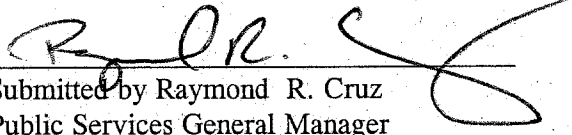


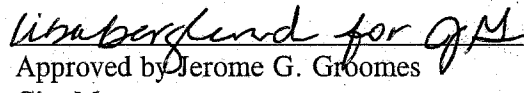


City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 7, 2010
New Business Discussion

SUBJECT: CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A CITY OF CARSON DRUG FREE HOTLINE


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I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of *Mayor Pro Tem* Santarina.

It has recently been suggested that the city of Carson establish a drug free hotline for its residents. This can be accomplished by a number of ways, such as designating a specific telephone number and staffing it with a trained professional. Alternatively, the city can publicize that drug-related information can be obtained by contacting the County or by calling the county's 211 phone system. Or the city can create a telephone number that would automatically connect the caller to the county's 211 phone system. Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider these options and inform staff of its desired direction.

II. RECOMMENDATION

DISCUSS and PROVIDE direction to staff.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The city of Carson was recently recognized as a drug free city. From this designation it has been suggested that a drug free hotline be established for residents seeking drug-related information, such as intervention suggestions and contact numbers of rehabilitation centers. One option is for the city to create its own designated hotline and have it staffed with trained professionals. A second option would be to publicize that drug-related information can be obtained by calling the county, or by using the county's 211 phone system that will connect the resident to the relevant agency or program. Lastly, the city could create a telephone number that would automatically link the caller to the county's 211 phone system.

Tonight, the City Council is asked to consider these various options and provide direction to staff.

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