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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Jennifer V. Ramos, District 3

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SUBJECT: Request for Placement of Item on Governance Committee Agenda

DATE: April 17, 2008

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Your support is requested to direct Housing and Neighborhood Services and the Department of Community Initiatives staff to consider the feasibility and implementation of a "Grow over Graffiti" abatement program that utilizes the spread of fast growing ivy and/or shrubs (ex. red tip photinia) to grow over frequently targeted fences, walls, and other public and private structures. With city approval, Councilmembers may be allowed to allocate HDSF funds toward "Grow over Graffiti" projects city-wide just as we currently use HDSF funds that are set aside for tree planting initiatives.

Brief Background

A large portion of the requests received from constituents in District 3 are on reports of graffiti. Graffiti is a city wide problem that continues to be very difficult to control. My request for a graffiti abatement program that would serve to provide long-term beautification and environmental support would benefit our community. Your support in assisting our city to combat graffiti in an alternative and environmentally friendly manner is therefore appreciated.

Submitted for Council consideration
by:

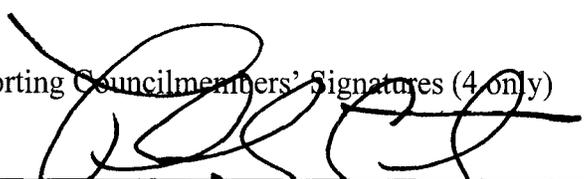


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