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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** Peter A. Weiss, City Manager  
Michelle Skaggs-Lawrence, Deputy City Manager

**THROUGH:** Margery M. Pierce, Director of Neighborhood Services

**FROM:** Brendan Mangan, Management Analyst, Neighborhood Services  
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**DATE:** March 27, 2013

**SUBJECT:** OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (OCSP) STEERING  
COMMITTEE UPDATE

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OCSP Steering Committee meetings are held monthly at OPD. Community partners continue to collaborate to sustain the partnership and community programs supporting youth and families. Current California Gang Reduction Intervention and Prevention Program (CalGRIP) grants for both the Eastside-Crown Heights and Libby Lake Neighborhoods are achieving grant goals and have helped to sustain vital suppression and prevention services during a difficult economic time.

The City has two active CalGRIP Grants, received through a collaborative application involving OPD, Neighborhood Services, and OCSP. CalGRIP grants are now administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

The CalGRIP 2011/12 grant (Oceanside GRIP 2012) is a \$250,000 grant based in the Libby Lake/Mesa Margarita neighborhoods. The grant project period is from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. Grant funding supports Oceanside Police Department (OPD) overtime for 36 directed patrol activities. In addition to gang suppression activities these directed patrols include an intervention component of home visits by officers when youth are first contacted associating with gang members or associates so that parents are aware of the risk. GRIP 2012 also provides funding for Vista Community Clinic's Project REACH youth program at Libby Lake Community Center from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Project REACH will provide services to a minimum of 60 youth annually. Vista Community Clinic is also providing the Guiding Good Choices parenting program to 45 parents during the grant term. Project Toward No Drug Abuse is a new program targeting high school age youth that Vista Community Clinic will provide to 40 area youth. The grant also includes funding for 50 REACH program youth to attend the Museum of Tolerance during the grant period and the first group of 25 attended in 2012.

The CalGRIP 2013/14 Grant is a \$500,000 grant based in the Eastside/Crown Heights neighborhoods. The grant period is from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. This grant funds OPD overtime for 40 directed patrol operations annually for two years and these operations will include gang suppression activities and the intervention component of home visits. CalGRIP 2013/14 also funds youth programs in the Eastside and Crown Heights neighborhoods for the two-year grant period. The Project REACH program at Joe Balderrama Recreation Center will provide services to 50 youth ages 12 to 18 annually. Vista Community Clinic will also provide the Project Toward No Drug Abuse program to a minimum of 40 youth during the two-year grant period and the Guiding Good Choices parenting program will be provided to a minimum of 90 parents during the grant. North County Lifeline's Crown Heights Youth Development Program will serve 50 youth ages 6 to 17 annually. Lifeline's Community Assessment Team (CAT) services will be offered to a minimum of 50 youth annually. A new evidence-based practice being added to program activities in Crown Heights is the Aggression Replacement Training (ART) intervention program that Lifeline will offer to 30 youth over the two years.

North County Lifeline is currently in the process of completing a lease with the City of Oceanside for the former Campfire USA site in Crown Heights that will allow them to expand their youth program and other services provided at the Crown Heights Community Resource Center. They will also be offering training programs for home-based child care providers, giving them the opportunity to improve their skills and become state certified.

Members from Save Our Streets remain active in our neighborhoods, with community outreaches and Adopt-A-Block neighborhood cleanup activities taking place regularly in Eastside, Crown Heights, Libby Lake, Fireside Park, and on Arthur Avenue and Flora Drive in the Back Gate area. Save Our Streets meets weekly and rotates meetings between the Eastside, Crown Heights and Libby Lake neighborhoods.

Interfaith Community Services' Transitional Youth Academy continues to operate the "Working Pirates" program at Oceanside High School, funded with a Gang Prevention Initiative Project Grant (Workforce Investment Act) through the San Diego Workforce Partnership. The Transitional Youth Academy (TYA) program has been very successful and they have added a Job Development position to their program through funding provided by the West Foundation. Interfaith intends to place Working Pirates youth interns in various City departments and with other employers again this summer to help them gain work experience and skills that will help them obtain future employment.

On March 4, 2013, Vista Community Clinic submitted a Department of Justice Byrne Grant application supported by OPD, Neighborhood Services, the Oceanside Unified School District, North County Lifeline, Community Housing Works, resident groups from Eastside and Crown Heights, the County of San Diego, and the San Diego Association of Governments as a research partner. If successful, the initial 15 months of this grant is focused on planning, with potential for up to \$1,000,000 in funding over three years if project plans are approved. The project goal for this grant is to reduce violence in the

Eastside and Crown Heights neighborhoods by establishing a shared identity through the development of shared infrastructure, programming and activities. This is a very competitive national grant.

Key areas of concern at present are the need to sustain existing programs in an economic environment that is still lacking in Foundation, Government, and other sources of funding that have helped support youth programs in the past. There are also very few programs available during the early evening and on weekends that are not cost-prohibitive to our youth.