

N E I G H B O R H O O D W A T C H T A L K #3

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PROPOSAL: A STRATEGIC DRUG DEFENSE INITIATIVE as a SHIELD against the drug missiles launched from far off shores and detonated around our homes. Such a **SHIELD AGAINST DRUG MISSILES** has three phases:

1. Shoot 'em down as they are **lifting off** their launch pads.
 2. Shoot 'em down in **mid-flight** and
 3. Shoot 'em down as they are **homing in on** their (sales) **targets**.
1. **LIFT OFF Phase:** This is where the US & State Narcotics Agencies are going after the growers and processors, especially at harvest time.
 2. **MID-FLIGHT:** The growers & processors need a distribution network & wholesalers to "MRV" their multiple warhead drug packages onto targets.

Then these missiles get spread out into the naborhood housing where they can be individually detonated by the local retailers. This late mid-flight part of the drug missile delivery system is the network of stash houses stretched out across our city in our local housing.

In our own immediate naborhood some neighbors have, by watching closely, been able to time calls to the police to coincide with major re-supply "drops", eg mid-February at 1705 Sutter.

By **denying the dealers local storage** (housing) for their local distribution activity, many of these drug missiles aimed at us are effectively being shot down. Wholesalers then have reduced local supplies AND personnel facilities with which to detonate (sell) their drug missiles on target. Then the wholesalers themselves may at times be seen resorting to hit and run deliveries such as with their automobiles. These have license plate numbers.

Deprived of local housing, on 05/03/88 at 10:40 AM both "Parris" a retailer and "Erik", an observed local wholesaler were selling from personally carried supplies. Then it got too hot to stay on the street. We witnessed their support vehicle, a burnt-orange smaller sedan, bashed left rear fender, **California license number 834VIS** come to pick them up. They stopped their sales. No more missiles delivered there for that day.

Like in any larger store, when the supervisor of the "floor" salesman has no local housing in which his salesman can sleep, eat, or change clothes, when he does not have any "backroom" for storing "reserve supplies" that are not on "the display counters", when he

has no place from which to call up more "salesmen" and "waiters" during "peak customer loads", then sales will dwindle (lack of supplies & personnel on the floor) like a restaurant with a lot of customers at the lunchtime crush of business but not enough waiters.

Without local housing, dealers are more catchable, having no "reasonable" place to get out of sight until the fuzz leaves. Shooting down drug missiles in MID-FLIGHT reduces the odds of one hitting your own home area. AND dealers are at increased risk of being "shot down" on the way to their drug missile "target", the user, buyer.

By persuading absentee landlords, like from Marin, to be more diligent about the actions of their tenants we can relieve ourselves of some of the health and safety hazards posed by the druggies. Many of the houses with absentee landlords are being managed by **our local friendly realtors**. We are reasonably sure that personnel in these **realty firms know full well** which of their managed properties are also **the houses of sanctuary for the elements of criminal enterprises**. They are not stupid! Find out which firms are managing the "mid-flight" trouble houses near your home, then start making regular reporting calls to that firm or person AND make your own record of that call, the time AND who took your message. These firms know better than you do about the legal responsibility assumed in taking your call. No response, record THAT.

Potential drug problems continue at the 737, 739A & 739B Indiana residential complex, sole owner, an identified Marin woman. Call made to property manager, Barbara Shane of Vallejo Realty Management 11:00 AM Wed 6/29/88. "Not available." Caller got name of answering person, gave his name asking "Please have her call me back at 643-6611." No response from her yet. Caller will try again after a reasonable wait.

3. HOMING IN ON TARGET: By careful watching, you can often figure out where retailers have their immediate drug bombs, stashes hidden to which they return in order to make their "over-the-counter" delivery on payment of the price, eg 1900 block Sutter one night mid January.

MIMI 82: Calif license **MIMI 82**, bushy haired white male 6'-2", making contact with 2 NMs outside 601 Tenn St, 7/Eleven Store, 04/20/88, 12:10 AM. Directed by the contacts, he drove out of the parking lot to park west side of Sutter north of 1615 Sutter. One of NMs vanished up Quincy Alley, returned inside 30 seconds, came to window of **MIMI 82** where occupant and contact completed the transaction inside 15 seconds. **MIMI 82** drove off south on Sutter. Drugs?

