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SUBJECT: 2019 Tacoma Gang Assessment
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PRESENTATION TYPE: Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff will brief the Community Vitality & Safety Committee on the 2019 Tacoma Gang Assessment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2011, the City staff conducted a comprehensive city-wide gang assessment, in conjunction with community stakeholders and technical assistance by the National Gang Center. In 2015, Maik & Associates prepared an evaluation of the project to confirm that the City was following the fidelity of the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Project (OJJDP) Comprehensive Gang Model. Because of the 2016 Tacoma Community Needs Assessment, which reported that “the rate of youth perpetrated violent crime is increasing, and much of this crime may be explained by gang activity,” the City hired Michelle Young from Tytos Consulting to conduct the 2019 Gang Assessment. The 2019 assessment was completed to provide an objective, impartial assessment, and make recommendations for a systematic approach to youth development in the City of Tacoma.

ISSUE:

Recommendations for enhancing the City’s approaches include:

- Update the Tacoma Gang Reduction Executive Steering Committee bylaws, and apply the recommended key findings.
- Align the current gang reduction strategy with the recommendation from the 2019 Tacoma Gang Assessment results.

ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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