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STRIKE FORCE COMMUNITY MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 12

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo Strike Force, a coalition of city, community and other local and state agencies, will hold a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2004 to discuss plans for cleaning up Sonoma Boulevard.

The Strike Force has already held community meetings and clean-ups with residents, business owners and property owners along Sonoma Boulevard from the Carquinez Bridge to Illinois Street, know as Areas 1 through 3. The Area 4 meeting will involve those who reside, own property or operate businesses from Illinois Street to Missouri Street.

“We’ve had good success and cooperation from residents and others in the first three Strike Force areas along Sonoma Boulevard,” said Nimat Shakoor-Grantham, Code enforcement Manager for the City of Vallejo. “We expect the same results in Area 4.”

The Feb. 12, 2004 meeting will focus on the following topics:

- Explanation Of The Strike Force And How It Can Help Your Neighborhood
- Target Area No. 4 – Strike Force Process
- Assistance For Property Owners
- How To Access City Resources

Prior to the Feb. 12, 2004 meeting, project team members will be going door to door to meet property owners and residents. They will provide information about the Strike Force program, as well as information about city rules regarding code violations and other information designed to help clean up Sonoma Boulevard. Information on addressing code violations will also be included.

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Following the neighborhood meeting, neighborhood clean-up dates will be scheduled which will include free debris boxes for street and private property-generated junk, litter and vegetation debris. After the cleanups are complete, code enforcement action will be taken against those properties still not in compliance with city code ordinances.

“We want this to be a positive experience,” Shakoor-Grantham said. “We want to help people get their properties into compliance and give them as many opportunities as possible to do so. However, we do have the option of issuing citations when necessary.”

For more information on the Strike Force, contact Shakoor-Grantham, Code Enforcement Manager, at (707) 648-4469.

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