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**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

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Date: December 2, 2021  
To: Oakland City Councilmembers  
From: Councilmember Loren Taylor  
Subject: County Support for Gun Violence Reduction

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Colleagues on the Council:

It is important that the City of Oakland and the County of Alameda work together to address the increased gun violence and violent crime in Oakland. This Resolution highlights specific areas where the County could provide support to the City of Oakland and our residents to prevent crime and offer services/support to those who are justice-involved or at risk of becoming justice-involved including workforce and reentry programs that can play a major role in providing alternatives to at risk and vulnerable residents.

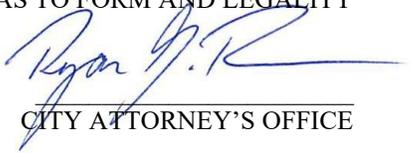
In addition to additional services and resources, we must make sure that those who commit harm and put the lives of Oakland residents at risk are held accountable and that accountability should be equitable across the cities in Alameda County. An equity analysis will shed light on any disparities in charging and case closures across the County, allowing us an opportunity to address such disparities. And finally, to support the efforts of the Department of Violence Prevention, the department has recognized the need for violence interruption support inside our jails to complement the work occurring in the community. These recommendations for specific County support were reached through discussion with city staff and community leaders.

I, respectfully request your support of this Resolution calling on the County of Alameda to support the City of Oakland's efforts to reduce gun violence in the City of Oakland.

Yours in service of Oakland,

Loren Taylor  
Councilmember District 6

Special City Council Meeting  
December 7, 2021  
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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR

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**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO SUPPORT OAKLAND'S GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION EFFORTS BY: 1) STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON JUSTICE-INVOLVED OAKLAND RESIDENTS, 2) SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING INVESTMENTS INTO REENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OAKLAND'S RETURNING CITIZENS, 3) CONDUCTING AN EQUITY ANALYSIS ON CASE CHARGING AND CASE CLOSURE DATA BY CITY, FOR CASES PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR ADDRESSING ANY INEQUITY THAT MAY LEAD TO ADVERSE PUBLIC SAFETY OUTCOMES, AND 4) COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO STRENGTHEN VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION IN JAILS TO COMPLEMENT VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council declared gun violence a public health emergency on September 21, 2021, due to an increase in violence that has led to elevated stress and trauma to communities already suffering physically, emotionally and financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic other factors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that non-police related alternatives and solutions are needed to address this public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that collaboration with the County of Alameda is essential to addressing the current increase in gun violence in the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council finds that increased support and investment in workforce development programs is needed to provide financial resources and alternatives to vulnerable residents; and

**WHEREAS**, increased investments in reentry support services are needed to ease the transition from detention and incarceration for those residents returning home and seeking opportunities to support themselves, their families and their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, an equity analysis would reveal whether Alameda County cities are treated equitably regarding charging and case closures by the District Attorney and if there are any inequities the County should create a plan to resolve those inequities to ensure that all residents are held to the same standards; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Council made a significant investment into the Department of Violence prevention and in order to support the strategies in the community, it is necessary for the County of Alameda to work with the Department of Violence Prevention to strengthen violence prevention efforts inside the jails and; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** that the City Council adopts a Resolution calling for the County of Alameda to support Oakland’s gun violence reduction efforts by:

- 1) Strengthening workforce development programs focused on justice-involved Oakland residents,
- 2) Substantially increasing investments into reentry support services for Oakland’s returning citizens,
- 3) Conducting an equity analysis on case charging and case closure data by city, for cases presented to the District Attorney, and develop a plan for addressing any inequity that may lead to adverse public safety outcomes, and
- 4) Collaborating with the City of Oakland’s Department of Violence Prevention to strengthen violence interruption in jails to complement violence interruption efforts in the community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California