


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION (DVP) TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY'S POSSIBILITY LAB REGARDING THE DVP'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, there were 122 homicides and 1,266 shootings with injury in Oakland in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) provides dedicated outreach and services to individuals involved in group-driven violence and their families in order to prevent future violence; and

WHEREAS, the DVP applied for and received a grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections through its California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program in the amount of Five Million Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$5,999,948) for the period of July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2025, to focus resources on individuals involved in group-driven violence and their families (see Resolution No. 89367 C.M.S.); and

WHEREAS, the CalVIP grant included funding for community engagement team (CET) members, who are individuals with lived experience related to group violence and strong community relationships tasked with performing outreach to individuals involved in group violence to support conflict mediation and connection to resources. CET members will be hired as part-time City employees; and

WHEREAS, the CalVIP grant stated that in addition to performing street outreach, CET members would engage residents of their communities in identifying environmental contributors to violence and, with support from DVP staff, work with staff from other city departments to implement interventions that remove environmental contributors to violence or mitigate their impact; and

WHEREAS, the Possibility Lab within the School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley is a diverse team of policy researchers and practitioners who partner with government and community to design, pilot, and scale data-driven solutions for the public good, with a specific commitment to centering community voices and perspectives in public policy; and

WHEREAS, since 2022 the Possibility Lab has worked with community partners across the City of Oakland to produce community-sourced data for public safety reform; and

WHEREAS, the DVP desires to partner with the Possibility Lab to support CET members in identifying, designing, and implementing environmental solutions to group-driven violence in their communities, consistent with a draft scope of services that is included as an attachment to the agenda report submitted with this Resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to negotiate and execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University of California, Berkeley's Possibility Lab to support CET members in identifying, designing, and implementing environmental solutions to group-driven violence in their communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to complete all negotiations and documentation required to accept, modify, extend, and/or amend the MOU consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, 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