



CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

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Department: City Council

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Responsible Standing Committee: _____

Conference or meeting: California Summit for Safe Communities on March 19, 2007

Summary of conference or meeting:

The California Summit for Safe Communities was a gathering of state and local stakeholders to discuss the challenges that communities face regarding the release and placement of high-risk sex offenders (HRSOs) and sexually violent predators (SVPs). The event presented an opportunity to discuss local constituency issues and specific concerns and to participate in the development of collaborative solutions regarding HRSO and SVP community re-entry. Attending the event were key stakeholders from cities and counties, local law enforcement, corrections and rehabilitation, mental health, social and prevention services and victims organizations.

The benefit of this Summit to Redwood City was the opportunity to present our community's concerns about HRSO release and housing, learn the facts about HRSOs, the parole and release management and the laws regarding their release. The discussion and Task Force binder can be used to educate and inform local policy makers and our residents so we can play an active role working with law enforcement to protect our families and neighborhoods.

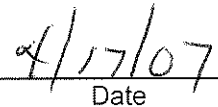
The Summit presented several recently enacted pieces of legislation and their impact on the administering of a sex offender management program that complies with applicable laws, rules and regulations; maximizes public safety; is responsive to victim's needs and assists the parolee in transitioning from a prison environment back into the community. Detailed discussion by the varied stakeholders regarding the profile of HRSO's, treatment, management and release regulations helped to develop

The High-Risk Sex Offender Task Force was created by Governor Schwarzenegger to provide recommendations for improved Division of Adult Parole Operations departmental policies related to the placement of HRSOs in local communities ensuring public safety is not compromised. There were 10 recommendations which briefly stated include: the state should have a uniform definition of a HRSO based on validated risk assessment tool; all adult sex

offender registrants must be assessed prior to release on parole with continued assessments on parole; all inmates required to register as sex offenders should be required to receive appropriate treatment as warranted while incarcerated; notification of release should include victims and law enforcement recipients with specific advance notice which is much longer than previously given; the "containment model" should be used to "containing" offenders in tight supervision and treatment network with active monitoring and enforcement of rules (the 4 parts of the containment model included: supervision, treatment, polygraph, victim advocacy. Encouragement for increasing GPS with all HRSOs.); a viable program for community education and communication specific to HRSO issues; legislative changes to the Megan's law website to specifically identify HRSOs on parole and those monitored by GPS; assess fiscal and programmatic impact of Task Force recommendations and work to secure funding and legislative changes to implement the recommendations; establish a permanent sex offender management board to review practices of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) regarding goals of the task force; CDCR should continue working with local law enforcement and communities to find appropriate and equitable housing solutions for HRSOs with appropriate stakeholders.



Signature of Council Member



Date

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