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VIA EMAIL

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The City Manager's recommendation for funding in the City's Recommended Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget for expanded gang intervention services sounds promising with \$2.5 billion currently in the House plan for community violence and trauma interventions.

An article in last year's L A Times on high homicide rates in L A and successful intervention in community violence showed a drastic difference in intervention results of police only intervention, and results using community based intervention workers, in partnership with police.

*"Data from Los Angeles show the effect violence intervention can have on such statistics. In 2017, a joint UCLA-USC study looked at the effect of peacemakers in South L.A. It found that over a two-year period intervention workers reduced retaliatory gang violence by more than 43% overall. When a gang-related homicide was responded to by police alone, the chance of a retaliatory killing was 26%. But when police plus peacemakers responded from their separate lanes, the chance of a retaliatory homicide fell below 1%."*

<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2021-04-12/homicide-violent-crime-pandemic-violence-intervention-joe-biden>

By contrast, the proposal to "develop a stronger partnership"...with PUSD to break "the cycle of gang violence by identifying gang-impacted youth early" sounds

like Round 2 in PPD's effort to get federal education funding for police in school, teaching the dangers of gang life. CICOPP, other community based organizations and parents successfully opposed this last year as inappropriate use of police. We still do. Police belong on the streets, not in the classroom.

Thank you,

Kris Ockershauser

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