



Date: April 5, 2005
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *for CLR*
Subject: AGENDA ITEM REQUEST - RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF GANG PREVENTION AND EFFECTIVE DETERRENCE ACT (S-155)

Background

U.S. Senators Diane Feinstein (California) and Orrin Hatch (Utah) are seeking support for the Gang Prevention and Effective Deterrence Act (S-155). The bill authorizes approximately \$650 million over five years to support Federal, State and local law enforcement efforts against violent gangs including the funding of intervention and prevention programs for at-risk youth and witness protection programs.

The legislation does two things. First, it creates a set of federal criminal provisions which allow focus on the gang itself in criminal prosecutions similar to the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and it provides authorization to fund prevention programs designed to complement the enforcement elements of the statute. A summary of the bill is attached.

Suggested Action

Request the City Attorney to draft a resolution in support of the aforementioned legislative bill.

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cc: City Manager
City Attorney
City Clerk ✓
Chief of Police

Attachment