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To: Mark Ridley Thomas, State Senator

From: Tony Campbell, Sergeant

On Saturday June 30, 2007 there was a Prayer Breakfast for Peace. In attendance was representatives from C.U.R.E., United Peace Officers Against Crime, Honor Drama Ensemble, and Pastor Boreal who was the guest speaker. The meeting was an astounding success. The purpose of the Prayer Breakfast was to create dialogue among gang factions who have been at odds for decades. In attendance were the following gang factions and each had a spokesmen or leader present:

- Raymond Avenue Crips
- Inglewood Family
- Shot Gun Crips
- Payback Crips
- Athens Park Bloods
- Compton Pirus
- Rolling 20's
- Crenshaw Mafia Black "P" Stone
- Compton Crips Nutty Block
- Mona Park Crips

The Prayer Breakfast was held without incident there were sworn enemies in the room who for decades caused great pain and suffering throughout Los Angeles County. As you know United Peace Officers Against Crime (An organization founded by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies) have always strived to find solutions for the eradication of gang violence and participation.

UPAC is currently collaborating with C.U.R.E (Common Unity Reaching Everyone ) to further our outreach. It should be noted that members of C.U.R.E are former gang members. However, they have transitioned their lives to now save our children from further destruction.

As a tenured Law Enforcement Officer (24 years) I was skeptical about working with C.U.R.E. Their members however, are focused and have demonstrated a strong sense of urgency with the same goals and objectives as law enforcement.

Gang violence is a serious problem in California, and no one is immune from the impact that gangs and youth violence can have on a community. Today, the gangs and the aspects of the violence they attract, draw young people from all walks of life, socio-economic backgrounds, races and ethnic groups. Youth violence is a problem not only for law enforcement but also for the community. Drive-by shootings, car-jacking, home invasions and the loss of innocent life have become too frequent throughout California, destroying lives and ripping apart the fabric of communities.

Finally, As the Advance Project report chaired by Attorney Connie Rice stated there has to be a collaboration between law enforcement, community members, educators and former gang members themselves must be included if we are to win this battle we know as gang violence, law enforcement can not arrest our way out of the problems our communities are challenged with. I look forward to keeping you informed with regards to our After School Program, Summer Camp and Scholarship Awards Banquet.

Tony Campbell, Sergeant  
Los Angeles County Sheriff Department

## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

**UNITED PEACE OFFICERS AGAINST CRIME** *is to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth primarily through mentor ship with a caring adult, and to assist them in achieving their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent, and caring individuals, by providing committed volunteers, community leadership and standards of excellence.*

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