HJV 711: 6/29/88 Wednesday 12:09 PM, 441/443 Illinois St: Two white females in dark colored Olds 88, Calif **HJV711** drove up, briefly parked

in front of the flat-top house with its "No Trespassing" sign where youthful [African-American] male was ostensibly washing a car. He promptly dropped the hose, went over to car, a few words exchanged. Olds waited 'til he had shut off the water, gone into front apt and then gotten into his red 2door Ford, California **2ENU947** parked on the street. The Olds drove off east 40 yards then north on Napa and out of sight, promptly followed by the red Ford. **What's to report to police?** Two of us in NH Watch saw it! There was no evidence of a "legal" nature. By time any police could have arrived, even at top speed, the parties had left the scene. It's still up to the two of us. Next step we are taking is finding out owner of property. **OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE IS PUBLIC INFORMATION!** Then we can tell owner someone living there gives appearances of drug dealing. We have **seen AND recorded more than one similar event** there.

IT IS UP TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEMBERS in events of this nature. You want drugs out of your neighborhood and are reluctant to go at it this way? "It's not nice to tell an owner you think his tenant is dealing in drugs!" "The owner might not like you, might get angry at you when you call or write him." "You don't have any proof." (Legal compared to social.) "Where's your proof?" The difference between legal proof and knowing what's happening near your home is less than critical as far as notifying the owner. "The owner has his rights, too." "The dealers living there might get mad at you and try to hurt you if they know who you are (they already know)." "It might upset owner's wife." "It's a police matter. I don't want to get involved." You already are involved. The dealers have already shut down some part of your life. Your **being intimidated by the dealers IS YOUR INVOLVEMENT** until and unless you change how you are involved.

PROPOSED HIKE IN SALES TAX "I'm from the government, here to help you!"

The alternative way of getting druggies out of the neighborhoods is by **police action without neighborhood assistance**. In this case **THE CITY** (THE STATE) would **have license to go into ANY home** in the neighborhood AND at any time, in surprise raids AND make its searches. There are already an unbelievably invasive series of laws on the books here to do this. These are called "HEALTH & SAFETY CODES, LAWS AND REGULATIONS." These provide coverage for the unilateral "code enforcement actions", the arbitrary, selective raids into your home, not your neighbor's, sometimes because of an "anonymous" complaint. **In GAMES PEOPLE PLAY** this is **"BLEMISH", to harass free people**. Missing still are the "policemen to do the job." The real purpose behind the proposed sales tax hike? To hire more policemen to pursue more **anonymous "complaint" initiated "code violations", and selective "code enforcements"**? Take a look at Vallejo "Policies and Goals" Manual last revised and "studied" 4/30/88. **COMPLAINTS are KING**. Ever watched, listened to the arbitrary

militants on our arbitrary council. "Abrasive?" The more taxes they get, the more they intend to grind down the free and self-governing people.

STRATEGIC DRUG DEFENSE INITIATIVE COST

This program **will not cost trillions of \$s.** As long as we are practical and mean business (contrasted to being sentimental about the poor homeless druggies, and poor indebted, beaten down landlord) it will not cost any more than now. I guarantee you a **"LOVE & TREATMENT" program** for your local druggie **is not going to do it AND WILL COST \$TRILLIONS.**

A comprehensive SDDI CAN BE STARTED NOW across all of Vallejo. It need not be postponed while details of some elusive treaty with the Druggies is worked out during "An Armistice." We have the "hardware on the shelf" now, in each home, to do it NOW!

ATTITUDE: Each area has good, strong people in it. Maybe not flashy or smooth talking, but strong in their **personal values and ethics**, the stuff that good people are made of. There may be places in town where neighborhood watch would not work. So far I have not run into one.

ATTITUDE: This writer recently sat through part of another of those CITY COUNCIL "Policies And Goals" sessions. City Council just does not seem to be in touch with what counts. Fight against drugs and crime in the neighborhoods have only recently been added (4/30/88), shoved into a new section, yet to be considered, "Human Needs", Policy F or G.

HOSFECES: Our own **Vallejo Registry of HOUSES OF SANCTUARY FOR ELEMENTS OF CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS** (Vallejo HOSFECES) is being kept and built up. Addresses of houses, ownership, property managers and parcel numbers. In it we find local business people, college teachers. There are a large number of Marin-ite absentee owners, more than from any other locale. Most owners confronted about their tenants, come back with the standard "I trying so hard" often with story aimed at evoking your sympathy or pity. "Trying teachers" teach that way, too?

Several owners are showing distinct signs of joining up in our program to clean drugs and the known criminal elements out of our town.

