February 24, 2016

To: Dr. John Warren

From: Cornelius Bowser Sr.

Re: Recommendations to Mayor Faulconer

**Town hall Meetings**

Conduct town hall meetings in Southeast San Diego and City Heights to address Black and Brown issues. The agenda, dates, times, and locations can be worked out between the Mayor’s office and the community.

**Summer Night Lights In San Diego (SNLSD)**

SNL is based upon the 2003 “Summer of Success Baldwin Village Program” at Jim Gilliam Park. SNL integrates gang prevention, intervention, community, and law enforcement strategies to address violence in neighborhoods adjacent to parks and recreational centers across the city in gang infested communities for eight weeks during the summer (July 4th through Labor Day). Programming is extended to communities and their residents from seven P.M. until midnight, Wednesday through Saturday when potential for violent crime is at its highest in the city. SNL began in 2008 at eight recreation and parks facilities in Los Angeles, expanded to 16 sites in 2009, to 24 in 2010 and most recently to 32 locations in 2011. Numerous organizational partners participate in SNL including city agencies, non-profits, the faith-based community, local foundations, and businesses.

The SNL approach is rooted in the philosophy of focusing on behavior, rather than identity, as a vehicle to violence reduction.

The core SNL components are:

Extended Programming: Includes a variety of activities such as the provision of meals, cooking classes, athletic programming, arts programming and other skill based programs (primary prevention).
The Youth Squad: At-risk youth from the community are hired to help plan and implement SNL summer activities and to act as community liaisons in 10 person teams (secondary prevention).

Intervention: CIWs engage in proactive peace-making activities as well as violence interruption throughout SNL (intervention).

Law Enforcement/Community Engagement: SDPD will be an active participant at SNL through sports, cooking, and arts activities as well as community interactions (enforcement).

Create more than 1,000 summer jobs for youth, community members, leaders and businesses in neighborhoods within and surrounding the park sites. Park sites would be 1) Memorial Park, 2) South Crest Park or Mountain View, 3) Gompers Neighborhood Park or Allen Neighborhood Park, 4) John F Kennedy Park/Lincoln High School, 5) Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 6) Colina Del So Park, 7) Skyline Hills Rec. Park, and 8) Emerald Hills Neighborhood Park, 9) Mira Mesa Park and Rec., 10) Linda Vista Community Park and Rec.

Note: Financial support for SNL should come from private sector contributors as well as from San Diego’s city funds. Under the SNL program, for four evenings each week of the two-month period, local parks and recreation centers across the city host a range of activities including free meals, recreation, and other activities that are open to all members of the community. Program Managers and teams of gang and violence intervention specialists are present at each location during the SNL hours of operation, working to extend the reduction of inter-gang conflict and violence beyond the two months of SNL. San Diego Police Department officers also participate, not only to help maintain security, but also to engage in non-law enforcement group activities with attendees.

BSCC Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant: Request for Proposals

Encourage Chief Zimmerman and SDPD to apply for Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant and partner with Community Assistance Support Team (C.A.S.T.). (See attachments in email)