COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2008

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the Torrance City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Renew the County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Program contract. Expenditure: Not to Exceed $28,198.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that Council accept and endorse the County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Program contract, in the amount of $28,198.00, so that the needed assistance to our children can continue.

Funding

County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Grant.

BACKGROUND

The Torrance Juvenile Diversion Program has served the City of Torrance since the City Council approved the initial funding in December 1978. Initial clients were almost exclusively Police referrals for minor infractions, with some referrals from Probation or the Courts. As the needs of the community have changed so has our referral base. We now receive 66% of our clientele from the Torrance Unified School District for pre-delinquent behavior and emotional problems and 27% from the Torrance Police Department for delinquent and pre-delinquent behavior. The remainder of our referrals comes from the community, Probation Department, Court, and the Torrance Fire Department.

ANALYSIS

The County Delinquency Prevention Program Grant for the fiscal year from September 13, 2008 through September 12, 2009 provides $28,198 for the purchase of professional counseling services. The approval of the contract is necessary for the Diversion Program to continue its ongoing service to the community.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU
CHIEF OF POLICE

By: Shannon Flannery
Juvenile Diversion Program Coordinator

CONCUR:

John J. Neu
Chief of Police

LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Program contract (available in the City Clerk's Office)