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The Honorable Stacy Boulware Eurie  
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And

Ms. Susan Peters, Chair  
Supervisor, District 3  
Sacramento County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Judge Boulware Eurie and Chair Peters:

The Sacramento County Delinquency Prevention Commission herewith transmits to you its report on goals and activities in 2012 as required by Sacramento County Code.<sup>1</sup> This document highlights Commission accomplishments and its strategy for 2013.

### **History and Governance**

The law governing the Delinquency Prevention Commission is found in Sections 233 and 233.5 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code. Counties are allowed, but not required, to appoint a Delinquency Prevention Commission which may be separate from the Juvenile Justice Commission or to designate the Juvenile Justice Commission as the County's Delinquency Prevention Commission. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors created the Delinquency Prevention Commission in 1969 and designated that the members of the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission be appointed to serve, ex officio, as members of the Delinquency Prevention Commission.

Until June 2011, the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice Commission and the Sacramento County Delinquency Prevention Commission functioned as one Commission. It had one set of bylaws, one website, shared a monthly agenda, held one monthly meeting and submitted one combined annual report to the chair of the Board of Supervisors and to the presiding judge of the superior court.

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<sup>1</sup> Sacramento County Code Section 2.26.060 states that "the Commission shall submit to the chairman of the Board of Supervisors and to the presiding judge of the superior court not later than February 15<sup>th</sup> of each year a report of its goals and activities for the preceding calendar year. (Ord. 1027§ 6, 1969.)

In response to a request from then-Chairperson Stephanie Parmely regarding the Delinquency Prevention Commission and the Brown Act, County Counsel recommended in a March 2011 memo that the two Commissions separate the bylaws and bank accounts, and the two Commissions hold separate meetings with separate agendas. At a June 2011 meeting of both Commissions, members unanimously voted to separate the two Commissions. With the separation, the Juvenile Justice Commission remains an arm of the Juvenile Court. The Delinquency Prevention Commission remains under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.

Beginning in July 2011, the Delinquency Prevention Commission has held a monthly meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the Walter L. Barkdull Conference Room in the Sacramento County Juvenile Courthouse. In September 2011, the Commission adopted bylaws reflecting the separation. This annual report is the first to be submitted that solely reflects the activities and accomplishments of the Delinquency Prevention Commission.

### **Purpose and Powers**

The purpose of the Delinquency Prevention Commission is to coordinate on a countywide basis the work of governmental and nongovernmental organizations engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. After the separation of the Juvenile Justice Commission and the Delinquency Prevention Commission, the members of the Delinquency Prevention Commission initially struggled to establish goals and strategies to meet those goals.

The Delinquency Prevention Commission has the power to hold hearings, request data from Sacramento County agencies and departments and to accept gifts, donations or contributions from public or private sources. In 2012, the Commission had no revenue. Its members serve as volunteers without compensation.

### **2012 Goals and Activities**

Newly separated from the Juvenile Justice Commission, the Delinquency Prevention Commission members in 2012 spent several meetings discussing strengths and weaknesses of the Commission, whether the Commission should continue to meet monthly, whether the Commission needed to continue to exist, and if it could provide value to Sacramento County.

Ultimately, Commission members determined that the Delinquency Prevention Commission could play an important role in identifying needs of at-risk youth and making connections with community-based organizations. Its goals for 2012 included inviting organizations to make presentations to the Commission, visiting organizations in the field and obtaining information from Commission members who serve in various capacities in local schools, non-profit organizations and with ties to local law enforcement. The Commission also set a goal to establish a better partnership with Sacramento County Probation and the Chief Probation Officer. Additionally, the Commission sought to improve communication to youth and families in Sacramento County communities, particularly by establishing a website and also by developing a list of resources for youth and their families and making that list accessible through the Internet.

