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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: ANTI-DRUG AND GANG INITIATIVE STUDY - EVALUATION OF
CONSULTANT'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION
RELATED PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION STRATEGIES**

SUMMARY

"Drugs in Gangs in Sacramento: Blueprint for the Future" is a report prepared by EMT Associates & The Circle, Inc., which contains 67 recommendations for the City Council and others to consider in addressing drug and gang problems in the City of Sacramento.

Many recommendations in the "Blueprint" are outside of the City's jurisdiction to implement. The special Council meeting scheduled for February 13, 1991, will provide Councilmembers with a forum to evaluate several "education support" recommendations by the consultants, which would normally fall outside of the City's domain.

Staff recommends that the City Council review and receive public testimony on Recommendation Numbers 7 - 20 in "Drugs in Gangs in Sacramento: Blueprint for the Future", and direct staff on which, if any, should be formally presented to school boards, agencies and other groups, with Council support.

BACKGROUND

The "Drugs in Gangs in Sacramento: Blueprint for the Future" document, is one of five reports produced by EMT Associates/The Circle, Inc. for the City of Sacramento as part of the Council's Anti-Drug and Gang Initiative Study. As described in previous staff reports on this subject (in particular a report to the Joint Budget & Finance/Transportation & Community Development Committee dated November 27, 1990), the "Blueprint" presents 67 consultant recommendations aimed at reducing the drug and gang problem in Sacramento.

The January 30, 1991 special meeting of the City Council was the first of a series of meetings being held to review the recommendations contained in the "Blueprint". During the January meeting, Councilmembers evaluated several recommendations which were directed specifically to City Council for adoption.

The February 13, 1991 meeting has been scheduled for the Council to review fourteen recommendations which appear in the section titled "Recommendations for Educational Support." These recommendations are aimed primarily at those individuals, boards and commissions who set or implement local education policy. The targets are essentially students, teachers, counselors, school administrators, officials, and parents. There are also recommendations which fall within the purview of the City Department of Parks and Community Services, Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sacramento County Alcohol and Drug Program, and related agencies or groups.

The "Blueprint" contains two "primary" prevention recommendations and one "primary" intervention recommendation. The development of a "comprehensive student peer tutoring program with the school system" and expansion of "supervised after school, weekend, and summer recreational programs as an alternative to unsupervised street activities," are listed as the most important education-based prevention recommendations. A suggestion to "expand existing youth/adult mentor programs" is listed in the document as the top education intervention recommendation.

Staff is seeking Council guidance on the "Education Support" recommendations. Preliminary policy direction is needed from the Council on which, if any of the 14 recommendations should be formally presented to the various school boards and other agencies who would be responsible for implementation.

Copies of the "Blueprint" have been mailed to school board members, superintendents and school drug/alcohol program directors for those districts with schools within the City boundaries.

FINANCIAL DATA

The financial implications are currently undetermined or "Not Applicable" to the City of Sacramento. Staff will include financial data in any "reports back" requested by the Council.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

As discussed above, staff is seeking direction from the Council in deciding which "Blueprint" recommendations should be formally presented to the appropriate jurisdictions/agencies with the support of the City Council.

In addition, staff is attempting to determine which recommendations on issues within the "City's jurisdiction" have preliminary Council support. Issues which receive tentative Council support will be presented in the future as agenda items.

WBE/MBE EFFORTS

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION

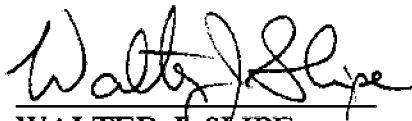
Staff recommends that the City Council review Recommendations 7 - 20 in "Drugs in Gangs in Sacramento: Blueprint for the Future" and direct staff on which, if any, should be formally presented to school boards, agencies and other groups with Council support.

Respectfully submitted,



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RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



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All Districts