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STATEMENT OF COUNCILWOMAN JANICE HAHN REGARDING MAYOR'S PLAN

"For more than 20 years we have been fighting the war on gangs in Los Angeles. For the first time we have a road map in place to win that war – one that relies not only on suppression but also on prevention and intervention.

But, in this tough budget year, it has never been more apparent that we need a dedicated revenue stream for prevention and intervention programs. This is why I have joined with fellow Councilwomen Jan Perry and Wendy Greuel to form Mothers Against Gang Violence. In November, we will ask voters to agree to pay three dollars a month to fund gang prevention, intervention, job training and after school programs. With the voters' approval we will provide \$30 million a year to programs that work, like LA's Best, the Boys & Girls Club and union apprenticeship programs.

The only way we will ever win the war on gangs if by finally providing our young people with real alternatives to joining gangs.

With the support of Mayor Villaraigosa, our rank and file police officers and firefighters, mothers all over the city and, most importantly, the voters of L.A., we can grow up a generation of kids that says no to joining gangs in the first place."