



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO BE KNOWN AS THE SUNNYSIDE GANG FREE INITIATIVE (GFI) STEERING COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND SPECIFIC FUNDS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES**

**WHEREAS**, on April 2, 2012 City Council authorized the Interim City Manager to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Yakima County, and the cities of Yakima and Toppenish to create a collaborative partnership to address criminal street gangs and gang violence in their respective cities, and,

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2012 the City Council renewed by unanimous vote its commitment in supporting the elimination of street gangs in Sunnyside and surrounding communities and supporting the vision of making Sunnyside the safest community in the State of Washington, and,

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2012, the City Council received presentations from Yakima County, the City of Yakima and the City of Toppenish on their gang free initiative programs and directed Councilman James Restucci to create and chair a committee of community leaders and citizens at-large to address the growing problem of criminal street gangs and gang violence, and,

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds and determines that the creation of the Sunnyside GFI Steering Committee is in the best interest of the residents of the City of Sunnyside and will promote the general health, safety and welfare of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby creates the Sunnyside GFI Steering Committee, its membership consisting of not more than fifteen (15) community leaders or citizens at-large with one (1) member each from the following organizations/groups having required representation:

- A. Sunnyside City Council
- B. Sunnyside School District
- C. Sunnyside Community Hospital
- D. Sunnyside Ministerial Association
- E. Sunnyside's Promise Board of Directors
- F. Sunnyside Police Department
- G. Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health
- H. Washington State Department of Corrections/JRA
- I. Sunnyside High School Parent
- J. Sunnyside High School Student

Additionally, The Interim City Manager, Yakima County Gang Commission Chair and Yakima County Sheriff will serve as *ex-officio* members of the committee.

**Section 2.** Councilman James Restucci is hereby appointed as the City Council's representative and chairman of the Sunnyside GFI, and is charged with providing to the City Council a roster of candidates for appointment and confirmation to the committee, as well as providing regular reports to the City Council.

**Section 3.** The Interim City Manager is authorized to expend funds provided under the Title V grant to support the committee's activities pursuant to state law and the memorandum of understanding signed on April 2, 2012.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective upon passage, approval and signatures hereon in accordance with law.

**PASSED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

  
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MIKE FARMER, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
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DELILAH SAENZ, CITY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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