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Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mayor Chuck Reed
Councilmember Liccardo

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

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Chuck Reed & Sam Liccardo

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE, AND STRATEGIC SUPPORT WORK PLAN AMENDMENT DEALING WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of process as detailed below for continued community dialogue on public safety concerns and long-term issues:

1. Recommendations for additional work on Council approved referrals coming from the Public Intoxication Task Force, the Consortium for Police Leadership in Equity (CPLI), the City Manager's Downtown Advisory Committee, and the La Raza Roundtable Summit will be referred to the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee (PSFSS).
2. Status updates and reports pertaining to public safety will first be heard at PSFSS and then forwarded to the full Council to provide for additional community input.
3. PSFSS will add to their work plan biannual community outreach sessions on public safety issues. These are meetings to be held in addition to their regular PSFSS meetings and to take place in the evening to allow for full Council and community participation. A full report of these sessions will be heard at both PSFSS and Council. To ensure that these meetings promote effective community dialogue with participation from all key stakeholders, the PSFSS Committee is to bring to the Rules Committee an outreach plan and a process to allow for public input in agenda development.

BACKGROUND

Over the past several months, the City Council has engaged in numerous endeavors to improve the dialogue around public safety and to allow for increased community input. In undertaking these efforts, it has become apparent that there is a need for a venue for long-term communication directly between the Council and the community. By adding this to the PSFSS work plan, we can assure the community that they will have a reoccurring opportunity to bring issues to the attention of the City Council. This memo is intended to ensure that the groups that are currently working to promote community input on public safety issues have a venue for Council consideration, and is not meant to exclude other committees or task forces that are working to make our residents feel safe.