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March 24, 1999

City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: NEIGHBORHOOD COACHING SERVICES (NCS) PILOT PROGRAM

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council:

Authorize the City of Sacramento to enter into a partnership with the County of Sacramento, SHRA and the Sacramento Mediation Center to create the pilot program

Approve the attached resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$31,000 from administrative contingency to match Sacramento County and SHRA's contribution

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: April 20, 1999

SUMMARY

There is a common objective among government, the community and law enforcement to help move all distressed and threatened neighborhoods to a state of stability within the next decade. The Neighborhood Coaching Service (NCS) Pilot Program will provide City and County of Sacramento neighborhoods with a comprehensive and organized system for developing self-help efforts at the grass roots level by providing information, technical assistance and guidance to support emerging or established neighborhood groups.

BACKGROUND

The Sacramento Mediation Center has provided conflict resolution for landlord/tenant, Neighbor/neighbor and other community level disputes since 1987. The Neighborhood Coaching Services (NCS) Pilot Program dovetails with the Mediation Center's desire to provide a wider range of communication and conflict resolution services directly to the community.

NCS will benefit:

- City and County neighborhood groups who want to organize and develop partnerships to access local services
- Local government leaders and agencies
- Law enforcement officials who encounter chronic problems
- Landlords, property or business owners burdened with nuisance activities and other problems related to quality of life such as blight, illegal dumping, gangs and graffiti

NCS will complement existing public and private efforts and resources by addressing the following problems:

- Lack of awareness by many residents regarding the scope of government or law enforcement services
- Inactive or unorganized neighbors
- Low level crime, chronic nuisance activity and blighted property
- Limited public resources and support for neighborhood groups

NCS will tailor educational assistance in response to individual neighborhood problems. Information and educational services will empower neighborhoods to identify problems and take action toward resolution instead of confronting, complaining or moving away.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost for the first year of the program is \$93,000. This report recommends that the cost be shared equally among the city, county and SHRA. City staff is recommending that the city's share of \$31,000 be funded from City's general fund contingency. The Sacramento Mediation Center will have overall responsibility for program funding, planning and evaluation of the Neighborhood Coaching Service.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

This proposal supports the City Council goals of neighborhood revitalization and reinventing of our city government. It provides a partnership among several agencies to fund a program that will address the underlying influences of conflict in neighborhoods.

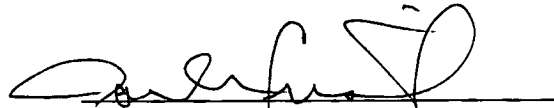
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

CEQA does not apply to this report.

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS

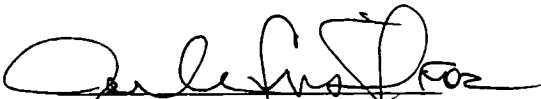
The Sacramento Mediation Center, a non-profit organization, will have responsibility for administrative and fiscal duties.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO. 99-187

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STAFF TO WORK WITH
SACRAMENTO COUNTY, SHRA AND THE SACRAMENTO
MEDIATION CENTER TO ESTABLISH THE
NEIGHBORHOOD COACHING SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM**

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

1. City staff are directed to work with the Sacramento County, SHRA and the Sacramento Mediation Center and
2. The City's general fund contingency budget is amended as follows:

Non-departmental other program support (101-750-7110-4258)	\$31,000
Non-departmental contingency (101-710-7012-4999)	(\$31,000)

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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