Mapping and Analysis:
Tools for Implementing Residency Restriction Laws

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Overview

- Modeled after Florida and other states’ Jessica’s Laws, California put a similar law on the ballot last November
  - 2,000 feet from school or park “where children gather”
- San Diego County process (led by DA’s Office)
- Mapping and Analysis as collaborative tools
San Diego County Methodology
Data, Data, Data… plus Iterative Analysis

- School Points - existed
  - Add in Megan’s Law (PC 290) Registrants
- School Polygons – layer creation
- Park Polygons – layer creation
- Tax Assessor Parcel Layer – existed
  - Extracted Residential Parcels
- Creating Buffers
- Making Maps
- Analyzing the Results
Mapping and Analysis as Collaborative Tools

- **Acquiring and Developing Data** – *Vital Element*
  - Multiple agencies and numerous sources (CA DOJ, CA DOE, CDCR, SANDAG, SanGIS, County GIS)

- **Doing the Analysis** – *What questions need answering?*
  - Creating a model (SDPD)
  - Buffering counts (County GIS)
  - Residential Parcel (County Tax, CVPD)

- **Using the Results** – *Moving Forward*
  - Improve legislation
  - Educate the public
  - Assist other jurisdictions
California’s Jessica’s Law Currently (residency/GPS)

- Not being enforced by local LE – constitutionality is under review by Supreme court
  - Even if deemed constitutional, not a crime (but some jurisdictions creating ordinances)
  - Have no funding or capacity to put GPS on every offender

- Being enforced by State Parole and privately for Sexually Violent Predators (SVP)

- Calif State Assoc of Counties directive (May 08) – focus more on movements/travels than residency

- Upcoming white papers opposing restrictions
  - Calif Coalition on Sex Offending
  - Calif Sex Offender Management Board
Residential Parcel Analysis

- Started with all parcels countywide (tax assessor file)
- Extracted out residential parcels
- Overlaid school and park buffers
- Analyzed potentially available parcels (that were not within the buffer)
- Could take it further
  - Affordable housing
  - Service Providers
  - Other relevant places