



TO: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
FROM: Elizabeth Pauli, City Attorney, City Attorney’s Office
COPY: City Council and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution - Accepting the April 2016 Final Report from the City of Tacoma Blue Ribbon Property Crimes Reduction Task Force – July 12, 2016
DATE: June 15, 2016

SUMMARY:

A resolution accepting the April 2016 Final Report from the City of Tacoma Blue Ribbon Property Crimes Reduction Task Force, and directing the City Manager to work with staff to develop a work plan to address the prioritization of recommendations made in the Final Report, budget impacts and implementation strategies.

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

- Strengthen and support a safe city with healthy residents.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2015, the City of Tacoma Blue Ribbon Property Crimes Reduction Task Force (“Task Force”) was created to study residential property crime in the City, and make actionable, measurable, and equitable recommendations for a systems-based approach to reducing residential property crime and increasing safety in our community.

The Task Force, consisting of 12 community members, met eight times, from October 2015 through April 2016, and was supported by a team of City staff, including the City Attorney and leadership from the Tacoma Police Department (“TPD”), with additional support from professors at the Washington State University Institute for Criminal Justice, and an independent facilitator.

The Task Force received briefings from TPD personnel and other City staff, as well as individuals representing Pierce County criminal justice agencies, the Tacoma School District, and a variety of community and health services agencies working in the City, and also reviewed best-practices studies regarding community response to property crime. In April 2016, the Task Force completed its review and Final Report and presented its findings to the City Council at the June 14, 2016, Study Session.

ISSUE:

The Task Force studied residential property crime in the City for the purpose of making actionable, measurable, and equitable recommendations for a systems-based approach to reducing property crime and increasing safety in our community. Its Final Report includes 35 recommendations, focused in the following six areas:

- Expand harm reduction and restorative justice practices within criminal justice agencies.
- Expand training and resources for neighborhood and community building with a focus on residential crime prevention.
- Improve the appearance of the community.
- Engage the business community as well as residents to improve community building with a focus on crime prevention.
- Help youth, young adults, in-custody adult offenders and offenders under community supervision, get the education and training they need to improve their lives.
- Increase funding for, and capacity of, substance use disorder treatment services.



ALTERNATIVES:

No alternatives provided.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt this resolution to receive the final Blue Ribbon Property Crimes Reduction Task Force, and direct the City Manager to work with staff to develop a work plan to address the prioritization of recommendations made in the Final Report, including budget impacts and implementation strategies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.