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TO: Mayor Wythe and Homer City Council

THROUGH: Walt Wrede

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SUBJECT: Green Dot Update

The purpose of this memo is to update the Council on the Green Dot initiative in Homer.

Green Dot is a violence prevention program that teaches bystander intervention. The State of Alaska chose Homer as a pilot community for Green Dot. This is a "train the trainers" program where Green Dot trainers travel to Homer and train a group of people who will then be responsible for training representatives of different groups in bystander intervention. The City Council supported Green Dot with \$3,500 in Resolution 13-016.

Green Dot had their first training and kick off to Green Dot on Tuesday March 12, 2013. The next training is Friday, April 26 and Monday, April 29, at the Episcopal Church, from 9-5. Council members are welcome to stop by for part of the training, or sign up for the entire training through the Haven House.

A group of members representing different agencies has formed a steering committee for Green Dot to help guide implementation (Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic, State of Alaska Division of Public Health Homer, Homer Prevention Project, Council on Domestic Violence, The Center, Alaska Family Violence Prevention Project and Haven House). Though the City of Homer is not represented on the steering committee, I will be checking in from time to time to keep the Council updated on the progress of implementing Green Dot.

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