

1 [Administrative Code - Establishing Gun Violence Prevention Task Force]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Gun Violence Prevention**  
4 **Task Force to advise City departments and policymakers on methods to reduce gun**  
5 **violence in the City; and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task Force.**

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13 subsections or parts of tables.

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12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

13 Section 1. The Administrative Code is hereby amended by adding Chapter 5, Article  
14 XVI, Sections 5.150 through 5.156, to read as follows:

15 **ARTICLE XVI:**

16 **GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE**

17 Sec. 5.150. Creation of Task Force.

18 Sec. 5.151. Findings and Purposes.

19 Sec. 5.152. Membership.

20 Sec. 5.153. Organization and Terms of Office.

21 Sec. 5.154. Powers and Duties.

22 Sec. 5.155. Meetings and Procedures.

23 Sec. 5.156. Sunset.

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1           **SEC. 5.150. CREATION OF TASK FORCE.**

2           The Board of Supervisors hereby establishes the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force (the  
3 “Task Force”) of the City and County of San Francisco.

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5           **SEC. 5.151. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

6           (a) The Board of Supervisors finds that ensuring the safety and protection of its citizens is  
7 among the most important roles of City government. San Francisco has a significant urban population  
8 affected by gun violence. Gun violence has been proven to have a particularly deleterious effect on the  
9 public health of families and communities and has taken too many lives in San Francisco, including  
10 twenty lives from January through July 2014.

11           (b) From 2007 through July 2014, 1,731 individuals in San Francisco either were wounded or  
12 lost their lives to gun violence, and countless others have been affected by the trauma of experiencing  
13 gun violence.

14           (c) On June 27, 2014, over 40 children engaged in recreational activities at Herz playground  
15 in Visitacion Valley witnessed the horrific murder there, in broad daylight, of Allen Calloway.

16           (d) Studies have shown correlations between children who have adverse childhood experiences,  
17 such as witnessing violence, with cyclical violence and poor physical and mental health outcomes.

18           (e) Access to data and sound research on gun violence is critical to the development of effective  
19 public policies to reduce firearm injuries and death.

20           (f) According to the Budget and Legislative Analyst’s January 13, 2015 report titled  
21 Violence Prevention in San Francisco, in the five-year period from FY 2010-11 to FY 2014-15,  
22 San Francisco has spent approximately \$208 million on violence prevention programs and  
23 services. Despite this high level of funding, the City does not have a coordinated planning  
24 process or efficient way to measure program performance.

1            (fg) The purposes of the Gun Violence Task Force are to study policy options with the goal of  
2 curbing gun violence and trauma related to violence; to identify best practices and strategies for  
3 prevention and reduction of gun violence; to formulate policy recommendations for the Board of  
4 Supervisors, the Mayor, and other City agencies; and to provide advice to those agencies on  
5 implementation strategies to reduce gun violence.

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7            **SEC. 5.152. MEMBERSHIP.**

8            (a) The Task Force shall consist of 13 members, appointed as follows:

9                    (1) Seat 1 shall be held by a current or former resident of a property owned or operated  
10 by the Housing Authority, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

11                    (2) Seat 2 shall be held by a current or former employee of a community-based  
12 organization working with a population affected by gun violence, appointed by the Board of  
13 Supervisors.

14                    (3) Seat 3 shall be held by a clinician who has worked with victims of violence,  
15 appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

16                    (4) Seat 4 shall be held by a parent who has been affected by gun violence, appointed by  
17 the Board of Supervisors.

18                    (5) Seat 5 shall be held by a person who has engaged in gun violence, appointed by the  
19 Board of Supervisors.

20                    (6) Seat 6 shall be held by an academic with expertise in the field of gun violence  
21 member of the general public, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

22                    (7) Seat 7 shall be held by a registered nurse who works with victims or perpetrators of  
23 gun violence, appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

24                    (8) Seat 8 shall be held by a current senior staff employee of the District Attorney's  
25 Office, appointed by the District Attorney.

1                   (9) Seat 9 shall be held by a current senior staff employee of the Department of Public  
2 Health with a background in providing mental health treatment, appointed by the Director of Public  
3 Health.

4                   (10) Seat 10 shall be held by a current senior staff employee of the Human Services  
5 Agency, appointed by the Executive Director of the Human Services Agency.

6                   (11) Seat 11 shall be held by a current or retired senior staff employee of the Police  
7 Department, appointed by the Chief of Police.

8                   (12) Seat 12 shall be held by a current senior staff employee of the Adult Probation  
9 Department, appointed by the Chief Adult Probation Officer.

10                   (13) Seat 13 shall be held by a current senior staff employee of the San Francisco  
11 Unified School District who has experience identifying and working with at-risk youth, appointed by  
12 the Board of Education; provided that if the Board of Education declines to appoint a member by  
13 March 31, 2015, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint to Seat 13 an individual with experience  
14 identifying and working with at-risk youth.

15                   (b) All members of the Task Force shall be residents of San Francisco.

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17                   **SEC. 5.153. ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.**

18                   (a) Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the member's appointing authority, and shall  
19 serve for the life of the Task Force unless removed by the appointing authority.

20                   (b) If a vacancy occurs in any seat on the Task Force, the appointing authority for the vacated  
21 seat shall appoint a successor to that seat.

22                   (c) Services of the members of the Task Force shall be voluntary and members shall serve  
23 without compensation, except that the members in seats 8 through 13 may receive their regular salaries  
24 for time spent on the Task Force if they are serving in an official capacity as representatives of their  
25 departments or, in the case of seat 13, as a representative of the San Francisco Unified School District.

1           (d) Any member who misses three regular meetings of the Task Force within a six-month  
2 period without the express prior or subsequent approval of the Task Force shall be deemed to have  
3 resigned from the Task Force 30 days after the third unapproved absence.

4           (e) The Mayor’s Office of Violence Prevention Services or any successor office shall provide  
5 clerical and administrative support and staffing for the Task Force.

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7           **SEC. 5.154. POWERS AND DUTIES.**

8           (a) The Task Force shall hold hearings and submit recommendations to the Board of  
9 Supervisors, the Mayor, and other City officers and departments on best practices, policies, and  
10 strategies to reduce gun violence in the City.

11           (b) No later than one year after the inaugural meeting of the Task Force, the Task Force shall  
12 submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a set of policy recommendations for reducing gun  
13 violence in the City. Thereafter, the Task Force may issue additional reports and recommendations to  
14 the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, or other City agencies.

15           (c) All City departments, commissions, boards, and agencies shall cooperate with the Task  
16 Force in conducting its business. Upon request from the Task Force, any City department shall  
17 provide reports to the Task Force regarding gun violence in San Francisco.

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19           **SEC. 5.155. MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES.**

20           (a) The Task Force shall hold its inaugural meeting not more than 30 days after a quorum of  
21 the Task Force, defined as a majority of seats, has been appointed. There shall be at least ten days’  
22 notice of the inaugural meeting. Following the inaugural meeting, the Task Force shall hold a regular  
23 meeting not less than once every other month. The Task Force may meet more often as determined by  
24 the Task Force.

1           (b) The Task Force shall elect its own officers and may establish rules for its own organization  
2 and procedures.

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4           **SEC. 5.156. SUNSET.**

5           Unless the Board of Supervisors by ordinance extends the term of the Task Force, this Article  
6 XVI shall expire by operation of law, and the Task Force shall terminate, two years after the effective  
7 date of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ establishing the Task Force. After that date, the City Attorney shall  
8 cause this Article to be removed from the Administrative Code.

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10           Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
11 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
12 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
13 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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