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The Honorable Tony Cárdenas, Chair
Ad-Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development
Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring, Room 455
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Councilmember ~~Cardenas~~ *Tony*:

With Thursday's release of my Blueprint, on ending gang violence, our City moves into a critical period where immediate action is needed.

You have stated publicly that the City Council must hear and vet the proposals in my Blueprint, and I wholeheartedly agree. A few weeks ago when we spoke I gave you the release date of my report and I respectfully asked you to convene a hearing of your Ad-Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development the week following the release, similarly to how you heard the Advancement Project's report.

I am greatly concerned that your staff has told my Office that the Ad-Hoc Committee will not be meeting for at least the next several weeks. Again, I respectfully request that the Committee hold a public hearing expeditiously on my Blueprint. We cannot afford delays at this crucial time in our City's history.

Sincerely,

LAURA N. CHICK
City Controller

cc: The Honorable Antonio Villaraigosa
The Honorable Rockard Delgadillo
The Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council