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Date: October 9, 2018

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District *SP*

Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, Second District *JP*

From: Councilman Daryl Supernaw, Fourth District *DS*

Councilman Rex Richardson, Ninth District *RR*

Subject: Request Public Open Space CPTED Evaluation

INTRODUCTION:

Throughout our parks and along our beaches we are hearing increasing concerns from residents about issues of safety and security. Incidents of crime and associated harms to our public spaces are typically lower level priority responses for our police department, however they have become very high concerns to residents. If incidents of crime or ordinance violations could be alleviated through design or infrastructure approaches, then it would be more effective at stopping crimes from occurring rather than continuing to task our police department with responding to incidents that could have been addressed.

To accomplish this, the Police Department presently has officers trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) who provide recommendations to private property owners on ways of designing properties or adding features that reduce or eliminate the opportunity for crimes to be committed. CPTED is the implementation of design and effective use of built environments to reduce the fear and incidence of crime. It also strives to elevate the quality of life for residents and visitors. These approaches can often be as simple as changes to building design, lighting improvements, tree and shrub trimming, and site renovation to deter and discourage activity associated with criminal conduct.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council is requesting that the City Manager work with CPTED certified members of the LBPD and report back with specific recommendations on how individual public spaces such as parks can discourage crime through environmental design.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact as a result of the recommended action.