

**Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee
Report to City Council**

Subject: Request for a Curfew Law

Discussion: YAC reviewed the request for consideration of a curfew law from the Board of Directors and Windsor Green residents at its monthly meeting on October 9. Concerns were raised regarding the enforcement of the law for minors not engaged in illegal activity. Concerns were also raised regarding the frequency youth have been stopped and questioned by Greenbelt Police when engaged in non-criminal activity (i.e. loitering, talking late at night, playing flash light tag, etc.).

YAC does not see a need for a city-wide curfew law for the following reasons:

- a) Potential a curfew would increase tensions between youth not engaged in illegal activity, Greenbelt Police and City officials.
- b) Equitable Enforcement & Profiling of youth not engaged in illegal activity.

Concerns were raised about how consistently the curfew would be enforced in each part of Greenbelt (Franklin Park, Windsor Green, Center City, etc.).

- c) Need for exploring alternative options that would provide a city youth a positive outlet. An alternative could be provided in the form of YAC sponsored movie night.
- d) Effectiveness

Prior research offered little to “no empirical data” regarding its effect on youth’s psychosocial development.

Recommendation: YAC currently sees no need for a city wide curfew law.

Vote 5-0

**Respectfully Submitted by:
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