

Memorandum

TO: RULES COMMITTEE

FROM: Betsy Shotwell

SUBJECT: AB 1900 (Lieu) Relating to Sex Offenders

DATE: June 15, 2006

Approved

Deanna Jaha

Date

6/15/06

RECOMMENDATION

That the Rules Committee recommend to the Council that the City of San Jose support AB 1900 (Lieu) which if passed would make several changes regarding registration requirements for sex offenders.

OUTCOME

Support for AB 1900 will demonstrate the City of San Jose's continued desire to support those efforts as prioritized by the City's Megan's Law Task Force in 2005 that strengthens the State's ability to register sex offenders.

ANALYSIS

If passed, AB 1900 would make several changes regarding registration requirements for sex offenders. Specifically, AB 1990 would:

- Add murder or attempted murder committed in the course of a sex crime to the list of offenses requiring registration as a sex offender.
- Clarifies that persons convicted of conspiracy to commit sex crimes as principals of a sex crime in any other state, federal or military court, which if committed or attempted in California would require registration as a sex offender, must register as sex offenders in California.
- Adds pimping and pandering with a minor to the list of persons convicted of a crime requiring registration in the state of conviction who are required to register as sex offenders in California if the out-of-state offense contains all the elements of a registerable California sex offense.
- Prohibits a registered sex offender whose victim was under 16 years from being an employer or independent contractor in a capacity that would result in the offender working in an unaccompanied setting with minor children.
- States that a person incarcerated for 30 days or less who returns to his or her previous registered address need not re-register upon release from jail.

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This measure is sponsored by the Department of Justice and is intended to clarify and make technical revisions to current sex offender registration law.

Status: AB 1900 passed the Assembly is currently scheduled to be heard in the Senate Public Safety Committee on June 20.

ALTERNATIVE

The Rules Committee may choose not to support AB 1900.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

The City's Megan's Law Task Force held four meetings in October and November of 2005 to make recommendations to improve the ability of local law enforcement to monitor registered sex offenders and to recommend review of pending Megan's Law related bills for possible City support.

COST IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

BUDGET REFERENCE

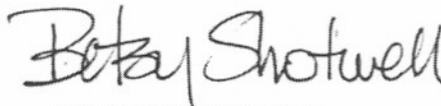
Not applicable.

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Not applicable

COORDINATION

This memorandum was coordinated with the Police Department, the City Attorney's Office and the City Legislative Representative in Sacramento.



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