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ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL *ang*

SUBJECT: The Attorney General's Anti-Gang Coordination
Committee and District Anti-Gang Coordinators

To ensure the most effective coordination of anti-gang efforts by the Department of Justice (the Department), I am hereby establishing the Attorney General's Anti-Gang Coordination Committee (the Committee). The Committee shall consist of the following members:

Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs
Assistant Attorney General, Administration
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration
Director, United States Marshals Service
Director, Bureau of Prisons
Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys
Chairman, Violent Crime Subcommittee of the Attorney General's
Advisory Committee
Director, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
A United States Attorney appointed by the Attorney General

The Committee shall be chaired by an Associate Deputy Attorney General appointed by the Attorney General. Members of the Committee may designate a senior level representative from that member's component to perform that member's duties on the Committee. The Deputy Attorney General may appoint such other members of the Committee as the Deputy Attorney General deems appropriate.

The Deputy Attorney General shall be responsible for leading and coordinating all of the Department's anti-gang activities. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Deputy Attorney General on all matters relating to the Department's anti-gang activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Policy
- Budget (to include all budget items of all components relating to any anti-gang activities)
- Resource allocation
- Program consolidation and reconfiguration
- Training
- Database integration/coordination and/or consolidation
- Coordination with state and local law enforcement

The Chair shall convene and preside at Committee meetings, determine the Committee's agenda and may establish subcommittees of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair but no less than four times annually.

Every United States Attorney shall designate, within 30 days from the date of this memorandum, an Assistant United States Attorney who shall serve as the district's Anti-Gang Coordinator. Within 90 days from the date of this memorandum, each Anti-Gang Coordinator, after consulting with the district's federal, state and local law enforcement, social service organizations, and community and faith-based groups, shall prepare and

submit to the Committee a comprehensive district-wide anti-gang strategy, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. A description of the gang problem, if any, in the district and whether and how the problem has changed over time;
2. A description of how the district is responding, or plans to respond, to the gang problem, if any, including a description of how federal, state and local law enforcement are coordinating their efforts, and any strategies developed to address the problem and the effectiveness of such strategies to date;
3. Whether the district has a separate gang unit and what resources (e.g., OCADETF, PSN, Strike Force, etc.) the district is using to investigate and prosecute gangs;
4. A description of the role state and local law enforcement authorities are playing in the district to address the gang problem; and
5. Any suggestions as to how, on a local or national level, the Department can more effectively address the gang problem.

For the purposes of implementing this initiative, a gang is defined as follows: A group or association of three or more persons who may have a common identifying sign, symbol, or name and who individually or collectively engage in, or have engaged in, criminal activity which creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation. Criminal activity includes juvenile acts that if committed by an adult would be a crime.