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CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

To: Office of the City Administrator & City Council

From: Vice Mayor Jean Quan, City Council and Members of the Sexually Exploited Minors Network

Date: November 28, 2006

Re: Third Annual Report on Domestic Violence and Sexually Exploited Minors

November 28, 2006

Public Safety Committee
Oakland City Council
Oakland, California

Dear Members of the Public Safety Committee:

SUMMARY

This report represents what the SEM Task Force is doing and will be doing to address the issue of Sexually Exploited Minors, and what the City is doing to help victims of domestic violence. The Family Justice Center has assisted 3038 adult client services resulting from domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and some elder abuse. In Oakland 2006, 3986 cases of domestic violence were reported. . Since the Task Force's inception, Interagency Children's Policy Council (ICPC) staff and consultants have convened meetings with city and county stakeholders to gather information on how the systems are currently responding to the issue of SEM and to this population. During 2001-2002 the Oakland Police Department identified 218 minors actively being prostituted by 155 pimps. As of May 2003, it is estimated that an additional 75 sexually exploited youth have been identified by the OPD. Measure Y helps fund the Family Justice Center which provides services to SEM and domestic violence victims.

FISCAL IMPACT

Efforts to support Task Force activities and the Justice Center are covered through Measure Y.

BACKGROUND

The Interagency Children's Policy Council, under the direction of Presiding Judge Brenda Harbin-Forte and Commissioner Nancy Lonsdale, convened a Task Force in May 2002 to address the cross systems issues impacting minors who are sexually exploited

through the local sex trade economy. In late 2003 Council Member Quan, other City Representatives, and service providers widened the network to pull together all of the agencies and groups who work with victims of domestic violence and sexual exploitation. Members of the Task Force include City, County, Law Enforcement, Judicial, School District, and Community Provider representatives.

In 2004 the first forum on Domestic Violence and Sexual Exploitation was conducted to highlight cuts in these programs and the growing dimensions of the problem. Last year the District Attorney's Office was able to obtain funding for a one stop service center and the Family Justice Center opened. This year advocates for domestic violence counseling and SEM's Network received a grants from Measure Y.

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

- Over the last two years the reported cases of domestic violence in Oakland have doubled: 2238 in 2003, 3640 in 2004, 5535 in 2005.
- Over 3038 clients have been served at the Family Justice Center in its first 11 months.
- Sexually Exploited Minors are more visible in Oakland and in other parts of the state. The age of the minors involved appears to be younger than before with girls as young as 14-15 typically involved.
- Training of all Oakland Police officers on issues of family violence and working with children in these families was completed.
- Increased charging and conviction of those involved in sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Recent offenders have been sentenced for ten years or more.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: If children continued to be exploited, it will not only drain our social system, but they will not grow up to be tax paying adult. When women are abused, it is difficult for families to prosper.

Social Equity: All children should have the right to live a good and peaceful life. Domestic violence is not only an attack on women but an attack on the whole community. Violent offenders are 4 times more likely to grown up in homes where they saw or experienced violence.

DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS

There is no effect on this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee accepts this report as a step to monitor the issue of Sexually Exploited Minors and Domestic Violence and consider the areas of need in the upcoming budget process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vice Mayor
City Council, District 4

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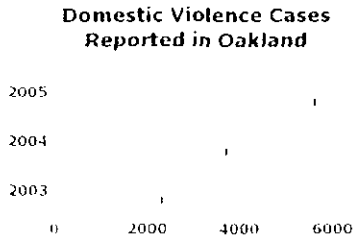
**Annual Report and Forum
on Domestic Violence &
Sexually Exploited
Minors**

2006

**Cases of Domestic Violence
Reported to Oakland Police**

2,238 in 2003
3,640 in 2004
5,535 in 2005

Domestic Violence Cases



**Violent Juvenile
Offenders are 4 times
more likely to have grown
up in homes where they
saw or experienced
violence**

**What progress are we
making in addressing the
problem of domestic
violence and sexually
exploited minors?**

So far, in 2006:

- 12 Child Exploitation/Prostitution Cases have been completed
- Most involved multiple victims/suspects

Domestic Violence Cases 2006

- 3986 cases of domestic violence reported
- 480 cases charged to date
- 720 are projected to be charged by year end

Establishment of the Sexually Exploited Minors Network (SEM)

- More than a dozen non-profit organizations, county and city agencies meet monthly to coordinate services
- This year the SEMs network received a *Measure Y grant*

Human Trafficking

- ▮ The first case of human trafficking resulted in a 10 + year conviction by the District Attorney's office this year
- ▮ This year the Oakland Police Department received a grant for human trafficking from the federal government

Measure Y

- Measure Y funds Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Counselors
- Sexually Abused & Commercially Exploited Youth/Safe Place Alternative Program funded by City of Oakland Measure Y

Alameda County Family Justice Center

- Received a \$1.3 million grant from the Department of Justice in 2005

Family Justice Center

- Stats for the first 11 months of operation:
 - 3038 adult client services resulting from domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and some elder abuse
 - 703 child services, including counseling, interviews, and child care
 - 500+ "other" services

**Family Justice Center 470 27th
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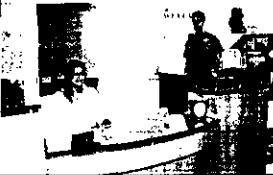


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