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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY POLICING, WEED AND SEED GRANT PROGRAM**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:**

Avondale and Glen Elder Neighborhood Community (Target area is bounded by Fruitridge Road to the North, 65<sup>th</sup> Street Expressway to the West, Power Inn Road to the East, and the City Limits to the South), Council District 6.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- Request authorization to apply for "Official Site Recognition" of the Avondale and Glen Elder Neighborhoods to implement a Department of Justice Weed and Seed program.

**CONTACT PERSONS:**

Captain Rich Shiraishi, Sector 6 East, 277-6116  
Lt. Mark Sakauye, Economic Development, 264-7327

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** November 16, 1999

**SUMMARY:**

The Police Department is requesting permission to apply for and implement a Department of Justice (DOJ), Weed and Seed program in the Glen Elder and Avondale Community. Weed and Seed is a comprehensive program created by the Department of Justice to "weed" out crime from designated target neighborhoods, using a wide range of crime and drug prevention strategies, then "seed" the target area with human service and economic programs to stimulate revitalization. Weed and Seed is composed of four major components: 1) law enforcement; 2) community policing; 3) prevention, intervention and treatment; and, 4) neighborhood restoration.

*The mission of the Sacramento Police Department is to work in partnership with the Community to protect life and property; solve neighborhood problems, and enhance the quality of life in our City.*

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**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

None

**BACKGROUND:**

Councilman Dave Jones is proposing the implementation of a Weed and Seed program for the Glen Elder and Avondale neighborhoods. This program, sponsored by the DOJ, is targeted at those neighborhoods hardest hit by crime, violence, and eroding social and economic stability. The Avondale and Glen Elder Community is an area plagued by high crime, drug addiction, gangs, juvenile delinquency and high unemployment. Weed and Seed is a multi-step program designed to revitalize and restore neighborhood communities. The program focuses on ridding the target area of violent criminals, then providing prevention, intervention and treatment services for substance abuse and other social problems, and finally, revitalizing the community through housing and economic development.

The Weed and Seed program is an all-inclusive collaboration between many types of organizations, both public and private. The Weed and Seed strategy recognizes the importance of linking and integrating law enforcement and social service efforts to maximize the impact of programs and resources. Law enforcement is just one component of Weed and Seed, and primarily focuses on the "weed" or eradication portion of the program. Organizations involved with the various components of Weed and Seed include: neighborhood and community groups, housing and redevelopment, City schools, Federal and State government, local social service and religious organizations, and private business groups. To direct and implement the Weed and Seed program, a steering committee is established from the various stakeholders to determine goals and objectives. To obtain a "Weed and Seed" designation, the DOJ must first approve the proposed Glen Elder and Avondale area as an official target site. The DOJ application deadline for obtaining a Weed and Seed designation is November 30, 1999. Once the DOJ has approved the target area, a grant application is submitted to obtain funding.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

DOJ provides up to \$175,000 in first year funding (including asset forfeiture funds) for a Weed and Seed program, and up to \$225,000 in renewable funding for the second through fifth years. The grant funding is allocated 49 percent for "weeding" (law enforcement) and 51 percent for "seeding" (social services and economic restoration). The maximum funds that the Sacramento Police Department can receive for this program is \$111,000 a year. DOJ "weed" funding can be used to eradicate criminals, eliminate drug trafficking, and dismantle criminal organizations. Because the Weed and Seed program is a collaborative effort among law enforcement agencies, these funds will be shared with other law enforcement agencies to support their "weeding" efforts in the Glen Elder and Avondale Community.



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The current Weed and Seed grant proposal includes a plan to place two Neighborhood Police Officers (NPO)'s in the Avondale and Glen Elder target area using Universal Hiring Plan (UHP) grant supplemental funding. The local matching funds required for these two NPO's is estimated at \$385,000 for five years, including equipment and vehicle expenses. This grant match amount must be paid by a local funding source. The Weed and Seed Steering Committee is currently exploring funding options to obtain the grant match amount without using any City funds. No local sources have yet obligated funding to cover the cost of the UHP match requirement.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Accepting funds from the DOJ to implement a neighborhood policing program is consistent with previously adopted policy directed at citywide implementation of the community oriented policing philosophy.

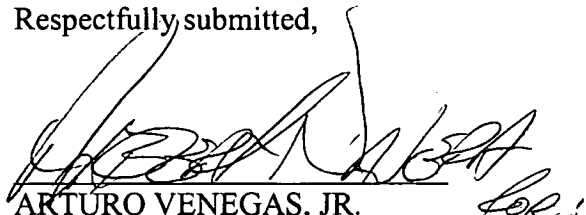
**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

This proposal does not constitute a "project" and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15061 (b)(1) and 15378(b)(3).


**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

Goods or services purchased as a result of this agreement will be done in accordance with the City's ESBD policy.

Respectfully submitted,

  
ARTURO VENEGAS, JR. *lee!*  
Chief of Police

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**

  
ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager



RESOLUTION NO. 99-646



ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WEED AND SEED DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento requests permission to apply for Department of Justice designation to implement a Weed and Seed program in the Avondale and Glen Elder neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:

- 1. The City Manager of the City of Sacramento, or a designated representative, is hereby authorized to apply to the Department of Justice, on behalf of the City of Sacramento, for official "Weed and Seed" designation of the Avondale and Glen Elder Community.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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