

9 SAFETY

GOAL	PROJECTS/PROGRAMS/POLICIES	PRIORITY	TIMEFRAME	METRICS	COORDINATION	ROLE	RESILIENT HOUSTON
9.1 United and Safe Community	9.1.1 Advocate for community-based policing and safety initiatives <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Develop community-based crime prevention strategies, including improving communication and relationships between residents and law enforcement, developing and targeting programs to address higher crime areas, and identifying challenges that are better addressed by social service professionals, such as substance abuse or sex trafficking; Create a coalition to identify, organize and implement community safety initiatives such as National Night Out events, Safe Walk Home programs for school children, and community meet and greets		Short (0 - 2 yrs)	10% Reduction in the crime rate by 2025 (In 2019, the rate of property crime was 5,415 per 100,000; and the violent crime rate 2,586 per 100,000)	Community: Alief-Westwood NST, International District City: HPD Community Connectors: HCCP3, Higher Dimension Church Peace Center, Area Apartment Managers, Alief SNC, Area Civic Clubs	Advocate, Implement Assist, Implement Organize, Outreach, Implement	Goal 1: Action 4
	9.1.2 Increase police presence and visibility <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for funding and strategies to increase the presence and visibility of police, including more frequent foot and bike patrols		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)		Community: Alief-Westwood NST City: HPD Community Connectors: International District	Advocate Assist Assist	
	9.1.3 Build relationships between youth and law enforcement <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Expand participation in Houston Police Department youth programs, such as Teen and Police Services (TAPS), Greater Houston Police Athletic League (GHPAL), Explorer Program, and Positive Patrol Program		Short (0 - 2 yrs)		Community: International District City: HPD Community Connectors: Boy Scouts of America, Area Schools	Outreach, Assist Outreach, Implement Outreach	Goal 1: Action 4
9.2 Targeted Crime Prevention	9.2.1 Expand actions to prevent human trafficking and provide resources to victims <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for the Houston Police Department's Vice Unit and United Against Human Trafficking to address the challenges of human trafficking, focus efforts along Bissonnet St; Develop strategies across agencies, particularly local clinics, to improve outreach, information, and service delivery for the victims of human trafficking		Short (0 - 2 yrs)	25% Reduction in arrests for prostitution and sex trafficking by 2025	Community: Alief-Westwood NST City: MOHTDV, HHD Mobile Unit, HPD, District F, District J Community Connectors: The Landing, UAHT, Harris Health, YMCA, Ben Taub Hospital	Advocate, Assist Outreach, Organize, Assist Outreach, Assist	Goal 1: Action 4
	9.2.2 Reduce graffiti <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Develop outreach materials to encourage the reporting of graffiti and to share the resources available to communities and civic organizations for graffiti abatement, including the International District and Department of Neighborhoods graffiti abatement programs		Short (0 - 2 yrs)		Community: International District, Alief-Westwood NST City: DON, HPD Community Connectors: Alief SNC	Assist, Implement Assist, Implement Support	Goal 1: Action 4
	9.3.1 Expand crime surveillance and security patrols <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for the ongoing use of high-tech mobile surveillance cameras, private security, and off-duty police patrols to deter, prevent, and solve crimes in areas identified as having elevated crime rates, including drug related exchanges		Short (0 - 2 yrs)		Community: International District City: HPD Crime Suppression Unit Community Connectors: Alief-Westwood NST, Area Apartment Complexes, Area	Implement Assist Advocate, Assist, Implement	
9.3 Safe Places	9.3.2 Improve street lighting <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Develop an outreach campaign for social media, area message boards, and community meetings, to encourage area residents to report streetlight outages to the International District and CenterPoint; Apply for new street lighting to be installed along Synott Road, Cook Road, and in the subdivision east of the Harmony Public Schools Central Office		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)	10 Street light outages reported and repaired annually	Community: Alief-Westwood NST City: HPW Community Connectors: International District, CenterPoint	Outreach, Advocate Assist Assist, Implement	Goal 11: Action 35, 35.1
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9.3 Safe Places PLAN: 	9.3.3 Address nuisance properties to improve safety <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Address nuisance properties as identified through Chapter 125 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code: "A person who maintains a place to which persons habitually go for the following purposes (criminal and nuisance behavior) and who knowingly tolerates the activity and furthermore fails to make reasonable attempts to abate the activity maintains a common nuisance."		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)		Community: International District, Alief-Westwood NST City: HPD DRT, DON Community Connectors: Area Businesses and Property Owners, HCDAO	Assist, Implement Assist, Implement Assist, Implement	Goal 7: Action 24
9.4 Safe Streets PLAN: 	9.4.1 Reduce stray animals and keep pets and people safe <i>ACTION STEPS:</i> Advocate for additional resources and services, including those provided by non-profit animal welfare organizations, to reduce stray dogs and cats; Expand outreach efforts to educate and inform residents of spay and neuter resources available; Develop multi-lingual outreach materials, potentially distributed in water bills, to inform residents of their responsibility to properly care for their pets, including leash laws		Medium (3 - 5 yrs)	1 Pet laws, regulations, and services outreach campaign completed by 2025	Community: Alief-Westwood NST City: BARC Community Connectors: Barrio Dogs, Emancipet, Houston Humane Society	Outreach, Advocate Advocate, Assist Advocate, Assist	Goal 12: Action 40

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