



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held January 7, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Gang crime throughout Los Angeles County is on the rise. In the Sheriff’s patrol areas, gang-related crimes are up substantially since the disbanding of the COPS teams. The Sheriff’s Department has created two new gang teams to address gang ‘hot spots’ throughout the County. More needs to be done to address gang related issues.

“Los Angeles County has a Countywide anti-gang ordinance, prohibiting gang members from loitering with the intent to intimidate neighborhoods or conceal illegal activities. While this ordinance is enforceable in County unincorporated areas, it is not enforceable in incorporated cities if the city has not adopted a similar ordinance. Currently, cities which do ban such activities do so through cumbersome and time consuming injunctions against specific gangs and specific gang members. Approval of this ordinance in the incorporated cities would eliminate the need to prepare injunctions every time the city wished to curtail criminal street gangs.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board take the following actions:

1. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to City Council members and City Managers of cities in the County that have not already adopted an anti-gang loitering ordinance, encouraging them to adopt this vital ordinance; and

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2. Request the Sheriff and the District Attorney to report back to the Board within 30 days regarding their recommendations for new initiatives targeting gang crime.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Late last year, the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CCJCC) had reorganized the Interagency Gang Task Force to operate under Regions. In November of last year, a successful forum was held and several regional teams have convened meetings since then to discuss innovative strategies to address gang violence.

“The Interagency Gang Task Force is comprised of representatives not only from the District Attorney’s office and the Sheriff’s Department, but other key law enforcement agencies and prevention and intervention-focused community organizations as well. Members also include schools and the Probation Department. Therefore, I feel that a report issued by the CCJCC’s Interagency Gang Task Force may present a broader approach than independent or joint reports from the Sheriff’s Department and the District Attorney’s office.”

Supervisor Burke made a suggestion that Supervisor Antonovich’s motion be amended to also request the Interagency Gang Task Force of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee to report back to the Board within 30 days regarding its recommendations for new initiatives targeting gang crime and violence. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor’s Burke amendment.

Supervisor Antonovich’s motion, as amended, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, was unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent).

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