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STRIKE FORCE ACTIVITY TO BEGIN IN AREA 5 OF SONOMA BOULEVARD

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo Strike Force, a coalition of city, community and other local and state agencies, will begin informational and educational activities, known as “knock and talks,” beginning Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

The purpose of the “knock and talks” is to discuss with residents and property owners in the neighborhood plans for cleaning up and improving their area of Sonoma Boulevard in Area 5, from Missouri Street to Redwood Street.

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 4.

“We’ve had good success and cooperation from residents and others in the first three Strike Force areas along Sonoma Boulevard,” said Nimat Shakoorn-Grantham, Code enforcement Manager for the City of Vallejo. “We expect the same results in Area 5.”

The Area 5 :knock and talks” will focus on the following topics:

- Explanation Of The Strike Force And How It Can Help Your Neighborhood
- Target Area No. 5 – Strike Force Process
- Assistance For Property Owners
- How To Access City Resources

Strike Force team members will be going door to door to meet property owners, business owners, and residents in an effort to provide information about the Strike Force Program. They will also provide information about city rules regarding code violations and other info designed to help clean up Sonoma Boulevard. Information on addressing the various code violations will also be provided.

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Following the “knock and talks,” a property clean-up date 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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