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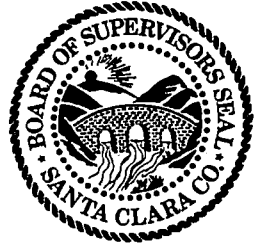
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James T. Beall, Jr.  
Supervisor, Fourth District

January 20, 1998

TO: Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor James T. Beall, Jr. Jim Beall  
Co-Chair, Violence Prevention Council

Supervisor Pete McHugh Pete McHugh  
Chair, Public Safety & Justice Committee

SUBJECT: Approval of Items Relating to the Violence Prevention Council of Santa Clara County

## Recommended Action

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

1. Accept the November 6, 1997, Report from the Santa Clara County Violence Prevention Council entitled, "Violence Prevention in Santa Clara County - *Current Efforts, Statistics and Future Opportunities*".
2. Request that the County Executive convene an interdepartment task force under the auspices of the Public Safety and Justice Committee involving all Law & Justice, Health and Human Service and other appropriate departments:
  - a) to explore the development of a system for the ongoing collection, sharing and analysis of data and information relative to violence assessment; and
  - b) to develop collaborative approaches in addressing issues related to preventing and reducing violence in the County; and
  - c) to report progress and planning efforts back to the Public Safety and Justice Committee on March 19, 1998.
3. Instruct the Public Health Department to provide staffing to the above mentioned interdepartmental task force and to serve as the repository of the violence-related data system with the responsibility to develop and produce progress reports to the Board of Supervisors, County Departments and community at large.

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4. Authorize the newly created Violence Prevention Council of Santa Clara County to convene a series of community forums and focus groups in 1998 to aid in the development of a "County Multi-Year Community Strategic Action Plan" to prevent and reduce violence throughout the County.
5. Instruct the Violence Prevention Council to involve young people, community and neighborhood groups and individuals, health and human service agencies, religious, business and civic representatives, and elected and appointed officials from throughout the county in the planning process for preparation of the "County Multi-Year Community Strategic Action Plan".
6. Designate the Public Health Department, Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System, with administrative responsibility to support the activities of the Violence Prevention Council, to bring the Council's action plan to the Board of Supervisors in August, 1998, with a proposed process for the implementation of the action plan which includes recommendations for an aggressive funding plan to support action plan recommendations.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

No additional County General funds are required by these actions. The Public Health Department will secure funding for the community forums and focus groups and will continue to provide administrative support to the Violence Prevention Council.

#### **Background and Reasons for Recommendations**

In January, 1997, as incoming Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Jim Beall requested that the Public Health Department coordinate and develop a comprehensive county-wide action plan for violence prevention by working with all other entities addressing this issue. In May, 1997, the Violence Prevention Council of Santa Clara County was established to increase awareness about the impact violence has in our community and to create a community approach to prevent and reduce violence through collaborative county-wide action. During the County's budget hearings in June, 1997, recognizing the need to make violence prevention a community priority, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors voted to fund and institutionalize violence prevention as a program in the Public Health Department and provided \$247,000 to staff the Violence Prevention Council, its committees, and overall community planning process.

The Violence Prevention Council of Santa Clara County believes violence is preventable and envisions a society that fosters the development of healthy communities, healthy families and healthy and responsible youth. *"The mission of the Violence Prevention Council of Santa Clara County is to prevent violence and its related injury, psychological trauma, death, disability and crime through the implementation of multiple levels of prevention and intervention, and through collaborative county wide action in order to create a safer, healthier and more economically viable community."*

The Violence Prevention Council is composed of leaders from health and human services, law enforcement, school districts, community agencies, cities, and business. Supervisor Jim Beall and Guadalupe S. Olivas, Ph. D., Director of Public Health are serving as Co-Chairs of the Violence Prevention Council, ( VPC ) which provides oversight for the overall community planning and mobilization process and the work of the Council Committees.

Currently, there are four Committees addressing key areas of work with members of the Violence Prevention Council serving as Chairs:

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Following the November 6th Conference, the Policy Committee met and recommended that the Board of Supervisors be asked to formally adopt the mission and goals of the Violence Prevention Council and to give formal support to the Council's action planning process. In addition, the Policy Committee recommended that the Board formally request that county agencies and other interested jurisdictions work together to identify opportunities to collaborate on violence prevention data collection and analysis and overall violence prevention efforts. Public Health staff drafted the Policy Committee recommendations for review by the Violence Prevention Council. At the December 15th meeting of the Violence Prevention Council, the Council discussed, modified and approved the recommendations from the Policy Committee and asked Supervisor Beall to bring the proposed recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in January, 1998, for their approval.

#### **Steps Following Approval**

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