



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** September 9, 2008

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Patrol Division, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance To Local Law Enforcement Agencies

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing Acceptance of Funding Granted by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Grant Assistance Program to Local Law Enforcement Agencies Project;
- B. Authorize the Police Chief to execute the grant agreement award; and
- C. Appropriate the City's grant allocation of \$98,831 to the Miscellaneous Grant Fund.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Grant Assistance Program (GAP) grant funds will be used by the Police Department for several programs. First, the Police Department will conduct training for alcohol servers and vendors by conducting a LEADS class put on by ABC as part of this grant.

Additionally, the Police Department will provide information to the general community on the reporting of alcohol-related offenses (via the media), and establish procedures for better identifying and mitigating law enforcement problems at and near alcohol-vending premises. This project will be supervised by Sergeant Baker and implemented by the Nightlife Enforcement Team. An information system will be used, which will support a multi-task, multi-agency approach to training, enforcement and mitigation, working with a broad range of business and community organizations. The goals are to promote self-policing by alcohol-serving establishments, increase community involvement in responsible alcohol use, and to reduce the number of alcohol-related incidents involving minors linked with ABC licensees.

Lastly, the Police Department will conduct undercover operations at ABC licensed premises, including periodic special alcohol enforcement actions such as Trap-Door operations and Shoulder-Tap programs. The Police Department will be able to broaden the enforcement of Business and Professions Code (ABC) violations commonly occurring at alcohol vending establishments by minors and adults who purchase alcohol for minors.

The Santa Barbara Police Department is nationally recognized as a leader in Community Oriented Problem Solving and Community Oriented Policing, and has applied these skills to its Nightlife Enforcement Team, presently focused on a large and concentrated number of ABC licensees in its central business district.

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Camerino Sanchez, Chief of Police

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office