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'Mall Watch' Program Backed By Commission

The Pacific Garden Mall Commission has endorsed the "Mall Watch" sponsored by the Downtown Association to enhance enjoyment of the city's popular street by residents and visitors.

"The 'Mall Watch' is being spearheaded by Jeff Gabrio for the association and we encourage everyone to join in and to follow through on law enforcement in the way that Chief Geno Pini has been begging for for years," said Marilyn Frame, newly elected commission chairwoman.

The commission endorsement came at a recent meeting.

The "Mall Watch" involves store owners and workers participating in keeping an eye on mall affairs to discourage

break-ins, shoplifting and other behavioral problems. The Downtown Association will hold meetings block by block with police representatives at each meeting to provide advice on what to do in various situations.

Frame said the commission also has endorsed the placement of pedestrian directories at three places on the mall. The structures will be four-sided and include maps of the mall, show all public buildings, restrooms, parking lots and businesses. Laws governing the mall will be displayed also.

Lionel Stoloff was elected vice man of the commission.