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CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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May 15, 1997

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION CREATING A 'GUN AND DRUG FREE ZONE'  
IN THE MANSION FLATS NEIGHBORHOOD**

**DISTRICT:** District 1, Central City

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** May 27, 1997

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution to create a "Gun and Drug Free Zone" in the Mansion Flats neighborhood.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Michael Hanamura, Area 1 Director  
Neighborhood Services Department, 264-8218

**SUMMARY**

Residents, businesses, the Fed-Up Neighborhood Association and the City Police Department have worked diligently over the past year to improve safety and reduce illegal activities in the Mansion Flats neighborhood, located between 12th and 16th Streets, C and G Streets. The community is requesting the "Gun and Drug Free Zone" designation as another tool to help combat drug dealing and other criminal activities.

## **BACKGROUND**

Under current state and federal laws, individuals who are involved in certain illegal drug transactions or who possess a firearm at or within 1,000 feet of schools or parks may be subject to enhanced penalties upon conviction. To be effective, "Gun and Drug Free Zones" require coordination and cooperation among schools, law enforcement, courts, government and the local community.

The "Gun and Drug Free Zone" addressed in this report is being established at and around the following school and park locations:

1. Muir Park
2. Washington Elementary School
3. Maria Hastings Child Development Center

The Zone seeks to foster an attitude that the sale and use of illegal substances will not be tolerated in the Zone. The attached resolution gives City Council support to the creation of the Gun and Drug Free Zone".

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

No additional City funds are requested to implement this resolution. Neighborhood Services Department will sponsor the signs around Muir Park at an estimated cost of \$100.00. The Mansion Flats neighborhood is currently seeking donations from individuals and businesses in the neighborhood to fund the costs of the signs. The Screenprint Connection, a local business at 1400 E Street, has generously donated the signs at below cost.

## **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS.**

Adoption of this resolution is consistent with the Council policy approved on November 26, 1991, which elevated the response to the problem of drugs and gangs to emergency status. The resolution is also consistent with the findings of the 1990 Anti-Drug and Gang Initiative Study which recommends a multi-disciplinary community response to the problem.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no environmental considerations associated with this report.

**MBE/WBE**


There are no MBE/WBE considerations associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Hanamura, Director Area 1  
Neighborhood Services Department

Recommendation Approved:

  
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WILLIAM H. EDGAR  
City Manager

Resolution Attached

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# RESOLUTION NO. 97-278

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CREATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF A "GUN AND DRUG-FREE ZONE" IN MANSION FLATS

WHEREAS, the high use and sale of drugs in the Mansion Flats neighborhood is of serious concern to the community; and

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WHEREAS, the use of drugs is not an isolated behavior and is linked to a web of related problems that place the community at risk; and

WHEREAS, The Sacramento City Council recognizes that community's cannot solve the problem alone but must work together with all local community resources in partnership to prevent drug use; and

WHEREAS, creating "Gun and Drug Free Zones" has been found to be an effective method of organizing partnerships between schools, residents and community groups to address this issue; and

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the establishment of "Gun and Drug Free Zones" by community members will enhance penalties for persons who distribute or conspire to distribute drugs to youth within these designated areas under California Health and Safety Code 11353.1, 11353.5, 11380.1 and United States Code Section 845(q) of Title 21; and

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WHEREAS, the Mansion Flats Community has created a coalition that has been diligently working to establish a "Gun and Drug Free Zone" in their neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and members of the Council of the City of Sacramento, that we hereby declare the immediate area surrounding and within 1,000 feet of schools and parks in Mansion Flats to be a "Gun and Drug Free Zone".

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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