focus of the meeting was to examine and potentially initiate regional programs to reduce violent crime and one of the suggestions that came out of the meeting was to encourage the re-formation of a partnership in order to attract funding to develop such programs; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2008, the Richmond City Council adopted a resolution expressing its support for re-establishing a Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley should join Richmond in encouraging other cities and agencies to re-create a Partnership to help address the growing problem of violent crime.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby expresses its intent to support the re-activation of a regional violence prevention collaborative and hereby directs the City Manager to initiate dialogue with East Bay cities to explore the re-establishment of an East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council directs the City Manager to send a letter to all East Bay cities, school boards, county and state elected officials, AGAG officials, West County Mayors, local Police Chiefs and other stakeholders to request their support in joining a regional violence prevention collaborative.

PUBLIC SAFETY CORRIDOR PARTNERS

City of Alameda
City of Albany
City of Berkeley
City of El Cerrito
City of Emeryville
City of Fremont
City of Hayward
City of Hercules
City of Newark
City of Oakland
City of Piedmont
City of Richmond
City of San Pablo
City of San Leandro
City of Union City

County of Alameda
County of Contra Costa
Alameda County Office of Education
Alameda County Unified School District
Albany Unified School District
Berkeley Unified School District
Emeryville Unified School District
Fremont Unified School District
Oakland Unified School District
Hayward Unified School District
John Swett Unified School District
New Haven School District
San Leandro Unified School District
San Lorenzo Unified School District
West Contra Costa County School District

Contra Costa County Office of Education
California State University, Hayward
Contra Costa College District
Peralta Community College District
University of California, Berkeley
College Police Officers
County Chiefs
Independent Police Officers
Police Chiefs and Sheriffs
School District Police Officers
Special District Police Officers
University Police Officers
East Bay Community Foundation
N.F.C. / Tides Foundation
Telesis Foundation

CURRENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Program	Grant Recipients	Program Outline
Alternatives to Incarceration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alameda County Probation Contra Costa County Probation 	Prepares juvenile offenders to re-enter the community by teaching job skills and providing job placement counseling. Includes mentoring program designed to avoid recidivism.
Gang Initiatives/ Urban Action Corps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Court Inc. KDOL TV-13, Fremont High Girls Inc. of Alameda County City of Berkeley Richmond Black Professional Firefighters Association. City of Fremont 	Sponsors mentorship, informational programming, and Youth Court to keep kids from joining gangs, and to work with young people who have committed minor offenses in an effort to help them avoid involvement with the traditional criminal justice system.
Drug Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alameda County Superior Court Oakland Municipal Court Bay Municipal Court 	Taking the small-time drug addicts out of the traditional criminal justice system by managing those cases through mandatory placement in mental health and rehabilitation centers. Enables court systems to direct more resources toward organized and violent drug offenders.
Dispute Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP Process Underway 	Developed to initiate conflict resolution programs in schools and neighborhoods to teach conflict and anger management, and inter-cultural relations.
Community Mobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alameda County Office of Education Anti-Violence Mini-Grants Youth Council 	Organizing efforts to educate children about violence. Also includes programs designed to protect children to and from school, and youth directed efforts to reduce violence in the community.
Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Juvenile Justice Committee UCB/Cal State Hayward Alameda County Probation 	Mentorship programs that link recently incarcerated young people with university graduate students for guidance and social services support.
Technical Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Enforcement Groups 	Community Crime Prevention Resource Center to provide technical assistance to cities, counties, schools and neighborhood groups developing crime prevention programs.
Domestic Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP Process Underway (Protocol Participation Required) 	A Domestic Violence Protocol for police officers; a regional consortium of domestic violence advocates; and an informational network linking a variety of agencies serving women and families.
Crime Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Richmond City of Oakland City of Berkeley City of Union City 	Intrajurisdictional network to transfer and share crime and arrest data. Will also be used to chart and analyze regional crime patterns.
Police-Citizen Academies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cities in Corridor 	Police agency youth outreach program providing public safety programs, law enforcement career information, self-defense training and community activities.
Telesis Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five sites funded 	Electronically links several schools and community youth agencies with need-specific social service data in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties.

