



2.3

DEPARTMENT OF
POLICE

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.
CHIEF OF POLICE

900 - 8TH STREET
SACRAMENTO, CA
95814-2506

PH 916-264-5121
FAX 916-448-4620
E-MAIL
spdc:au@quiknet.com
http://
www.quiknet.com/spdc/

February 14, 2002

Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: "After School Education and Safety Act" – A Ballot Initiative for November 2002

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-wide

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Law and Legislation Committee to review and recommend for City Council support the "After School Education and Safety Act."

CONTACT PERSONS

Chief Arturo Venegas, Jr. – 264-5121
Tina Lee-Vogt, ASO – 264-7346

FOR COMMITTEE MEETING OF February 19, 2002

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the "After School Education and Safety Act," a ballot initiative for November 2002 and requests the Law and Legislation Committee to review and recommend City Council support for this legislation.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

Endorsed by Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California, the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002 is sponsored by Arnold Schwarzenegger for the November ballot. This initiative is a very valuable to the ongoing efforts by law enforcement and crime victim advocates to prevent crime by expanding after-school and other crime prevention programs. This measure would significantly expand California's Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program. Currently, this program provides close to \$100 million in funding for after school programs at nearly 1,000 elementary and middle schools. However, only one out every seven schools is reached. This initiative would make grant funding available to establish programs in every elementary and middle school. Funding begins in fiscal year 2004-2005 if sufficient revenues are available. Attachment A provides detailed information on the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This report does not request any funding from the City. The proposed initiative includes grant funding for after-school programs and law enforcement collaborations. Funding begins in fiscal year 2004-2005 if sufficient revenues are available.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Support of this legislation is consistent with efforts to enhance the quality of life for its residents and to provide alternatives for our City's youth.

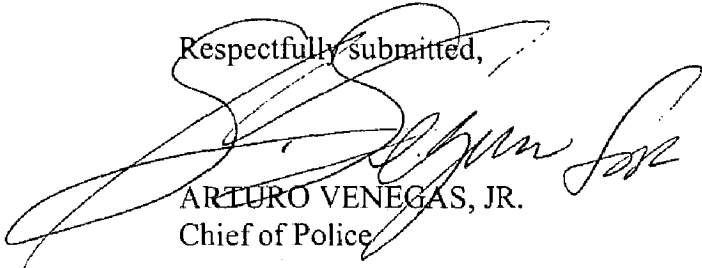
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

The actions recommended in this report are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Section 15378(3)(b)(1).

ESBD CONSIDERATIONS

None. No goods or services are being purchased.

Respectfully submitted,



ARTURO VENEGAS, JR.
Chief of Police

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



BETTY MASUOKA
Assistant City Manager

Date

Maryann O'Sullivan, State Director
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California
2910 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300
Oakland CA 94609

Dear Ms. O'Sullivan:

SUBJECT: After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002

On behalf of the City of Sacramento, it is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002

If approved, the After School Education and Safety Program Act of 2002 would significantly expand California's before and after Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program. This initiative would make grant funding available to establish programs in every elementary and middle school.

Thank you for endorsing this significant public safety legislation.

Sincerely

After-School Ballot Initiative for November 2002

Arnold Schwarzenegger is sponsoring for the November 2002 election a ballot initiative called "The After School Education and Safety Act." The measure would significantly expand the state's Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program, which currently provides close to \$100 million in funding for after-school programs at nearly 1,000 elementary and middle schools in California, but still reaches only one out of every seven elementary and middle schools.

Background on State's After-School Program

The Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program provides state funding for before and after-school programs in elementary and middle schools. Every individual program funded is required to include two components: educational, such as tutoring or homework assistance, and enrichment. Schools are required to provide a 50% local match for every state dollar received.

Summary of After-School Initiative

Universal Grants: The initiative will make grants available to establish after-school programs in *every* elementary and middle/junior high school in California. Grants shall be \$50,000 for every elementary school and \$75,000 for every middle/junior high school.

Current & Additional Grants: Current grantees, which may be receiving higher levels of funding, will continue receiving funding at current levels. All funding available after funding goes to universal and current grants will go to schools applying for additional funding to serve more students after school, before school or during the summer. Priority will be given to the lowest-income schools, those with at least 50% of students participating in the free or reduced-price school lunch program.

Funding Level: The initiative will increase funding in the state's Before and After School Learning and Safe Neighborhoods Partnerships Program to \$550 million.

Funding Source/ "Trigger": Funding will come from the state general fund and is contingent on an increase in the state budget after fiscal year 2003-04. Funding will begin only when state general fund spending for the year—other than spending for education—is \$1.5 billion higher than the highest spending level for any previous year since 2000 (thereby giving priority to normal growth in state spending to accommodate increased caseloads and cost-of-living increases).

Effective Date: Funding begins in fiscal year 2004-05, if sufficient revenues are available.

Programs Permitted Off School Grounds: The program requirements will be amended to permit after-school programs to be operated off school grounds, such as at a Boys & Girls Club or YMCA, provided the site is approved by the State Department of Education and safe transportation is provided. A school district must continue to be involved in each grant application, either as the lead applicant or in partnership with a city, county or nonprofit organization.

Law Enforcement Collaboration: Local law enforcement will be added to the groups that may participate in the collaborative planning process for each after-school program.