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Reviewed By: City Manager *[Signature]* City Attorney *[Signature]* Finance *[Signature]* Other (Specify) _____

DATE: June 21, 2011

TO: City Council

FROM: Michael Henderson, General Services Superintendent *[Signature]*
City Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Victim Impact Statement for the Graffiti Restitution Recovery Program, and Graffiti Certificate of Appreciation.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Approve the official Victim Impact Statement and the Graffiti Certificate of Appreciation.
2. Designate Cyndi Hookstra, Graffiti Task Force Administrator, as the person authorized to submit the statement to the Ventura County Courts or Ventura County Probation Agency as part of the City's graffiti restitution recovery program.

DISCUSSION

The mission of the City Council and the Graffiti Task Force (GTF) is to create clean, safe, attractive and prosperous neighborhoods by eradicating graffiti vandalism in the City through prevention, intervention and enforcement.

Through these three focused areas, the City has been able to make significant progress in the citywide fight against graffiti vandalism. The GTF has established prevention efforts through community outreach, education, resident Graffiti Action Kit (GAK) bucket volunteers, and Graffiti Action Program (GAP) graffiti removal efforts. The task force has partnered with several other agencies or community organizations to support anti graffiti vandalism intervention efforts. Prevention and intervention are the keys to deterring graffiti vandalism. Graffiti enforcement in the community has been provided through stricter City ordinances, focused police department resources, code compliance and a restitution recovery program.

As part of the restitution recovery program the City is able to legally recover the cost of graffiti removal from the convicted graffiti vandals and/or their parents if the graffiti vandal is a minor. Under this restitution recovery program the victim, in this instance the victim is the City and it's residents, is allowed to provide the court a Victim Impact Statement. This statement explains how the crime or loss has affected the victim. The City's first Victim Impact Statement was approved by the City Council in 2006. Attached is the City's revised Victim Impact Statement to reflect the addition of the City Council's newest members. This statement will be submitted to the court or to the Ventura County Probation Agency as part of the restitution recovery program on behalf of the City and the residents of Oxnard.

The GTF encourages and supports anti-graffiti and removal efforts in the community. The Graffiti Certificate of Appreciation is given to those individuals in the community who volunteer for anti-graffiti events within the community as a demonstration of appreciation for their efforts.

Staff recommends the electronic signatures of all members of City Council be added to the Victim Impact Statement and the Graffiti Certificate of Appreciation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

MH/clh

Attachment #1 – Victim Impact Statement
Attachment #2 – Graffiti Certificate of Appreciation

GRAFFITI TASK FORCE



G.A.P.
GRAFFITI ACTION PROGRAM



Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor
Dr. Irene G. Pinkard, Mayor Pro Tem
Bryan A. MacDonald, Councilman
Tim Flynn, Councilman
Carmen Ramirez, Councilmember

City of Oxnard Victim Loss Statement

The City of Oxnard has a zero tolerance for graffiti vandalism. Graffiti vandalism is a crime and the residents of the City of Oxnard demand we treat it as such. Graffiti vandalism costs the taxpayers of Oxnard close to \$1 million a year to remove, investigate, and prepare cases for prosecution.

To the City of Oxnard and its residents, graffiti vandalism is no longer a juvenile prank or petty crime. It is a costly intentional act of vandalism that costs the city, its residents and businesses more than just money. Graffiti vandalism breeds a sense of insecurity and attracts other types of crime to the neighborhoods scarred by its aftermath. The hard working people of Oxnard do not want to see it in their city and they want the vandals and/or their parents held accountable.

The City of Oxnard would like to see convicted graffiti vandals reimburse the taxpayers for every dime of damage they cause and to give back to the community in a positive way through mandatory community service hours. The City would like to see repeat offenders and their parents given longer community service hours, longer probation periods and counseling on respecting the property of others.

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

Dr. Irene G. Pinkard, Mayor Pro Tem

Bryan A. MacDonald, Councilman

Timothy B. Flynn, Councilman

Carmen Ramirez, Councilmember

City of Oxnard Certificate of Appreciation



Is hereby granted to:

We hereby express our sincere appreciation for your volunteer efforts in your community and to the City of Oxnard Graffiti Task Force and its anti-graffiti campaign.

Dr. Thomas E. Holden
Mayor

Dr. Irene G. Pinkard, Mayor Pro Tem
Task Force Co-Chair

Bryan A. MacDonald
Councilman

Tim Flynn, Councilman
Task Force Co-Chair

Carmen Ramirez
Councilmember

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone No.: _____

Email address (optional): _____

Please check where you will be using your Graffiti Action Kit (GAK):

- Personal Residence Your Neighborhood Your Alley Parks
 Your Business Citywide Other: _____

This information will be used by the Graffiti Volunteer Coordinator to notify you of special volunteer appreciation events and offers.