POLITICAL FRANCHISES: From the end of February until 4/28/88, 80% of the druggies standing around in front of the 7/Seven at 601 Tennessee St were coming from the Washington Park Neighborhood. Rare now is the dealer at that 7/Seven. In-residence **Wash Park drug dealers now go to City Park.**

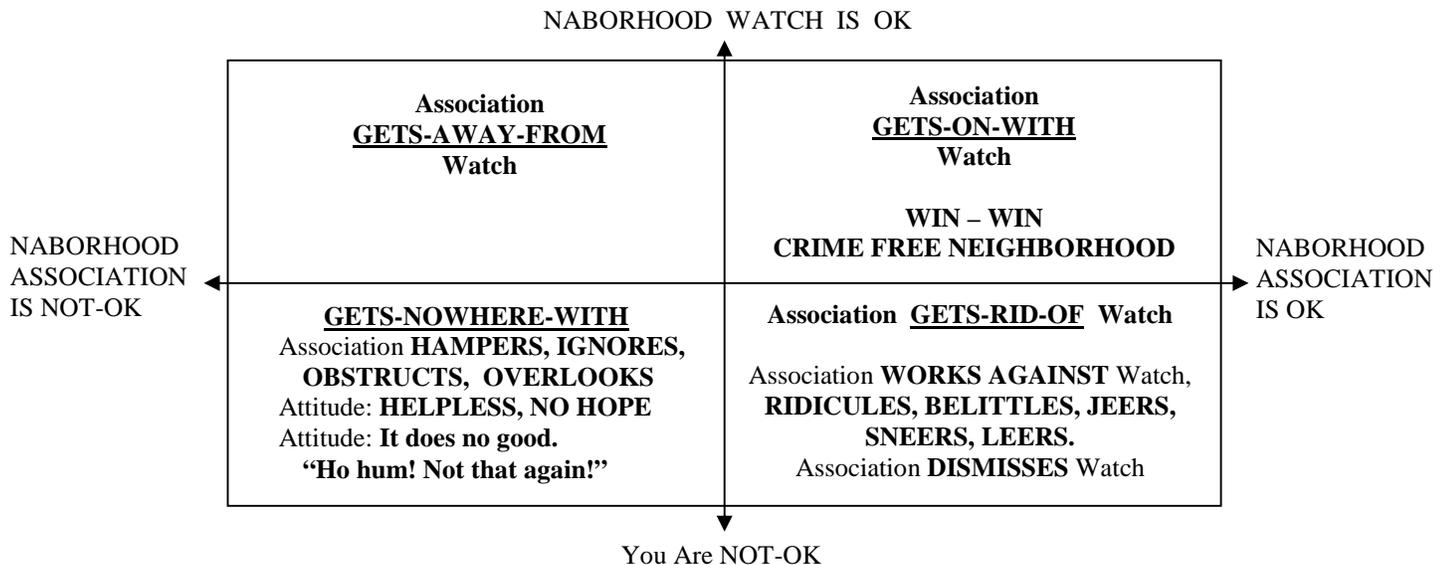
The Washington Park area is still housing entirely too many dealers for that area's drive through traffic to support. The dealers apparently have the word in a way they respect about **Washington Park**

itself being off limits. The dealers and prostitutes living in that area are instead heading west, the dealers going to City Park, across Alabama from the Veterans Memorial Hall and County Mental Health building. They are backing-up the live-in druggies on the 1100, 1200 and 1300 blocks of Sacramento in the **St Vincent Hill Neighborhood Coalition** area.

Our experience is that **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS** in many cases are (knowingly or not) effectively either **hampering OR working against NHW Programs** in their areas. This is shown in the **OK Corral: Grid For What's Happening** as either a **Get-Nowhere-With** or **Get-Rid-Of** Neighborhood Watch Programs.

OK CORRAL: GRID FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING

Here "OK" = (more) IMPORTANT



Neighborhood Watch working with police department is the best and so far **ONLY** effective way to clean up neighborhood crime problems, shy of unlimited warrant-less searches by police of any one person's home at any time. **Self-governing is usually preferred to the TOTAL POLICE STATE.**

Neighborhood Associations, almost by definition, **are SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS,** organized for political purposes, to gain special considerations from municipal legislative bodies. They are **political pressure groups** whose function it is to influence local legislators and **lobby City Councilmen** for certain votes.

They can be stepping stones up the political ladder to greater power and influence. It helps a whole bunch to have some **continuing "real" problem** in order to **stay in the political limelight.** Solving that could well lose the group and its leader the basis for continuing

"negotiations" with those in power. As one of these leaders recently said, "I've had all of the Council over to my house one time or another except the Mayor and he's coming." If **the goal is having continuing access and importance** to the members of the ruling body "because of the neighborhood problems," **why tear up your own ticket?**

These, of course, are not the only reasons for a Neighborhood Association. **But the reasons are for political** lobbying purposes, some like a labor union. The differences between Watches AND Associations are between individuals keeping personal authority over their own activities OR delegating personal (representational) authority to someone else.

Neighborhood Watch Resources:

Reporting Crimes Vallejo PD, 648-4321,

Maryjane Szalan, Neighborhood Watch Program VPD, 648-4397.

County Assessor: 429-6281 for property ownership.

{ Verify the telephone numbers }

When introducing yourself to these offices, tell them you are **"in Neighborhood Watch"**.

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