### **Presentations by Community and Law Enforcement Organizations**

Maureen Price, the Chief Executive Officer of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Sacramento (BGCSAC), and David Guillory, Branch Director of the Raley's Teen Center provided a presentation to the Commission in October 2012. The Boys and Girls Clubs provide youth ages six through 18 with a safe environment to participate in positive activities such as art, dance and sports, learn health and life skills, and receive educational assistance. The Raley's Branch has been turned into a teen center focused on academics, high school graduation and job skills. BGCSAC has been awarded a delinquency intervention grant that will target second-time offenders ages 10 through 17. Probation will be providing the referrals to the delinquency intervention program. BGCSAC is also planning to partner with the City of Sacramento Police Department (SPD) to begin implementation of activities with the Police Activities League. In addition to learning about the current programs and services, the Commission had the opportunity to discuss opportunities to potentially expand Boys and Girls Clubs services into the Sacramento County Youth Detention Facility replicating programs that have been effective in other counties.

In August 2012, Lieutenant Lisa Hinz from SPD provided information on the new Youth Services Division she manages. The SPD Youth Services Division is responsible for coordination of youth programs, School Resource Officers, Magnet Academy and various other programs for youth. Lt. Hinz also is the president of the non-profit organization Kops 'n Kids, which provides a low or no cost youth day camp every summer at Rosemont High School featuring football, volleyball, basketball, bicycle, soccer, dance, cheerleading, and martial arts.

Also in August 2012, Supervising Probation Officer Chris Whitaker and Senior Deputy Probation Officers Kevin Flores and Robyn Howland from Probation's Juvenile Reintegration Program provided information on the "Skills & Drills" basketball camp they organized at the Warren E. Thornton Youth Center Gym. Probation staff coordinated with the Sheriff's Activity League and youth participating in the camp were given T-shirts, lunch, snacks and drinks, and incentive-based rewards including a bicycle and gift cards.

### **Sacramento County Probation**

In September 2012, the Commission Chair and Vice Chair met with former Sacramento County Chief Probation Officer Don Meyer, to gain his perspective on opportunities for defining the role of the Delinquency Prevention Commission and opportunities to enhance the outreach and activities of the Commission and to improve the relationship between the Commission and the Probation Department. The Probation Department provides administrative support for the Delinquency Prevention Commission. In addition to Administrative Services Officer II Nella Huson, and Clerical Supervisor Amber Correa, Division Chiefs Rod Finney, and Brian Lee regularly attended Commission meetings throughout 2012 on behalf of the Chief Probation Officer.

In response to a request from Commission members, Mr. Lee shared a map depicting where juvenile probationers reside in the Sacramento County in an effort to help the Commission identify community partners that might be able to connect with juvenile probationers in

neighborhoods with the greatest need. The highest concentration of need appears to be along the Interstate 99 and Interstate 80 corridors and in downtown Sacramento, South Sacramento and Del Paso Heights. The Commission plans to continue to pursue community-based connections in these neighborhoods in 2013.

### **Improved Communications**

In 2012, the Sacramento County Probation Department assisted in establishing a website for the Delinquency Prevention Commission. Commission members are working to develop an enhanced website to provide more information to Sacramento County youth and families and anticipate going live with the new website in 2013. In 2012, Commission members developed a resource list for youth that is available on the Delinquency Prevention Commission website.

### **Going Forward**

The Delinquency Prevention Commission enters 2013 with a renewed focus on leveraging the community connections of its members to improve coordination and expand the awareness of services and programs available for youth in Sacramento County. Commission members stand ready to assist members of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and are available to meet with Supervisors and staff to discuss opportunities to improve programs, services and outcomes for Sacramento County youth.

The Delinquency Prevention Commission is appreciative of the support and assistance provided by the Court and the Probation Department this year. We especially want to thank Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie, retired Chief Probation Officer Don L. Meyer, Division Chiefs Rod Finney and Brian Lee, Judicial Secretary Cheryl Hall, Clerical Supervisor Amber Correa and Administrative Services Officer II Nella Huson.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sacramento County Delinquency Prevention Commission

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