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MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Garcia, Esquivel, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: Stephanie Cabrera, Assistant Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight

Committee

DATE: November 4, 2022

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following proposed legislation which is being referred to the Youth Commission as per Charter, Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 221093

Hearing to discuss the Department of Public Health's Draft Plan to create a proactive citywide trauma response to gun violence; and requesting the Department of Public Health and the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to report.

Assistant Clerk, Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Stephanie Cabrera,

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION	Date:
No Comment	
Recommendation Attached	
	Chairperson, Youth Commission

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[Urging the Development of Proactive Citywide Trauma Response to Gun Violence]

Resolution urging the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Violence Prevention and Public Safety, Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Youth, and Families, Department on the Status of Women, other relevant City departments, and community partners to create and adopt a publicly-available protocol to respond proactively to instances of gun-related community trauma.

WHEREAS, San Francisco continues to experience gun violence in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence disproportionately impacts low-income Black and brown communities; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence has deeply traumatic effects on direct victims, witnesses, and nearby community members in serious and lasting ways; and

WHEREAS, Communities are strongest when they have resilience, self-determination, and resources; and

WHEREAS, Community trauma can erode a community's capacity to thrive, address issues, and exercise its collective efficacy; and

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), community violence has wide-reaching effects and can cause significant physical injuries and mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, communities experiencing violence may lead to increased risk of developing chronic diseases because concerns about violence may prevent them from walking, bicycling, and using parks or other recreational spaces; and

WHEREAS, Communities deserve to feel safe and, when an incident occurs that erodes their sense of safety, deserve to be supported; and

WHEREAS, Mental health resources can be instrumental in healing communities that experience gun violence; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has practices and partnerships in place to ensure that direct victims of gun violence and their immediate families can get support, services, counseling, and other resources to aid in their recovery; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco has trauma response resources available through its Comprehensive Crisis Services team and through community-based organizations serving high-risk communities; and

WHEREAS, No protocol currently exists to ensure that the City reaches out to affected community members other than immediate victim(s) or their family members to connect them to available trauma counseling resources in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, Community members experiencing trauma after gun violence in their neighborhoods should not have to go out of their way to receive information about available resources or trauma counseling services; and

WHEREAS, A proactive trauma response would help remove existing barriers and ensure that communities that have experienced gun violence can be connected to trauma counseling resources they need; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that trauma counseling, in connection with other community resources, can help prevent further violence; and

WHEREAS, Our city has protocols in place for community support after traumatic events in other contexts, such as the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's response after fatal traffic collisions and the San Francisco Police Department's town halls

after police shootings, which may offer guidance regarding coordination, outreach, and response after incidents of gun violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Violence Prevention and Public Safety, San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Police Department, Department of Youth, and Families, Department on the Status of Women, other relevant City departments, and community partners to create a proposed protocol and implementation plan to respond proactively with information and connections to resources following instances of gun-related community trauma; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proposed protocol should include, at minimum, the following:

- Within 72 hours of the incident of gun violence, outreach through flyering, phone calls, community events, or other means of reaching people within a one-block radius from the incident to notify community members of available trauma counseling resources;
- 2. A clear delineation of duties between departments, service providers, and any other City-affiliated agencies as needed to implement the protocol; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the proposed protocols to be filed with the Board of Supervisors within 90 days of the passage of this Resolution and be made publicly available for community input; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges a public hearing on the resulting proposed protocol be held within 60 days of its filing with the Board.



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Resolution

File Number: 220615

Date Passed: May 24, 2022

Resolution urging the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Violence Prevention and Public Safety, Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, Department on the Status of Women, other relevant City departments, and community partners to create and adopt a publicly-available protocol to respond proactively to instances of gun-related community trauma.

May 24, 2022 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

May 24, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220615

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 5/24/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

<u>Unsigned</u> London N. Breed Mayor 6/3/22
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board 6 3 2022 Date

File No. 220615

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): **Supervisor Preston** Subject: Hearing - Proactive Citywide Trauma Response to Gun Violence The text is listed: Hearing to discuss the Department of Public Health's Draft Plan to Create a Proactive Citywide Trauma Response to Gun Violence and requesting the Department of Public Health and the Mayor's Office of Public Safety to report. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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