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MARSHALL PLAN STAKEHOLDERS COMMITTEE CONVENED Mayor & Councilmember Town Hall Meetings Scheduled

(Stockton, CA) - The City of Stockton Marshall Plan Stakeholders Committee met for the first time on Friday, April 6, 2012. The twenty-four member committee is comprised of organizational leaders within the criminal justice system and community-based organizations that deliver services that prevent crime and reduce recidivism. The committee is charged with recommending a comprehensive new long term city-wide strategy on reducing crime and increasing the sense of public safety in Stockton. This is not to be confused with current City efforts that are geared towards the immediate needs of the City, for example, the U.S. Marshal's presence and "real time" policing. The committee has agreed to meet regularly over the next several months. Each meeting will be approximately two (2) hours long. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 18, 2012.

At the first meeting, the committee discussed the importance of a systems-

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based approach to addressing crime that includes coordination among agencies and incorporates new research and actual data about the effectiveness of community involvement in prevention and solutions. Comparisons to national and state trends and practices were provided, as well as information about approaches that have worked and what traditional or popular methods have not worked to address crime.

The committee also discussed the challenge of balancing the goals of soliciting public input, maintaining transparency and conducting the committee business. As a result, the last 15 minutes of each committee meeting will be open to the media for questions. The City of Stockton will hold a series of Town Hall meetings throughout the month of May to discuss the budget and crime and obtain community input about the Marshall Plan with the community. The dates, times and location of the Town Hall Meetings are listed below:

- Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6:30p – Mayor Ann Johnston, Central United Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Avenue
- Monday, May 7, 2012, 6:30p – Vice Mayor Kathy Miller, Council District 2, Siefert Community Center, 128 W. Benjamin Holt Drive
- Monday, May 14, 2012, 6:30p – Councilmember Elbert Holman, Council District 1, Julia Morgan School, 3777 A.G. Spanos Blvd.
- Monday, May 21, 2012, 6:30p – Councilmember Susan Eggman, Council District 5, Stribley Community Center, 1760 E. Sonora Street

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- Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 6:30p – Councilmember Dale Fritchen, Council District 6, Merlo Gymnasium, 2044 Fair Street
- Tuesday, May 29, 2012, 6:30p – Councilmember Paul Canepa, Council District 3, Arnold Rue Community Center, 5758 Lorraine Avenue
- Wednesday, May 30, 2012, 6:30p – Councilmember Diana Lowery, Council District 4, Empire Theater, 1825 Pacific Avenue

The committee and the City will continue to look for opportunities for public input as they conduct their work.

The Stockton City Council has four major goals. Increasing public safety is paramount and critical to accomplishing all of the Council's goals and restoring our community. City resources and police services must work in coordination with other organizations, the County, State, faith-based and community organizations, to address the impact on our community of decades of crime that have become entrenched through multiple generations. The Marshall Plan is one of the strategic initiatives adopted by the City Council to accomplish the goal of reducing crime in a way that creates permanent change.

It is anticipated that the development of an interagency plan will take approximately one year. However, there may be recommendations developed by the committee that can be implemented immediately.

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