

RESOLUTION NO. 4431

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD APPROVING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR THE SOLEDAD GANG PREVENTION COALITION AND DIRECT THE STAFF TO WORK WITH OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS, SPECIFICALLY THE SOLEDAD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE SOLEDAD GANG PREVENTION COALITION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Soledad believes that the safety of the Soledad is of vital importance to the well being of its residents, to the development of a thriving business community and to assure a high quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Soledad believes that crime prevention is a key component to law enforcement efforts in this city, so that its citizens are not harmed, the community does not live in fear and all residents, regardless of their socio-economic status, can enjoy the benefits that Soledad has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Soledad, the Soledad Police Department, volunteer community members, local agencies including the faith based organizations, and non- profit groups, the Soledad Unified School District continue to collaborate to develop a comprehensive juvenile crime prevention/community safety strategy including:

- School Resource Officers
- Neighborhood watch
- Graffiti Abatement Programs
- Educational Forums, presentations and workshops for parents and community members
- Early intervention utilizing services from Monterey County Probation Department, Monterey County Behavioral Health Division and School intervention specialist
- Hosting family friendly events and activities
- Clean ,safe and friendly parks and recreation areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Soledad is committed to collaborate with our local community and county partners to address the growing gang violence, drug and alcohol use and delinquency issues in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Soledad is committed to collaborate with our partners to achieve the following goals:

Goal 1: To support an infrastructure of policy makers and service delivery system that can sustain integrated services and front-end prevention and intervention services.

Goal 2: To engage and involve all sectors of the community to help students develop the skills and emotional resilience necessary to promote positive mental health, to engage in pro-social behavior, and to prevent gang behavior and drug use.

Goal 3: To engage and involve all sectors of the community to ensure that all students who attend Soledad Schools are able to learn in safe, disciplined, and drug-free environment both at School and in the community in which they reside.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Soledad hereby commits to approving the support for the Soledad Gang Prevention Coalition and directs staff to work with other community partners, specifically the Soledad Unified School District and

the County of Monterey to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of supporting the efforts of the Soledad Gang Prevention Coalition.

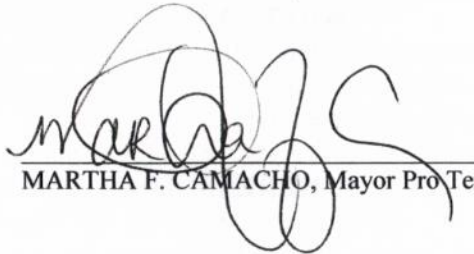
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 4th of November 2009 by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Richard J. Perez, Patricia Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Martha Camacho

NOES, Councilmembers: None

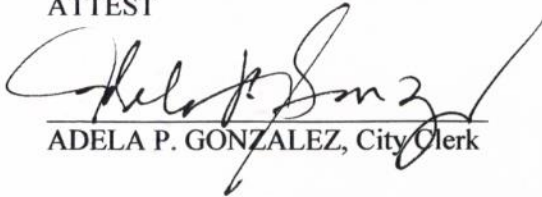
ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: None

ABSENT, Councilmembers: Councilmember Juan Saavedra and Mayor Richard Ortiz



MARTHA F. CAMACHO, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST



ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk