

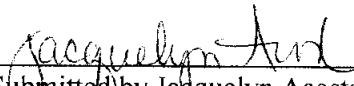


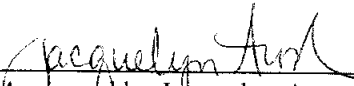
City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

March 18, 2014
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE "SAFETY FIRST, ACT NOW" PROGRAM TO IMPROVE SAFETY IN THE CITY OF CARSON


Submitted by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager


Approved by Jacquelyn Acosta
Acting City Manager

I. SUMMARY

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

Mayor *Pro Tem* Santarina, in conjunction with the Carson Sheriff's Station, seeks to improve safety in the City of Carson. Through his newly-developed "**Safety First, Act Now**" program (SFAN), City staff, elected officials and Sheriff's Department personnel will canvass residents in areas of the City and will use a survey to capture their concerns and suggestions as to how safety can be improved in the City of Carson. Ultimately, it is the expectation that survey outcomes will result in: ideas to improve safety in Carson communities, more youth involvement, and enhancement of the City's Neighborhood Watch Program.

II. RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE staff to implement this program.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

Mayor *Pro Tem* Santarina wants to improve safety in the City Carson. He is collaborating with Carson Sheriff's Station personnel and has developed a plan, "**Safety First, Act Now**" (SFAN), that will allow information to be gathered directly from Carson residents regarding their thoughts concerning safety matters in their community. The plan calls for Mayor *Pro Tem* Santarina, City staff, other elected officials and a cadre of representatives from the Carson Sheriff's Community Oriented Policing Team, the Carson Sheriff's Park Enforcement Team, Service Volunteers, Sheriff's Reserves and Explorers, to go directly to the people of Carson and capture their thoughts and concerns relative to safety. On three designated Saturdays – April 5th, April 26th and May 17th – the group will walk through pre-identified neighborhoods in Carson (213th and Catskill (Carson Park), Mills Park and Victoria Park vicinities, respectively) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to knock on doors and interact with residents while documenting their safety concerns. One week prior to each survey date, Carson Sheriff's Station personnel will notify residents of the upcoming survey activity by leaving flyers at

their homes. Block Captains will also be informed that the survey activities are taking place. Survey results will be compiled by Carson Sheriff's Station personnel and will be presented to each of the three neighborhood groups at individual community safety feedback meetings scheduled in their areas (Carson Park-May 14th, Mills Park-May 21st, and Victoria Park-June 25th). The goal of the surveys is to bring the community and the Carson Sheriff's Station closer by recognizing the concerns of the public and, at the same time, recruit more Block Captains and youth to serve in the community. Survey results may also provide valuable information that can be useful in improving the Neighborhood Watch program.

From information they will receive at the feedback meetings, Carson residents will have the opportunity to become more aware of programs available to them, to work with Law Enforcement hand-in-hand, and to become part of the solution to make their neighborhoods safer places for all.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

The cost to implement this program will be minimal.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Community Safety Survey. (pgs.4-5)

Prepared by: Charlotte Arrick, Council Field Representative

March 18, 2014

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council

Date_____ Action_____

Please provide your information so that we may contact you regarding your suggestions and/or concerns:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____ BEST DAY/TIME TO CALL _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please check the boxes below if you would like additional information regarding our community programs:

- ☐ Clergy Council ☐ Station Volunteer
- ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Reserve Deputy
- ☐ Business Watch ☐ Community Academy

PLEASE MAIL OR BRING THIS SURVEY TO THE
CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION.



John L. Scott
Sheriff

"Working together with our local community and businesses, we can reduce crime significantly in the community. You can help us improve our efforts by sharing your thoughts and suggestions."



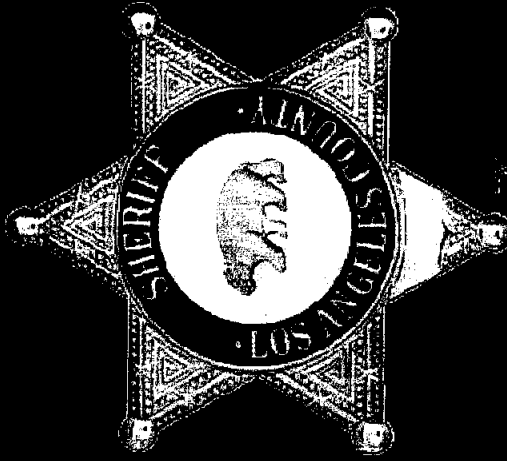
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EXHIBIT NO. 61

COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY

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WORKING TOGETHER
TO MAKE THE
COMMUNITY SAFE

FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

Surveyor: _____
Reporting District: _____
Date: _____
Address: _____

Public Trust Policing Defined:

Public trust policing is the use of police resources in a manner that includes the public's participation in the mission of public safety.

The purpose of public trust policing is to provide a higher level of public safety. It is incumbent upon law enforcement to recognize that without the full faith and cooperation of the public, the mission is severely impaired.

The process of public trust policing involves moving from what was generally known as a closed system to an inclusive and open system of public participation in the public safety mission.

Eddie Rivero
Captain

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COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY

How safe is it for you to walk in your neighborhood after dark? (Check ONE only)

_____ Extremely Safe _____ Safe
_____ Somewhat Safe _____ Unsafe
_____ Extremely Unsafe

Please identify your primary concerns regarding CRIMINAL activity in your immediate area or neighborhood: (Using number 1 as your HIGHEST concern and number 5 as your LOWEST concern)

_____ Thefts _____ Violent Crime
_____ Gangs _____ Vandalism
_____ Narcotics
_____ Other: _____

Where? _____
Comments: _____

Please identify your primary concerns regarding NUISANCE activity in your immediate neighborhood / street: (Using number 1 as your HIGHEST concern and number 5 as your LOWEST concern)

_____ Traffic _____ Transients
_____ Loud Parties _____ Junk/Yard Cars
_____ Run Down Buildings
_____ Other: _____

Where? _____
Comments: _____

Problem: _____

COMMUNITY SAFETY SURVEY

What problem would you want solved FIRST in your neighborhood? (Please select the THREE most important)

☐ Traffic ☐ Transients ☐ Loud Parties
☐ Violent Crime ☐ Gangs ☐ Thefts
☐ Vandalism ☐ Narcotics ☐ Pan Handlers
☐ Illegal Vendors ☐ Graffiti ☐ Stray Animals
☐ Run down buildings ☐ Junk or Yard Cars
☐ Other: _____

Where? _____

Comments: _____

How satisfied are you with the service provided by the Sheriff's Department? (Please check ONE box only)

☐ Extremely Satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Somewhat Satisfied
☐ Unsatisfied
☐ Extremely Unsatisfied

Please share with me any additional comments, suggestions, or information. (Please attach additional paper if needed)

While on vacation would you like your home to be checked by the Sheriff's Department?
Yes _____ No _____