

Safeguard Atone Validate Educate (SAVE) Programs

MEMORANDUM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CITY OFFICIALS

FROM: Cedric Dean, President

SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Commission for Saving Children

Securing our Nation's communities from senseless violence is crucial to our ability to safeguard, atone, validate, and educate at risk children and teens. My Campaign is undertaking substantial steps to expand the safe, secure, and responsible use of SAVE programs. These efforts are critical to accomplishing many of my Campaign's most significant goals.

An important part of a sound, comprehensive, and long-term anti-violence strategy is a well-considered policy for prevention and intervention and other aspects of the back end of the gang violence cycle.

Yet the Nation's approach, developed by policy-makers without firsthand knowledge of what it truly takes to reform a misguided mind, has not proven effective. Fortunately, over the past decade and a half of incarceration, I have learned a great deal about effective strategies for transforming notorious gangsters into law-abiding gentlemen. My campaign is committed to sharing this advance knowledge to meet our objective to dismantle the juvenile pipeline to imprisonment and premature death.

Accordingly, I request that you establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on implementing SAVE's evidence-based practices and appoint its members. Those members should include ex-gang members and ex-felons from a range of criminal backgrounds and with a range of perspectives, and may include participation of appropriate behavioral health professionals. The Commission's business should be conducted in an open and transparent manner.

The Commission should conduct a comprehensive study of SAVE's policies for safeguarding, atoning, validating, and educating the misguided, including implementation of our January 2013 Save a Child Month (SACM) Initiative in your respective community.

A Call for National Peace Treaties

Safeguard Atone Validate Educate, call on all SAVE affiliates and associates to broker Peace Agreements between rival gangs and syndicates, using the following Peace Treaty.

SAVE hereby calls for: Consultation and Cooperation with Law Enforcement

Prior to brokering this Peace Treaty, the Broker will engage in consultation and cooperation with Law Enforcement agencies, which serve and protect the hostile zone. This consultation will be to assure compliance with Federal, State, and Local statutes. The Broker also will consult, prior to brokering this Peace Treaty, ex-gang members in good standing with the two gangs or syndicates.

This consultation will be to assure that such attempt will not adversely affect any Zone related or unrelated to the Treaty. Additionally, the Broker, must find that the terms proposed in the Treaty will not create a situation which may reasonably be expected to lead to an armed conflict.

SAVE/LEGION OF VICTIM EMPOWERMENT (LOVE) PROGRAM STATEMENT

The LOVE goal is an environment free of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault by providing an abundance of prevention, education and training, response capability, victim support, reporting procedures, and accountability that enhances the safety and well being of all citizens.

SAVE/LOVE PROJECT CRITERIA AND PEER REVIEW PROCEDURES

SAVE encourages all citizens to submit projects. The following are our submission guidelines:

Project criteria. (A) All individual project proposals shall at a minimum, be subject to review based on the extent to which they meet the following general selection criteria:

- (1) The problem to be addressed by the project is clearly stated;
- (2) The objectives of the proposed project are clearly defined;
- (3) The project design is sound and contains program elements directly linked to the achievement of project objectives;

- (4) The project management structure is adequate to the successful conduct of the project;
- (5) Organizational capability is demonstrated at a level sufficient to successfully support the project; and
- (6) Funding sources are identified and secured for the activities proposed to be undertaken.

Peer review. (B) Definition. Peer review means the technical and programmatic evaluation by a group of experts qualified by training and experience to give expert advice, based on project criteria established under sub part A of this part, in a program proposal, or as established by the Director, on the technical and programmatic merit of assistance.

USE OF PEER REVIEW

Peer review recommendations, in conjunction with the results of any necessary supplementary review, will assist the Director's consideration of proposals and sources for funding.

Peer review methods. Peer review will normally consist of written comments provided in response to the general project criteria established under sub part A of this part and any program specific project criteria identified in the program proposal or otherwise established by the Director. Peer review may be conducted at meetings with peer reviewers, through online reviews, or a combination of both. The method of peer review anticipated for each proposal, including the evaluation criteria to be used by peer reviewers, shall be specified in each proposal.

Number of peer reviewers. The number of peer reviewers will vary by project (as affected by the volume of proposals anticipated or submitted). The Director shall select a minimum of two peer reviewers (qualified individuals) for each program or project review in order to ensure a diversity of backgrounds and perspectives. In no case will fewer than two reviews be made of each individual proposals.

NOTE: Peer review recommendations are advisory only and are nonbinding on the Director.

Qualifications of Peer Review

The general reviewer qualification criteria to be used in the selection of peer reviewers are:

- (a) Generalized knowledge related to the project; and
- (b) Specialized knowledge in areas of execution.

SAVE Center Proposal

As president of Safeguard Atone Validate Educate, I am pleased to propose our comprehensive plan to implement nationwide SAVE Centers.

We are seeking to partner with Houses of Worship to establish these lifesaving centers. SAVE Centers aim to prevent delinquency and reduce the fear of crime and violence through organized collective citizen action. Centers must be designed to meet the needs and problems of specific neighborhoods and communities, and particular population groups including the elderly. They must make extensive use of volunteers.

The specific services or activities to be implemented depend on the local situation and crime problem, but usually, have as a core element, neighborhood (block) watch with additional activities optional.

These SAVE Centers need to operate directly out of Houses of Worship to give clergy the ability to assist juveniles with making amends to their families and communities. Our overall mission is to produce juveniles who are job-ready instead of jail-ready.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE.** To communicate the importance of job-readiness. The objectives of the youth employment programs are to acquaint youth with career opportunities in the workforce; provide meaningful work experience directly related to the youths career of choice; develop positive relationships between employers and youth; and develop long-range recruiting sources for permanent employment.

2. **INTERNSHIPS.** The Youth Employment Initiative involves fostering relationships between youth and employers, which qualifies youth for non-competitive conversion to a career-conditional assignment in a professional, technical or administrative position after successfully completing their education and work experience.