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News Briefing Thursday about “Future Search” Conference

A news conference about the results of this week’s “Youth Violence Future Search Conference” will be held in the City Hall courtyard at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11. Santa Maria City Councilmember Mike Cordero, who is a participant, will share with the media an overview of the conference activities and what was accomplished.

The three-day conference is taking place Tuesday through mid-day Thursday inside the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center. The private event is organized by the Santa Maria Valley Collaborative Leadership Project. Its theme is “Working together to build the future we want for our young people.” The agenda is to examine past trends, present forces and factors impacting youth violence, then focus on the future with short-term and longer-term action plans.

The event is designed to bring together selected community members to address youth violence. The invited participants are a selected cross-section of community members - business owners, government officials, law enforcement personnel, probation officers, school officials, non-profits, faith-based organizations, selected parents and youth. About 90 to 100 people have been in attendance.

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