

2011 - 2012 Statement of Legislative Intent

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Budget Action Title: Crime Prevention Review (City Budget Office, Human Services, Neighborhoods, Police)

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Statement of Legislative Intent:

In approving the budgets for the Human Services Department, Department of Neighborhoods and Police Department, it is the Council’s intent to review the City’s crime prevention efforts.

The Council’s long term goal is to determine the best possible ways to implement crime prevention strategies that improve safety and the quality of life for citizens. How should these efforts be organized? Who should lead them? What are the specific outcomes we will seek? How will those outcomes be measured?

The first phase of this review, and the focus of this statement of legislative intent, will be an inventory of the City’s current direct crime prevention services other than police. This includes services that have crime prevention as either a primary purpose or a secondary or indirect purpose. It does not include activities that may incidentally prevent crime. It also does not include the administration of law enforcement and criminal justice. That is, it does not include the work of civilians in the Police Department who provide organizational or mission support to policing, or the work of the Law Department’s Criminal Division and Municipal Court in prosecuting and adjudicating misdemeanors.

The initial inventory will answer these questions:

What civilian positions in what departments, including but not limited to Human Services, Neighborhoods and Police, provide services that have crime prevention as a primary or secondary purpose?

What contracts executed by what departments provide services that have crime prevention as a primary or secondary purpose?

What are the crime prevention outcomes sought by these services? What kinds of crimes are they trying to prevent, in what locations and circumstances, by what means? Do they involve the community, and if so, how? What information exists about their success in reducing and preventing crime?

The Council requests the City Budget Office to conduct this inventory and provide it to the Public Safety & Education Committee by March 2011.

A subsequent phase will review the effectiveness of the inventoried services and how they complement the proactive policing efforts called for by the Neighborhood Policing Plan. The Council also intends to continue reviewing the best available crime prevention and crime reduction strategies in law enforcement and otherwise, and looks forward to working with the Executive in this.

Responsible Council Committee(s): Public Safety and Education

Date Due to Council: March 31, 2011