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Dear City Council Public Safety Committee,

On May 23, 2022, the Safety and Services Oversight Commission (“SSOC”) conditionally approved the Department of Violence Prevention’s (“DVP’s”) recommendations for allocating Measure Z funds, based on the SSOC and the Public Safety Committee receiving more detailed information from the DVP. (1)(2)

The DVP presented an RFQ Update to SSOC on April 25, 2022 (Item 8B). “RFQ Department of Violence Prevention FY2022-2024 Funding Cycle Request for Qualifications” is identified as Attachment 8 B in the SSOC meeting agenda. Pages 9-10 of Attachment 8 B includes tables entitled “DVP Strategies Overview.” The detail provided in these tables relates to strategies/sub strategies funded by both Measure Z funds and General Funds. The table columns are labeled:

- Strategy Area
- Sub-strategy
- Activity
- Priority Population
- Estimated Number Served
- Estimated Annual Allocation
- Estimated #Awards

The DVP’s “DVP Funding Recommendation for FY 22-23 - Measure Z,” Memorandum dated May 16, 2022, was presented to the SSOC for a vote on May 23, 2022. The Memorandum, identified as Attachment 7, is a 4-page document. The Measure Z Funding Recommendations, appearing on pages 2-4, is broken into three sections:

Sub-strategy

- Violent Incident Crisis Response (VICR)
- Youth Diversion & Youth and Adult Life Coaching
- Employment and Education Support Services

Table

- 1: Violent Incident Crisis Response Recommendations
- 2: Youth Diversion & Youth and Adult Life Coaching Recommendations
- 4: Youth Career Exploration & Adult Employment and Education Support

Please explain the absence of Table 3.

The detail we request is:

1) A concise statement of the total DVP budget that provides sufficient information to understand how the Measure Z portion fits into the total DVP budget. For example:

- The amount allocated for DVP staff (both direct services and administration);
- The amount allocated for program evaluation;

(1) 5/16/22 DVP Funding Recommendation memorandum for FY 22-23-Measure Z
 (2) 5/16/22 DVP Funding Recommendations memorandum for FY 22-23-Reimagining Public Safety and Other Funding

- The amount allocated for the Measure Z and General Fund programs;
- The total amount allocated for miscellaneous administrative needs, like the new database system

- Please provide a table that reconciles the Measure Z funding component for strategies/sub strategies reflected in the “Department of Violence Prevention FY2022-2024 Funding Cycle Request for Qualifications” with the detail provided in the “DVP Funding Recommendation for FY 22-23 - Measure Z,” memorandum dated May 16, 2022.

2) The figure of merit in all of the DVP presentations seems to be the “number of people served,” but clearly, not all people are being served in the same way. For instance, the “referrals” in one program are not the same as “mentoring” in another. Hence, it appears deceptive to claim high numbers of “people served” when some of the people are barely touched.

We request a presentation that reflects the division of “people served” into “number of clients” and “number of referrals” (or, in the case of Town Nights, “number of attendees”) to provide greater transparency in the level of service provided.

3) For each recommended program, we request a paragraph describing what is unique about that program.

We hope these additional details better illustrate the DVP funding request, enabling you to put it into the appropriate context and make a more informed decision. ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

Very respectfully,

SSOC Commission

(1) 5/16/22 DVP Funding Recommendation memorandum for FY 22-23-Measure Z

(2) 5/16/22 DVP Funding Recommendations memorandum for FY 22-23-Reimagining Public Safety and Other Funding