

## OTHER NARRATIVE

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### **Community Participation Strategies by the Departments of Building and Safety and Recreation and Parks for CDBG-Funded Activities**

#### **Pro-Active Code Enforcement (PACE)**

For many years, the LADBS has had a broad-based and well-defined process for citizen participation in the Pro-Active Code Enforcement (PACE) program, through scheduling of community meetings and in conduct of local surveys. It has not been described in previous CAPER reports; this oversight has been rectified with submission of this year's narrative.

Los Angeles constituents appeal to Council members and Neighborhood Councils, who in turn request LADBS to conduct surveys. Prior to LADBS's community meetings, City and Neighborhood Council staff are briefed on the approach Building and Safety staff will utilize in the survey and informed of the violations that will be addressed to accomplish the goal of eliminating visual blight. At the meetings, the PACE staff and City Attorney staff present a detailed description of the survey process and description of typical violations to be addressed. The City Attorney adds credibility to the program by reinforcing the importance of City statute, stressing their dedication to the program, and emphasizing the importance of eliminating visual blight.

- **Overview of the Proactive Code Enforcement Program (PACE)**

The PACE program actively increases public safety by reducing crime and eliminating safety hazards and nuisances such as graffiti, trash, abandoned autos, illegal signs, hazardous or illegal construction, and substandard single-family dwellings.

Although LADBS's PACE Teams are not directly involved with affordable housing, they do entice developers to create housing units by making neighborhoods more livable and outwardly more attractive.

All of CDBG-funded PACE Teams' efforts are directed to low- and moderate-income persons.

LADBS would like to expand the PACE programs in order to provide timely and more proactive services to the City's residents. Due to demands made upon limited resources available, Citywide PACE often operates reactively.

#### **Department of Recreation and Parks – Strategies for Community Participation in CDBG-Funded Recreation, Educational and Nutrition Programs**

## City of Los Angeles, California

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks ensures maximum citizen participation in its CDBG-funded Youth Recreation and Nutrition Program, a major component of the City's Public Services "Safety Net".

- Community meetings are held by the Department of Recreation and Parks each year in various Council Districts specifically on CDBG programs such as the popular Youth Recreation and Nutrition Program.
- The Department has implemented a series of Needs Assessment Workshops to be held at all Recreation Centers. These workshops are designed to obtain feedback from our patrons regarding programs. The director of each center and the district supervisor for each region work with the community to ensure that programming needs are met. These meetings directly concern the grant, as CDBG constitutes the majority of programming at many centers.
- Each Recreation Center has a Park Advisory Board (PAB). The PAB is a group of citizen volunteers who work to advise the Director in Charge regarding center issues. Again, the board advises the director on programming suggestions which concern programs.
- Many recreation centers utilize customer service surveys to provide feedback for the Department's grant programs. Recreation and Parks is currently working on a standardized form that can be used for all centers.
- CDBG funds committed to programs administered by the Department of Recreation and Parks have been utilized in a timely manner. The total amount of funds available for Program Year 2006-2007 was \$2,146,351.00 (\$1,546,351.00 in CDBG grant funds, and \$6,000,000 in other funds). The entire total amount of funds were committed and expended during this reporting period.