

1 [Urging the State to Increase Funding - Supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1603 (Wicks) -
2 California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program]

3 **Resolution urging the state to increase funding to the California Violence Intervention**
4 **and Prevention Program (CalVIP) from \$9,000,000 annually to \$39,000,000 and**
5 **supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1603, authored by Assembly Member Buffy**
6 **Wicks, which provides structural fixes to CalVIP.**
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8 WHEREAS, 100 Americans die every day from gun violence and more than twice as
9 many people are shot and survive; and

10 WHEREAS, California’s local communities suffer from the tragic effects of gun violence
11 as it cuts short thousands of lives every year, depresses the quality of life of whole
12 neighborhoods, and also makes it harder for schools, businesses, and community institutions
13 to thrive while also furthering economic and racial disparities; and

14 WHEREAS, There are a number of local violence reduction intervention and prevention
15 programs that have had helped reduce gun violence in California’s hardest hit communities;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The California Violence Intervention and Prevention program (CalVIP) is
18 an essential source of funding for these programs, which work to support localities to help
19 sustain life-saving work; and

20 WHEREAS, California is a national leader in gun violence prevention, yet CalVIP is
21 underfunded and our state substantially lags behind others with highly successful analogous
22 grant programs; and

23 WHEREAS, Last year, more than 120 cities and community-based organizations
24 submitted grant applications, but there was only funding for 16 applicants; and
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1 WHEREAS, Failing to address gun violence has both fiscal and moral consequences,
2 costing California taxpayers millions annually in healthcare, law enforcement and criminal
3 justice costs; and

4 WHEREAS, The financial burden on the state does not even begin to capture the toll of
5 the lives lost, nor does it account for the effect on local communities, which are often torn
6 apart as a result of gun violence; and

7 WHEREAS, These tragic incidents of gun violence disproportionately affect Black
8 Californians, who are 10 times more likely to die by gun homicide than their white neighbors
9 and Hispanics, who are two times more likely to die by gun homicide; and

10 WHEREAS, Cities like Oakland, Los Angeles, Richmond and Stockton have received
11 funding from the state for their violence reduction efforts and have experienced impressive
12 reductions in their homicides rates; and

13 WHEREAS, As more cities look to launch comprehensive violence prevention
14 initiatives, CalVIP needs additional, stable funding to propel, sustain and evaluate these
15 efforts; and

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 supports an increase in funding for the CalVIP grant program and urges the Governor to
18 commit \$39 million per year in CalVIP; now, therefore, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
20 Francisco supports the passage of California Assembly Bill No. 1603 which provides a
21 number of structural fixes to the CalVIP programing, including prioritizing the communities and
22 people with highest need for CalVIP grants; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
24 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State
25 Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.