

# What is the Problem?

The Gang Injunction not only impacts Gang members it also has negative impacts on the entire Ramona Gardens community.

# Positives Impacts

- Gang members stay indoors
- Gang members relocate to other communities
- Reduces crime



# Negative Consequences of Gang Injunction in the Ramona Gardens Community

# Doesn't only affect gang members. It criminalizes all youth


- Living in Ramona Garden makes you a target; Youth are stopped at random and checked for tattoos, etc.
- Affects relationships between youth; if you hang out with someone that is on the injunction you are subject to the injunction
- Parents are afraid to let their children outdoors because they might be put on the injunction

# Impacts the relationship between the community and the police

- Youth have a fear of being harassed
- Police heavy handed because they feel it's a tool to control behavior
- Young kids grow up in fear of the police
- The goal is to reduce violence in our community but instead it creates anger, tension, and distrust of the police



# It doesn't address the real problem in our community

- Youth on the injunction are in and out of jail
  - These youth are not given opportunities to change their lives because they are seen as criminals
  - Isn't a long-term solution
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# Why does this problem exist?

- Gives the police too much power
- The law is too vague and doesn't clearly define a gang member or if a person is still active in the gang
- The only way to challenge it is to petition out- so guilty until proven innocent
- No checks on determining who gets on the injunction




# PROPOSED SOLUTIONS



# Policy Proposal 1

Change the law so there is a more specific determination about what qualifies a person to be on the gang injunction.



# Policy Proposal 2

## Improved training for Police Officers

- Gang Officers trained in how to deal with the public
- Officers are open to gang intervention strategies

# Policy Proposal 3

## Create a Community Oversight Board

- Made up of community members, officers, govt., etc.
- Citizens' concerns will be heard
- Potential gang members can petition for an opportunity for flexibility so they can work or go to school without being arrested



# Policy Proposal 4


Get rid of the Gang Injunction





# Policy Proposal 5

Do Nothing -  
Let things stay the same





# POLICY ANALYSIS

# EVALUATION CRITERIA

This is what we will use to evaluate our policy proposals:

- Positive Impacts to the community
- Police Department Support
- Cost to the public
- Time to Implement
- Reduces Violence
- Improves relations with police

# Analysis

	<b>Positive Impacts</b>	<b>Police Dept. Support</b>	<b>Cost to the Public</b>	<b>Time to Implement</b>	<b>Reduces Violence</b>	<b>Improves Relations with Police</b>
<b>Change the Law</b>	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	Medium	Low
<b>Improved Training for Police</b>	High	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
<b>Community Oversight Board</b>	High	Medium	Low	Low	High	High
<b>Get Rid of the Injunction</b>	High	Low	Low	High	Medium	Medium
<b>Do Nothing</b>	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low

# Policy Recommendation

## Citizen Oversight Board

- Positive Impact because it will improve relations with police
  - Low Cost Solution
- Can be implemented immediately
  - Can get police support
  - Can reduce violence