

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 302

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ June 26, 2005

WHEREAS, Homeboy Industries, based in Los Angeles, California, has proven to be a successful program for at-risk youth and youth involved in gang-related activities, and;

WHEREAS, Homeboy Industries provides job training, education, real-life work experience, job placement, counseling, tattoo removal, and post-incarceration re-entry outreach to hundreds of young people, and;

WHEREAS, Homeboy Industries is recognized as a national model in gang intervention; and

WHEREAS, Experts affirm that schools play a crucial role in gang intervention and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Extracurricular programs where young people can engage in healthy, meaningful and positive activities help deter gang involvement and encourage youth to stay in school; and

WHEREAS, Youth violence and dropout levels exist at unacceptable rates in our city, and;

WHEREAS, High dropout levels and unemployment have a ripple effect on the economic and social welfare of Providence and communities throughout Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council do hereby request that the Superintendent of the Providence School Department and the Director of the Providence Recreation Department, in cooperation with local youth organizations:

... and ...

1. Assess the current gang intervention and prevention programs and economic and employment opportunities currently available for at-risk youth in Providence.
2. Investigate and study programs used by other municipalities nationwide—specifically Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California—that promote the prevention of gangs and youth violence and create job placement opportunities for young people.
3. Devise a citywide program that will address the above-mentioned issues.
4. Create a structured implementation plan and evaluation tool.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this signed resolution be delivered to the Superintendent of the Providence School Department and the Director of the Providence Recreation Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 16 2005
READ AND PASSED
PRES.
CLERK
Acting

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:
Claire E. Bestwick
Claire E. Bestwick
Acting City Clerk

employers willing to allocate entry level positions for worthy candidates from our community.

Jobs For A Future

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Homeboy Industries

Homeboy Industries was created in 1992 as the economic development branch of Jobs For A Future. Currently, Homeboy Industries has five businesses: Homeboy Bakery, Homeboy Silkscreen, Homeboy/Homemgirl Merchandising, Homeboy Production Cleaning Services and Homeboy Artesania.

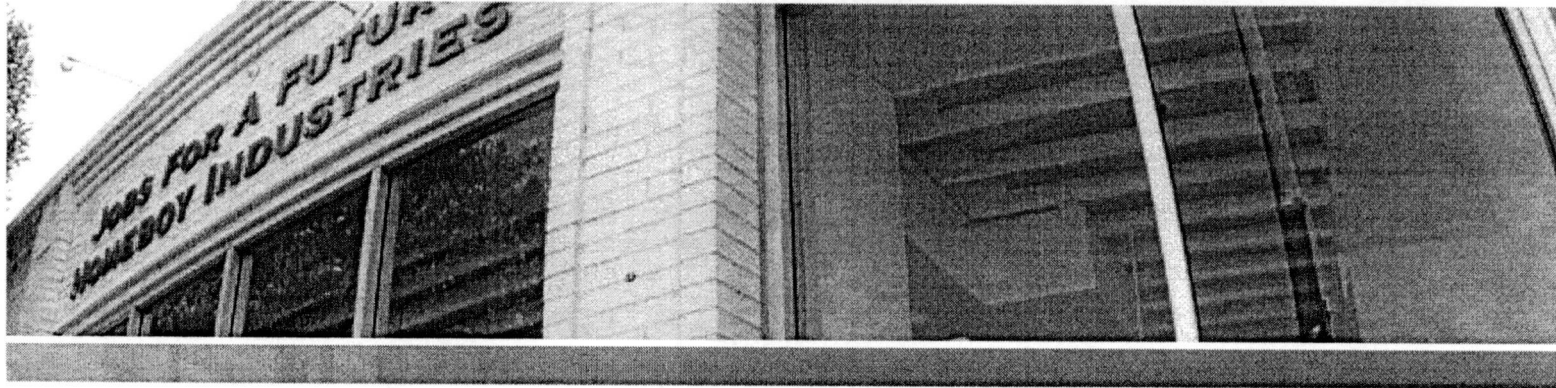
Many former gang members, both men and women, work together to bake bread, print designs on a variety of apparel, sell a line of gear featuring the Homeboy logo, provide cleaning services for movie locations and fabricate the Urban Cross. Former enemies, who once were at war with each other, have been working side by side producing products and services of which they can be proud. Currently, there are 35 employees in Homeboy Industries. JFF is always looking for opportunities to expand business ventures to create even more jobs in the community.

Clean Slate

Clean Slate is a program that assists young men and women in the removal of tattoos in order to enable them to enter or re-enter the work force without the prejudices that tattoos create. Through Clean Slate, visible tattoos are removed by a Board-approved Dermatologist, utilizing a laser procedure. This is done at no cost, and there are no age limits or gang affiliation requirements.

Release

It is a mission of Release to empower incarcerated youth throughout Los Angeles County to make beneficial choices upon re-entry into the community. Release is committed to providing an aftercare program that establishes possibilities for young people that didn't exist for them before incarceration. These positive relationships will discern needs regarding education, employment, chemical dependency and family, as well as creating connections with the appropriate resources in their own communities.

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HISTORY

Our first venture was Homeboy Bakery, which trained many gang members to become scratch bakers. Homeboy Industries has subsequently launched several additional income-producing ventures which are still thriving: Homeboy Silkscreen, which prints logos on apparel and provides embroidery services; Homeboy Maintenance, which provides landscape maintenance and special landscape installation projects; Homeboy/Homegirl Merchandise, which sells t-shirts, mugs, tote bags, and mouse pads with the Homeboy logo.

In providing employment services, Homeboy targets and focuses on that segment of the community that finds it most difficult to secure employment on their own – former gang members, parolees, and at-risk youth. Although the headquarters is based in East Los Angeles, **there is no organization in Los Angeles that serves a greater number of gang involved men and women.** Our programs offer a much-needed intervention to those who deserve a second chance at life, and are *"a whole lot more than the worst thing they've ever done."*

During the ensuing years, in response to identified needs, Homeboy has added new services to address the clients, multi-level needs and better prepare them for permanent employment outside our own businesses. Our services focus on education, training, financial responsibility and personal accounting to enable them to successfully retain employment.

Homeboy Industries

Homeboy Industries is an employment referral center and an economic development program for at-risk youth and youth involved gang-related activities.

Program:

- Counseling
- Education
- Tattoo removal
- Job training and placement

Product:

- Bakery
- Silkscreen
- Merchandise
- Cleaning Services
- Artesania

Number served each year:

- 350 job placements
- 600-800 tattoo removals for youth

Budget:

Annual Gross Net: \$3,700,000

1. Grant and allocation: \$2, 890, 000
2. Sale Merchandise /product: \$405,000

Annual Revenue: \$ 350,000

Homeboy Industries will be presenting at the 2005 National Gang Summit in June 20-21 in Washington D.C

Claire Bestwick

From: Yvonne Graf
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 12:07 PM
To: Claire Bestwick
Subject: resolution changes

Ooops, some minor grammatical changes already. This is the copy we should use. I'm also brining you some attachments.

Resolution for June 16, 2005 by Council President Lombardi

A Resolution Requesting the Providence Recreation Department and/or the Providence School Department, in cooperation with local youth organizations, to devise a program for employment referral and economic development for at-risk youth in the city of Providence

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