

# City Solutions - Harvey West Community Safety Team

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## HARVEY WEST COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM ACTIVITIES FOR THE PAST 8 MONTHS

The team's primary focus is to get 10 changes made at the SC HSC Day Resource Center. Though the team has worked hard for 8 months, the team has not gained the traction or the changes yet. The community's support and being part of a strong team is refreshing and has its own rewards. Here is a summary of the team activities. Please see the Activity Detail document for greater description and links to news articles during this time.

**February** - 8 residents who were interested in safety formed the Harvey West Community Safety (HWCS) Team. The team spent February identifying the team objective, research areas, and research principles.

**March** - The team began work in 4 categories: (1) Interview 18 Harvey West businesses; (2) request an interview with the SC HSC Director (1) research HSC funding, background checks, other HSC best practices and (4) Interview a person staying at the SC HSC.

The team learned that the greatest disruption to the HW community was the SC Day Resource Center (DRC). The team researched other DRC's but could not find any city funded DRC with such a lenient open door policy. With that discovery, the team focus changed from HSC to DRC best practices.

**April:** The City Council had a Town Hall Homeless Study Session which statistically bolstered the team's findings.. In hopes that the HWCS work would be considered, the Harvey West Community Safety document was sent to the City Council with a request for 10 changes to the Day Resource Center.

**May:** Team presented the request for 10 changes to 3 City Council members at 3 separate meetings.

**June:** A comparison of a well run DRC with the SC DRC was sent to the City Council. The SC DRC rules are not handed out and the SC DRC does not require a client to sign up with case management. The team presented request for 10 changes to 1 more City Council member. The council member recommended that we ask the SC HSC to meet with us. We offered the HSC 2 more meeting dates. The SC HSC was unable to meet with the team.

**July:** The team posted automate email petition of request for 10 changes on the TBSC Face Book Page. 310 petitions were submitted to the City, Board of Supervisors and the HSC. Since the HSC Director was not able to accept the last 2 meeting invitations, the team asked HSC to provide a written response to the 10 requested changes.

**August:** HSC replied to our 10 changes request with "While we appreciate that your list of demands is well intentioned, as professional service providers in the field of social care, we take our direction from the proven, cost effective, measurable results that communities nationwide are developing and implementing."

To keep the City Council informed about the DRC/HSC clients, the team sent the City Council an email with a list of 3 sexual offenders who have given their address as the HSC. A second email was sent to the City Council with a copy of the Prado Intake Practices.

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**September:** Sent an email to the HSC requesting the email addresses of the HSC Board of Directors. Reviewed Sentinel article - Community Safety Guard alleges harassment. Posted Team's 8 month status on the TBSC Facebook page and noted another Mugshot sexual offender who gave his address as 115 Coral Street.