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To mitigate the impacts of youth violence and crime in our communities, the City of Los Angeles is relying on a multi-faceted approach which involves prevention, intervention, and re-entry services. Prevention addresses the underlying risk factors for populations vulnerable to joining gangs by providing diversion services such as counseling, mentoring and after-school services. Intervention focuses on the immediate cease-fire of violence and providing wrap-around services designed to help youth and young adults minimize delinquent behavior. Re-entry focuses on individuals returning to the community from correction and includes life-skills training, technical/vocational programs and job-training.

The City recognizes and has demonstrated that a successful effort for reducing gang violence must include community-based gang intervention as a key component in reducing violence. As such, the City has taken great strides in strengthening the overall field of intervention, including the implementation of the Community-Based Gang Intervention Model (Model) that was developed by intervention practitioners and unanimously adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on February 13, 2008. The Model provides a framework for the provision of hard-core gang intervention services and other services necessary for reducing gang violence. Since the passage of the Community-Based Gang Intervention Model, the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, along with law enforcement and city-contracted intervention service providers have embraced, adopted, and expanded in concept, and in practice, the Model which has played an instrumental role in contributing to an overall framework to reduce crime to levels not seen in many years.

In light of the current fiscal challenges, it is imperative that the City aggressively do all that it can to document and safeguard city services and programs, such as community-based gang intervention, that are contributing to a decrease in crime and violence. Given the significant steps that have been taken to further professionalize the field of community-based gang intervention within the City of Los Angeles and the historic partnership that has developed among law enforcement and interventionists, a report from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) affirming the integral role of community-based gang intervention in helping to reduce violence would substantially contribute to demonstrating the overall effectiveness and necessity of intervention services during these difficult economic times.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development, be instructed to report within 30 days on the current level of coordination between law enforcement and gang intervention workers, including: 1) recent efforts that have expanded and improved the overall partnership; 2) lessons learned from working in partnership, and; 3) attempts to have the Los Angeles Board of Police Commissioners incorporate the Community-Based Gang Intervention Model and overall framework into LAPD's policy manual, practices, and training curriculum (CF: 08-0615-S3).

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