

DEPARTMENTAL VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVES

City Attorney

Hire City Prosecutor by August 1, 2006.

Revise and/or update Richmond Municipal Code (ordinances) with a completion goal of September 1, 2006.

On going projects:

Continue to work with Code Enforcement in the abatement of public nuisances.

Increase revenue through abatement program.

Police Commission

Incorporate Violence Prevention message into all RPC outreach presentations.

Encourage Police Commissioners to attend Violence Prevention strategy meetings held in the City.

Human Resources/Risk Management

Establish a career day program for Richmond students by Fall 2006.

In conjunction with the City Manager's Office, ensure that "success in achieving violence prevention goals" are a part of Department Head annual evaluations.

Reduce the City's overall cost of risk in order to free up resources for other vital City services and functions.

Information Technology/KCRT

Broadcast monthly youth information and safety tips from various departments, including Police, Fire, Library, and Recreation.

Through a grant, work with public school students to produce a series on youth issues. This will teach youth program TV studio operations and encourage them to complete 6 episodes that will air on KCRT.

Fire Department

Expand fiscal and personnel support to the Richmond Youth Academy.

Work with the West Contra Costa Unified School District and the Contra Costa County Office of Education's Regional Occupation Program (ROP) to implement a Fire Science program at Richmond High School.

Increase fiscal support of and employ summer youth in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Planning

Encourage Traditional Neighborhood Design (TND).

Establish pedestrian scale lighting standards.

Establish improved urban design standards.

Apply Ahwahnee Principals to development projects.

Initiate Richmond beautification program including neighborhood beautification as well.

Establish industrial modernization and beautification standards.

Make presentations to students on career opportunities.

Library and Community Services

Library Division

Open branch libraries 20 hour/week and provide sufficient staffing to provide library services and programs, homework assistance, and literacy services to children, adults, and seniors.

Provide additional outreach and collaboration with schools, the community, and provide specific services targeted at groups (i.e. teens and adults) that need specific programming and materials (i.e. literacy skills).

Purchase more materials in needed areas, i.e. computer databases and non-print media, so that the library can expand program possibilities and attract more users.

LEAP aids young adults to receive their high school diplomas by passing the GED test.

Provide "Finance as a Second Language" classes to help students become financially independent.

Provide assistance to increase the average level of literacy.

Arts Division

In conjunction with the Richmond Art Center, create community-designed public art in five of Richmond's highest crime neighborhoods using five professional artists through a \$75,000 Neighborhood Public Art Mini-Grant.

Increase civic pride by establishing a temporary museum in Richmond, for the Touchable Stories, Inc. (TS) of Boston, featuring the City's own stories. Local artists and TS staff will interpret the oral histories resulting in an audio-visual historical exhibition.

Continue the City Studio program, which pairs the San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI) with Opportunity West to offer youth programs at the Nevin Center. Students, ages 14 - 18, learn college level skills, earn college credits, and become eligible for a full scholarship to SFAI upon successful completion of 2 semesters of classes.

Continue to enhance the City through public art; i.e., seek more grants for community public art projects similar to the Healing Wall and the Footprints Project.

Recreation Division

Collaborate with Contra Costa College, LEAP, and the Library to implement Computer Learning Resource Centers at seven community centers and offer computer classes to all ages.

Collaborate with PAL, YMCA, other agencies, and City departments to implement and expand sports leagues, and academic and cultural enrichment programs, City-wide events, and community-based special activities.

Increase operational hours and programs at recreation and aquatics facilities.

Through the Community Access Ticket Agency, provide outside enrichment opportunities to youth and seniors through free admission to various Bay Area events not normally accessible to participants in their regular environment.

Apply for mini-grant funds from Northern California Grants Maker to augment summer camps for each of the community centers to expand outreach and programming for children ages 5 - 13 years.

Community Redevelopment Agency

Abate blight in Redevelopment project areas.

Develop public and private capital projects that revitalize Redevelopment project areas.

Produce more housing opportunities, emphasizing affordable housing and home ownership.

Attract economic development activities that create jobs and stimulate the local economy.

Expand community improvement programs and support services.

Finance Department

Serve on Richmond Non-Profit Agency Boards.

Participate in "Job Fairs" held for youth employment.

Provide quarterly classroom training for youth in Investment Management.

Adopt a Richmond School and sponsor a "Junior Achievement Program."

City Manager

Work with the Consultant to establish an Office of Violence Prevention in the City Manager Department.

Public Works

Collect illegally dumped garbage promptly.
Remove graffiti within 24 hours of notification.
Repair police and emergency vehicles promptly.
Maintain emergency communications equipment to a high standard.
Provide safe and secure transportation for seniors and the disabled.
Maintain aesthetically pleasing parks for the citizens of Richmond to enjoy.
Maintain roads to enable rapid travel of emergency vehicles.
Provide safe zones for pedestrians by providing well placed signs.
Sweep streets to improve City appearance.

Employment and Training

All programs operated by E & T directly or indirectly impact the City of Richmond's violence reduction efforts.

We will seek to expand two programs in particular that strategically target outreach and services to those residents who are most vulnerable of being involved in violent activities-YouthBuild and Summer Youth Employment Program.

We will partner with local entities to submit an application for funding from the Governor's 15% Grant to support youth-focused violence reduction strategies.

We will continue to actively engage the various unions of the Building Trades to expand efforts for recruiting and indenturing Richmond residents into the various apprenticeship programs.

Increase the number of on-site recruitment by area employers.

Police

See Police Department budget for comprehensive list of violence reduction initiatives.