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Reviewed By: City Manager [Signature] City Attorney [Signature] Finance [Signature] Public Works Other (Specify)

DATE: January 20, 2009

TO: City Council

FROM: Michael Henderson, General Services Superintendent [Signature]

SUBJECT: Establish an Official Victim Impact Statement Reply to the Ventura County Courts or the Ventura County Probation Agency Detailing the Damage Graffiti Causes the City

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council:

1. Approve the official Victim Impact Statement.
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 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. The GTF has established prevention efforts through community outreach and education, resident Graffiti Action Kit (GAK) bucket volunteers, and Graffiti Action Program (GAP) graffiti removal efforts. Youth graffiti intervention is provided through a partnership with City Corp and the Ventura County Probation Agency. Graffiti vandals are required to serve community service and receive counseling through this partnership and their service time is monitored by City staff to ensure they serve all of the court ordered time. Graffiti enforcement has been provided through stricter City ordinances and fines, focused police

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department resources, code compliance and a legal 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. Under this restitution recovery program the victim, in this instance the victim is the City and its 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 affirmed 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 will be submitted to the court or to the Ventura County Probation Agency as part of the restitution recovery program on behalf of City Council and the residents of Oxnard.

Staff recommends the electronic signatures of all members of City Council be added to the bottom of this statement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

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Attachment #1 – Victim Impact Statement

GRAFFITI TASK FORCE

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GRAFFITI ACTION PROGRAM



City of Oxnard Victim Loss Statement

The City of Oxnard has a zero tolerance for Graffiti Vandalism. Graffiti 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 tougher fines, longer community services hours, longer probation periods and counseling on respecting the property of others.

Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas E. Holden, Mayor

Andres Herrera, Mayor Pro Tem

Dean Maulhardt, Councilmember

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