



# REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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REPORT NO. 201

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board  
Agenda of March 18, 2010

SUBJECT: California Grant Reduction Intervention and Prevention Program  
(CALGRIP) Grant Teen Program

## SUMMARY

THIS IS AN INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE BOARD.

## BACKGROUND

In March 2008, the City of San Diego received a \$400,000 grant from the State of California through the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program (CALGRIP) to address and reduce gang activity. The City's program goal, through the Gang Commission was to reduce gang membership, activity and related crime in the "hot zones" over an 18 month period. The "hot zones" were determined by a statistical analysis of local gang activity by the Police Department. The analysis revealed 1/3 of all gang activity in the City is in the Lincoln Park, Shelltown and Logan Heights neighborhoods (see attachment).

There is a recreation component within the gang prevention element of the grant received by the City. The Park and Recreation Department (Department) received \$101,000 from the grant to implement the recreation component. The Department partnered with the Police Department, Workforce Partnership, and the City's Gang Commission to coordinate the program. Late last year Metro United Methodist Urban Ministry also became a partner in the program. Grant funds are being used to open three recreation centers within the "hot zones" during non-operation hours. Friday nights (Teen Night) were chosen for the additional recreation center hours based on statistical information gun crime and general youth crime is higher during the weekend twilight and early evening hours.

In June 2009, the Teen Night Program started with a kick-off event at each site and is expected to operate to August 2010. The "kick-off" events included "movies in the park", hip-hop dancing, basketball tournaments and a barbecue.

The following recreation centers/teen centers are open for youth recreational activities on Friday nights during the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dolores Magdalena Memorial Recreation Center - 2902 Marcy Avenue, 92113

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Mountain View Community Center – 641 South Boundary Street, 92113

Southcrest Recreation Center – 4149 Newton Avenue, 92113

Since the Teen Night Program inception, attendance has fluctuated at each site. As of January 2010, there have been 1,909 visitors to the program. (Memorial 485, Southcrest 789, and Mt. View 635); average age is 14 years old\* 58% male and 33% female.

In addition to supplement the program, the Department staff applied for a Project Safe Neighborhood Grant. In January 2010, staff was notified they received the \$47,000 in grants. Staff will work with community-based organizations (CBOs) to provide a variety of youth-oriented programs, such as exercise classes, cooking classes with nutritional emphasis, dance classes, and leadership development classes. We have received proposals from several CBO's interested in providing programs, including:

Greater Works Empowerment Center – Gang Intervention and Prevention Academy

Overcoming Gangs and Beyond – Leadership Academy

Inner City Youth – Talent in the Park

Unity Tech Fitness Center – Kata Fitness Program

Junk Yard Crew – Hip-Hop Classes

On March 5 there were approximately 100 people in attendance to watch law enforcement agencies compete against CBO's in an evening softball game at Southcrest Community Park. On March 26 there will be another softball game against law enforcement and Teen Night participants (Cops vs Kids). The game will be held at Southcrest Community Park at 6:30 p.m.

Staff has provided the oversight and supervision of the activities during the Program. A positive collaborative effort between various agencies are working together to reduce gang-related issues. The Police Department has been very visual and supportive during teen nights throughout the "hot spots" and overall, viewed positively by the participants.

