



# Memorandum

**TO:** PUBLIC SAFETY, FINANCE, AND  
STRATEGIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Jon Cicirelli

**SUBJECT: MAYOR'S GANG PREVENTION  
TASK FORCE AUDIT  
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT**

**DATE:** November 18, 2019

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## RECOMMENDATION

Accept the implementation status report on the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) Audit, including an update on the implementation of audit recommendations, formalizing the Police Department's role of providing violent and gang-related crime data annually to the Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee and the MGPTF Technical and Policy Teams, feasibility of segmenting future grants by target population profile to ensure that each segment has sufficient target services provided, and discussion of the MGPTF name change.

## BACKGROUND

On May 8, 2019, the Office of the City Auditor issued a performance audit report entitled *The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force: Better Coordination and Use of Data Can Further the Task Force's Strategic Goals*. This report contained five findings and 17 recommendations to improve the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force ("Task Force"), including the Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together ("BEST") grant program. The report and the Administration's response were presented to this Committee on May 16, 2019, and then to the full City Council on June 4, 2019.

In its written response, the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department ("Department") agreed with the 17 audit recommendations, and established target implementation dates for each, ranging from December 2019 to July 2021. In addition, in accepting the audit report, the Council accepted various direction provided in two memoranda submitted by Councilmembers Jimenez and Carrasco, and Vice Mayor Jones and Councilmember Arenas, respectively. This direction included, among other things, formalizing the Police Department's role of providing violent and gang-related crime data annually to the

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Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee and the MGPTF Technical and Policy Teams, reviewing the feasibility of segmenting future grants by target population profile to ensure that each segment has sufficient target services provided, and discussion of the MGPTF name change. The remainder of this memorandum describes the Department's progress in implementing audit recommendations and the Council direction.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Department has been and is committed to evaluating and improving its approach to service delivery and is in the process of implementing the recommendations outlined in the audit. Since the report was published, the Department has made progress on all recommendations, having completed four of the 17 recommendations already, with significant progress made on several others. The status updates for the audit recommendations are listed in Attachment A, in order of status, and then in order of target completion date. The status updates for the direction received from Council on June 4, 2019 are listed in Attachment B.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Department has completed four of the 17 audit recommendations and three of the eight Council direction items. The Department will continue to make progress implementing audit recommendations and the Council direction going forward.

### **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

This report responds to the direction given by the City Council on June 4, 2019, to provide an update on the implementation of audit recommendations at the December 2019 Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support Committee meeting. Staff will also give an update to this Committee at the April 16, 2020, meeting, as part of the Task Force's BEST and Safe Summer Initiative Grant Program Annual Report.

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### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office. This memorandum has been reviewed by the City Auditor's Office who will be reporting on the status of these and all other recommendations during the regular recommendation follow-up process.

/s/

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Attachment A: Audit Recommendation Status Update

Attachment B: June 4, 2019 Council Direction Status Update