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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Response Teams Status Report

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

For information only. No action required.

CONTACT PERSON: Max Fernandez, Area Director, 264-7940

FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: October 30, 2001

SUMMARY:

The city's Neighborhood Response Teams (NRTs) were established in 1998 as an integral part of neighborhood revitalization efforts. The NRTs enable Code Enforcement and other city departments to partner with citizens to work towards the vision of stable and healthy neighborhoods citywide by July 2008. The city's response systems continue to strive to improve the quality of life in our city neighborhoods. This report proposes:

- A process for appointing citizens to the NRTs;
- A two-year renewable term limit for each citizen;
- Additional training for the NRTs to be provided by the city's Neighborhood

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

There are four Neighborhood Response Teams (NRTs) in the city headed by the Neighborhood Services Departments' four area directors in consultation with the City Council. The NRTs consist of community members as well as Neighborhood Services staff and other city staff. The goals of the city's Neighborhood Response Teams are as follows:

- ▶ To provide a process for all community members and groups to work together to determine and prioritize violations of City codes and ordinances.
- ▶ To ensure those prioritized complaints are directed to the appropriate city departments, i.e. Code Enforcement; Housing and Dangerous Buildings; Police; Graffiti; Parking Enforcement; Animal Control; and other city departments.
- ▶ To provide a forum where feedback on priority complaints are given in a timely manner.

The Neighborhood Services Area Directors in consultation with City Council will appoint the NRT community representatives from volunteers in their respective districts and service areas with consideration of fair and equitable representation of the city's neighborhoods. Training for NRT members will be provided by the Neighborhood Services Department's Neighborhood Resource Coordinators. A two year term shall be implemented with reappointments contingent upon approval of the Area Director and in consultation with City Council for the respective NRT zone.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This report has no fiscal implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

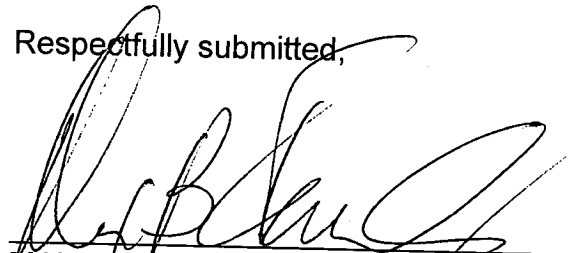
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Standardization of the Neighborhood Response Teams is consistent with the mission of the Neighborhood Services Department which is to connect Sacramento's diverse communities and City government to facilitate effective public participation and to enhance the quality of life.

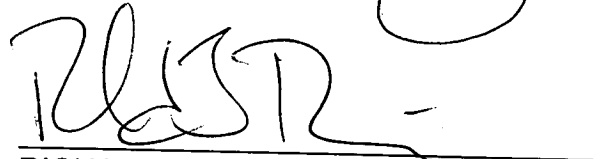
E/SBD ISSUES:

No goods or services are being purchased under this report.

Respectfully submitted,

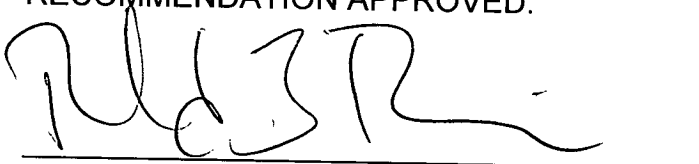


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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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