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AGENDA: 6/5/01

May 29, 2001

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County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR TO CONTINUE OFFICE OF CHILD  
ABUSE PREVENTION FUNDING FOR THE CALIFORNIA JUVENILE  
CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT IN FISCAL YEAR 2001-02

Dear Members of the Board:

I was recently contacted by Terry Moriarty, Executive Director of the Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, Inc., regarding the proposed elimination of funding for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Project in the Governor's May Revision Budget. The purpose of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Project (JCPP) is to increase the number of healthy families and communities by reducing juvenile crime, strengthening families and communities, and improving school outcomes and relationships while targeting at-risk communities and families where children are subject to crime, child abuse, and poor school performance. The innovative JCPP, implemented through a collaboration of local community agencies at 12 sites throughout the state, including a program operating in Watsonville, has affected the lives of more than 60,000 children and families

Based on the findings of an independent program evaluator, the program has been extremely effective, with significant improvement in the following areas:

1. Youth violence, criminal and delinquent behaviors between intake and case closure, including decreases from 32% to 13% in those reporting either setting fire, stealing, destroying property, selling drugs or carrying a weapon.

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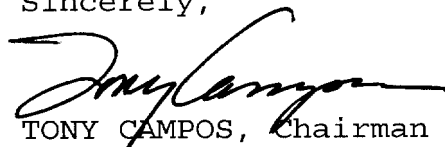
2. Decreases from 24% to 13% in those reporting engaging in violent behaviors.
3. Decreases from 41% to 17% in youth reporting being picked up or cited by police.
4. Decreases from 31% to 12% in those being arrested.
5. Decreases in negative school behaviors between intake and case closure including decreases from 46% to 32% in those reporting being sent to the office or held in detention.
6. Decreases from 34% to 20% in those being expelled or suspended.
7. Decreases from 46% to 34% in youth reporting failing grades.
  - a. Decreases in substance abuse between intake and case closure including decreases from 30% to 22% in those reporting drinking alcohol.
9. Decreases from 20% to 13% in reported marijuana use.
10. Decreases in social maladjustment for 61% of youth served by Mothers & Sons, First Offender, and After School programs.
11. Significant decreases in behavioral problems (79% decrease in youth conduct disorders, 51% decrease in youth signs of socialized aggression, and 76% decrease in youth attention problems) of those served by the Families and Schools Together program.
12. Sixty-three percent (63%) of families served by JCPP programs showed overall improvement in basic needs such as medical care, employment, food and clothing, family finances, housing, transportation, and child care

The achievements realized through the Juvenile Crime Prevention Project have been extraordinary and continued funding of this program by the Governor is of critical importance in our own communities and for the other 11 sites operating in other California jurisdictions. Accordingly, I recommend that the Board adopt the attached resolution requesting that the Governor

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continue Child Abuse Prevention Funding for the California  
Juvenile Crime Prevention Project in fiscal year 2001-02.

Sincerely,



TONY CAMPOS, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

TC: ted  
Attachment

cc: Probation Department  
Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, Inc.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of Supervisor  
duly seconded by Supervisor  
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUED CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION  
FUNDING FOR THE CALIFORNIA JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Governor's May Revision Budget eliminates funding for the Juvenile Crime Prevention Project (JCPP) after having included it for extension to June, 2003, in the original budget; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the JCPP is to increase the number of healthy families and communities by reducing juvenile crime, strengthening families and communities, and improving school outcomes and relationships while targeting "at-risk" communities and families where children are subject to crime, child abuse, and poor school performance; and

WHEREAS, the innovative JCPP, implemented through a collaboration of local community agencies at 12 sites, has affected the lives of more than 60,000 children and families; and

WHEREAS, independent evaluator JCPP findings have shown significant decreases in youth violence, criminal and delinquent behaviors between intake and case closure, including decreases from 32% to 13% in those reporting either setting fire, stealing, destroying property, selling drugs or carrying a weapon; from 24% to 13% in those reporting engaging in violent behaviors; from 41% to 17% in youth reporting being picked up or cited by police; and from 31% to 12% in those being arrested; and

WHEREAS, independent evaluator JCPP findings have shown significant decreases in negative school behaviors between intake and case closure including decreases from 46% to 32% in those reporting being sent to the office or held in detention; from 34% to 20% in those being expelled or suspended; and from 46% to 34% in youth reporting failing grades; and

WHEREAS, independent evaluator JCPP findings have shown significant decreases in substance abuse between intake and case closure including decreases from 30% to 22% in those reporting drinking alcohol and from 20% to 13% in reported marijuana use; and

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WHEREAS, a summary of evaluator findings also includes decreases in social maladjustment for 61% of youth served by Mothers & Sons, First Offender, and After School programs, and significant decreases in behavioral problems (79% decrease in youth conduct disorders, 51% decrease in youth signs of socialized aggression, and 76% decrease in youth attention problems) of those served by the Families and Schools Together program; and

WHEREAS, 63% of families served by JCPP programs showed overall improvement in basic needs such as medical care, employment, food and clothing, family finances, housing, transportation, and child care; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Project is an already existing program and its elimination would create an immediate and significant burden in Santa Cruz County and each of the eleven other sites; and

WHEREAS, there is no other public safety program in California which is as well researched and proven to be effective as the Juvenile Crime Prevention Project and, in the spirit of the Little Hoover Commission report, the Governor is urged to continue to build on this successful statewide initiative rather than eliminate it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby urges the Governor of the State of California to restore, in its entirety, budget funding for the California Juvenile Crime Prevention Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS  
NOES: SUPERVISORS  
ABSENT: SUPERVISORS

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TONY CAMPOS, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

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Approved as to form:

  
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County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION: Governor Gray Davis  
Probation Department  
Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center, Inc.

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