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### **MARSHALL PLAN ON PUBLIC SAFETY “PROJECT CEASEFIRE” City and County Collaborate to Reduce Firearms and Gun Violence**

(Stockton, CA) - On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, the Stockton City Council will receive an update on Stockton's Marshall Plan to reduce crime. The project is at the half-way point and the City's expert team is reporting on what they found in Stockton and the criminal justice system, and what the next steps are, leading to a comprehensive list of recommendations being shared in the Spring. The first recommendation resulting from the work of the Marshall Plan Stakeholder Committee was deemed too important to wait and includes an immediate implementation of a proven model for violence intervention. Initial first-year funding of \$215,000 will be provided through the San Joaquin County Community Corrections Partnership for Public Safety Realignment. The Marshall Plan and Project Ceasefire discussion and presentation will take place during the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, which is held in Council Chambers at City Hall. The public meeting begins at 5:30p.

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The Marshall Plan Stakeholder Committee on Public Safety convened early in 2012 with the goal of implementing a comprehensive community-wide plan, developed by a diverse group of community leaders and criminal justice experts, to reduce violent crime. The Committee has worked with consultants who for months have gathered data and conducted in-depth interviews with a broad range of stakeholders. The Committee and consultants have completed the initial analysis and background work, drawing on the experience and perspectives of the representatives, and determined that Project Ceasefire is a model that will have an immediate impact. The Ceasefire model has been implemented across the country and is a proven violence reduction strategy in cities such as Boston, Chicago and Cincinnati, resulting in dramatic reductions in firearms violence and homicides.

In 2009, the State of California enacted AB 109, which is best known as “realignment.” This legislation transfers responsibility for certain felony offenders and state parolees to county probation and jails and directs funding to counties for realignment implementation. The funding is directed by the local Community Corrections Partnership, which includes representatives from throughout the County criminal justice system, as well as the Chiefs of Stockton and Lodi Police Departments. Through discussions at the Marshall Plan Stakeholder Committee with County Probation, Stockton Police Department and other partners, it was determined that Project Ceasefire is an effective model and appropriate for funding and implementation.

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“The work of the Marshall Plan Committee and the collaboration between the City and County to fund and implement Project Ceasefire is unprecedented in our community,” said Mayor Ann Johnston. “We’re now ready to launch Project Ceasefire, which is an immediate response to our highest priority – the safety of our community.”

The City and County will immediately move forward with Project Ceasefire to take action related to violent crime in the City.

The Committee will continue working in the spectrum of prevention and intervention programs into 2013 through the final phase, which is to develop an implementation roadmap for community crime reduction and a better criminal justice system, beginning in spring 2013.

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