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All,

I feel that is necessary to provide you all my overall concerns regarding how this project was rolled out to my community.

First let me make it very clear that I am very open to any public safety programs, equipment or methods available that will provide support in keeping our communities safe in the City of San Diego. However, tax paying citizens do have the right to gain knowledge and ask questions regarding actions which required expenditures either generated directly or indirectly by tax revenues which may have a positive or negative impact to their communities.

The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) currently has several methods to provide outreach/feedback service:

- 1 Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods (PS&LN)
  - I researched all PS&LN agendas going back to 2013 (FY14) with no results of the ShotSpotter Program mentioned
- 2 Neighborhood Town Councils
  - I checked several town council located in the fourth council district (CD4) with no results of the ShotSpotter Program mentioned
  - I also checked with the SDPD Community Relation Officers (CROs), they were not instructed to provide nor did they have any information on the ShotSpotter Program
  - There was also no information brought forth by CD4
- 3 Community Planning Groups
  - There were no agenda items requested regarding the ShotSpotter Program by SDPD and CD4

This is three simple methods in which SDPD could have used to get information out to the involved communities, yet they decided to just pick a few community members who in my opinion did not make any effort to gather feedback from other community members. What is really concerning is that SDPD has a direct pipeline with at least two of the above methods of outreach (PS&LN and Neighborhood Town Councils).

At the June 15, 2016 PS&LN meeting, SDPD provided a Update to the San Diego Police Department's Response to the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) Recommendations.

#### **IV. Community Partnerships Recommendation #33:**

**The SDPD should work to rebuild trust with the community. Building on its past reputation as a leader in problem oriented policing, the SDPD should re-engineer its approach to working with the community focusing on strategies that use the principles of community policing and procedural justice.**

#### **RESPONSE:**

**IMPLEMENTED Public Safety is a shared responsibility between our police officers, professional civilian staff, volunteers and the community whom we so proudly serve. Community policing provides the greatest opportunity for keeping our streets safe. Our community partnerships are essential for designing and implementing crime prevention strategies and problem solving measures. It is the police and the community working together to address crime fighting and quality of life issues that foster the highest levels of public trust and safety. This working relationship helps San Diego keeps its reputation as one of the safest large cities in the United States. The Department has added nine additional community relations officers (CRO) and we now have a CRO in every service area. This has doubled our ability to reach out to community groups and attend community meetings. As outlined in our Quarterly Community Policing Report available on the Department's website, the Department attends, on average, over 1,100 community events per quarter.**

**We accomplish our community policing strategy in a variety of ways but most can be put into four categories:**

- I. Community Partnerships-The meetings we have to discuss public safety, crime statistics, and quality of life issues.**
- II. Community Involvement-The events we participate in throughout the City to foster community relationships. Our ride-along program is an integral part of this.**
- III. Community Outreach-The ways we provide awareness, education, and information to the community about public safety, crime trends, and crime prevention.**
- IV. Community Givebacks-The volunteering and charity efforts we participate in inside and outside our normal work hours.**

Unfortunately SDPD did not elect to use the implemented recommendation for the ShotSpotter Program! A great opportunity was missed by all in not formerly going to the community regarding this project, I get it yes there would be some difficulties along the way. However I believe the act of transparency and honest discussions would have been healthy and productive in the long run for the community, SDPD and CD4.

Best  
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