Respectfully submitted,

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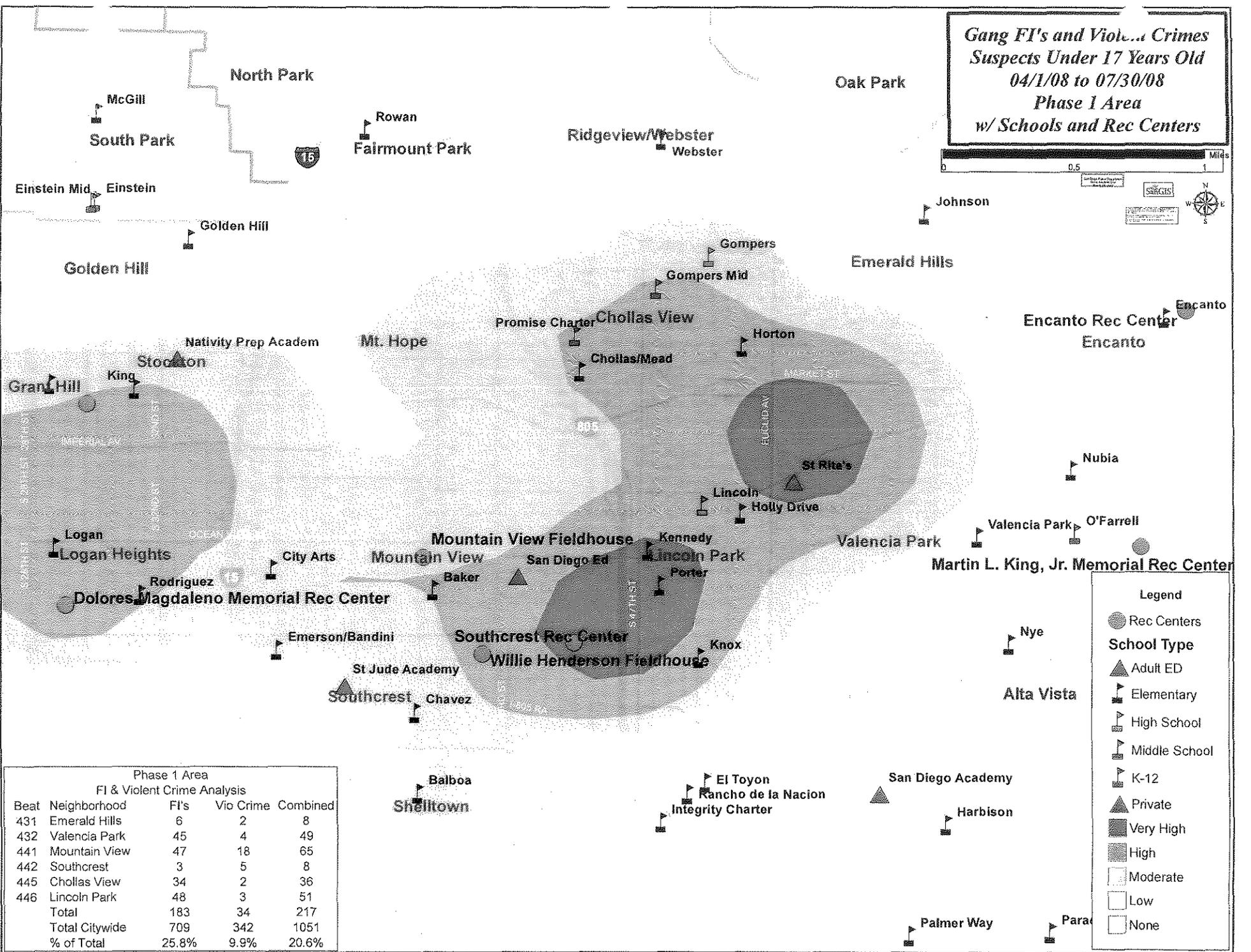
Attachment: Statistical "Hot Zone" Map

cc: Council District 4 and 8 Offices

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\* (some teens could only attend if they brought younger siblings)

**Gang FI's and Violent Crimes  
Suspects Under 17 Years Old  
04/1/08 to 07/30/08  
Phase 1 Area  
w/ Schools and Rec Centers**



Phase 1 Area  
FI & Violent Crime Analysis

Beat	Neighborhood	FI's	Vio Crime	Combined
431	Emerald Hills	6	2	8
432	Valencia Park	45	4	49
441	Mountain View	47	18	65
442	Southcrest	3	5	8
445	Chollas View	34	2	36
446	Lincoln Park	48	3	51
	Total	183	34	217
	Total Citywide	709	342	1051
	% of Total	25.8%	9.9%	20.6%

**Legend**

- Rec Centers
- School Type**
- ▲ Adult ED
- ▢ Elementary
- ▢ High School
- ▢ Middle School
- ▢ K-12
- ▢ Private
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- None