

RESOLUTION NO.

2005-124

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

MAR 0 1 2005

ON DATE OF _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT OF
A DUI DRIVER VEHICLE IMPOUND PROGRAM**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO that:

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming data which shows driving while impaired by alcohol and/or other drugs is a national problem; both the national and local rates of impaired driving have risen over the last five years; and emergency rooms in Sacramento continue to witness the adverse consequences of impaired driving - victims and perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon Owens, MD, Head of Mercy San Juan Trauma Center is spearheading a collaborative effort to support a pilot project in Sacramento County designed to reduce the number of impaired drivers in Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed pilot project (Community Impaired Driver Project) is a partnership among the two primary trauma centers located in Sacramento (Mercy San Juan and UC Davis Medical Center), law enforcement (California Highway Patrol, County Sheriff and City Police Departments), the community anti-drug coalition (Project Help), and elected and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the pilot project is to saturate the community with DUI interventions, impact drivers through immediate consequences for driving while intoxicated, and to also launch a public relations campaign to inform the public of the increased enforcement efforts and consequences of driving under the influence.

WHEREAS, the City supports legislation which would change existing law to allow for impounding the vehicles of drivers driving under the influence,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby expresses its support for SB 547 Vehicles: Driving-Under-the-Influence and the concept of a DUI Driver Vehicle Impoundment Pilot Program pending passage of the enabling legislation.

HEATHER FARGO

MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY CONCOLINO

City Clerk

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