

1 [Establishing a Citywide Gun Violence Prevention Task Force]

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3 **Resolution establishing the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force to actively work to**
4 **reduce gun violence in the City and County of San Francisco; and setting forth the**
5 **membership and duties of the Task Force.**

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7 WHEREAS, Ensuring the safety and protection of its citizens is among the most
8 important roles of City government; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a significant urban population affected by gun violence;
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11 WHEREAS, Gun violence has been proven to have a particularly deleterious effect on
12 the public health of families and communities and has taken too many lives in San Francisco,
13 including twenty lives to date in the year 2014; and

14 WHEREAS, At the introduction of this Resolution, since the year 2007, 1,731
15 individuals have been either wounded or lost their life to gun violence and countless others
16 have been affected by the trauma of experiencing gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, On June 27, 2014, over forty children witnessed the horrific murder of
18 Allen Calloway in broad daylight while participating in recreational activities at Herz
19 playground; and

20 WHEREAS, Studies have shown correlations between children who experience
21 adverse childhood experiences, such as witnessing violent acts and, cyclical violence, as
22 wells as poor physical and mental health outcomes; and

23 WHEREAS, Access to data and sound research on gun violence is critical to the
24 development of effective public policies to reduce firearm injuries and death; and

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1 WHEREAS, To find ways to curb gun violence and trauma related to violence within
2 the community, a Gun Violence Task Force should be formed to formulate policy
3 recommendations and other innovative approaches to severely reduce gun violence; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors creates an interdepartmental advisory task
6 force named the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force (Task Force), to study public safety,
7 public protection, identify best practices, and subsequently make recommendations and help
8 to implement strategies to reduce gun violence; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be made up of residents of the San
10 Francisco community; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall be prepared to testify
12 before the Police Commission and/ or the Board of Supervisors, if so requested on gun
13 violence issues and legislation; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be comprised of sixteen members,
15 appointed as follows:

16 One (1) by each of the eleven members of the Board of Supervisors, each of whom
17 shall reside in the appointing Supervisor’s district and serve at the pleasure of the
18 appointing Supervisor; and

19 One (1) representative appointed by the Mayor who is a resident of San Francisco; and

20 Five (5) appointed by the full Board of Supervisors, as follows:

21 One (1) representative from the Human Services Agency

22 One (1) current or retired San Francisco Police Department representative

23 One (1) representative from the San Francisco Unified School District who has
24 experience in identifying and working with “at risk” youth
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1 One (1) representative from the Department of Public Health with a background
2 in providing significant mental health treatment; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That appointed members shall serve for the life of the Task
4 Force; provided, however, that each appointing authority may remove any of its appointees to
5 the Task Force at any time or without cause; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the District Attorney shall provide staff and
7 administrative support to the Task Force; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the District Attorney shall provide periodic
9 reports to the Task Force for review; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force shall terminate
11 three years after the effective date of this Resolution, unless the Board of Supervisors adopts
12 legislation continuing its existence.