



COMMUNITY PROSECUTION

Subcommittee: Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies

Request: Appropriate \$773,000 for Community Prosecution.

Community Value:

The purpose of the project is to develop two new community prosecution efforts with a target neighborhood in each of the two new Phoenix Police Department precincts currently under development. Another goal of the Prosecutor's Office is to implement an alternative dispute resolution diversion program for neighborhood-related issues.



Background:

The City Prosecutor's Office has a community prosecutor assigned to each of the six existing police precincts. Community prosecutors work directly with community action officers, neighborhood enforcement teams, neighborhood inspectors, businesses and community members to proactively address crime and blight. These community-based prosecutors, in coordination with the Police and Neighborhood Services departments, select a target area within their designated precinct to work and develop long-term solutions and sustainable community involvement. Community prosecutors also handle civil forfeitures of property, weapons and money related to drug arrests.

The Police Department, through a bond program, is developing two new police precincts. The Prosecutor's Office would like to create two new community prosecutor positions and two legal assistant positions to develop target areas in the new police precincts. In addition, the Prosecutor's Office wants to enhance the Community Prosecution Bureau by developing an alternative dispute resolution diversion program for neighborhood disputes.

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