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Mayor and City Council
777 B St.
Hayward, CA 94541

Dear Mayor and City Council Members;

We write in regards to the proposed Gang Injunction policy being planned for implementation in the coming months.

The South Hayward Parish Board is concerned that such an approach is bound to meet minimal success if not failure if further discussion on its impact and implementation does not occur

We are aware that at least one public work session did take place. However, we are also aware that many community members particularly those who are connected with agencies and groups that are involved in community safety and development were not informed of such a meeting. Whatever procedures were taken to announce the meeting or meetings that occurred, they fell way short of reaching people who have genuine concerns about gang activity, community safety and any program the city might be planning to pursue.

We write this letter in a spirit of partnership and support with the understanding that accessible and transparent decision making and collaborative partnerships have always been a successful hallmark of the City of Hayward's legacy as the Heart of the Bay.

We strongly recommend further involvement of community members in considering the Gang Injunction policy. The insights and understandings gained by further community meetings on this issue can only improve whatever approach the city takes. The South Hayward Parish stands ready to assist in this endeavor

Sincerely,

Betty DeForest, Executive Director

South Hayward Parish Congregations
Good Shepherd Lutheran-Mount Eden Presbyterian-South Hayward United Methodist
Congregation Shir Ami-Starr King Unitarian Universalist-St. Clements Roman Catholic
United Church of Hayward- Westminster Hills Presbyterian