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To: President Reid and Members of the Council

From: Councilpersons Desley Brooks, Annie Campbell Washington, and Noel Gallo.

RE: Establishing a Blue-Ribbon Commission.

President Reid and Members:

The time is ripe for a thorough and comprehensive review of our efforts to address violent crime in our community. As such, we make the following motion:

1. A Blue-Ribbon Commission shall be established which shall be charged with developing recommendations for a comprehensive violence prevention/reduction strategy.
2. The Commission membership shall be appointed by each Member of the City Council; there shall be eight members. Appointees' names shall be submitted to the City Clerk's office no later than Monday, June 5, 2017.
3. The Commission shall complete its report and make recommendations to City Council no later than January 31, 2018.
4. The Mayor's Director of Public Safety shall provide technical assistance, facilitation, and coordination for the Commission.
5. Said Commission shall develop a matrix of best practices in violence reduction/prevention programs. List components of each program. List components utilized by the city of Oakland. List any differences in the way Oakland implements and the comparison city. List any missing components.
6. The Commission will, through community engagement, solicit input and establish a community definition of violence.
7. The Commission shall host a Public Speakers Series to include, but not be limited to, representatives from Best practices programs listed in 5 above. Said Speakers Series will be widely publicized to ensure community engagement.

8. The Commission shall host a series of Educational Town Hall meetings to review, but not be limited to, the following subject matters:

- Oakland's Ceasefire Program
- Oakland Unite Program.
- Oakland Police Department's Violence Reduction Plan.
- Oakland Parks & Recreation's Community Center Recreation Centers.
- Oakland WIOA strategies using workforce opportunities as a crime reduction strategy.
- Equity analysis of the root causes of violence.
- Alameda County alignment of programs to prevent/reduce violence to include Public Health, Behavioral Healthcare, Probation, and Social Services.
- Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Dropout, GED, and graduation strategies and the impact on violence prevention/reduction.
- Recidivism and Re-entry Programs.
- Gun tracing and reduction strategies.

The purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to educate and inform the Commission as well as the Public in an open and transparent process.

9. By passage of this motion Council allocates \$40,000 to cover transportation, hotel and incidentals of speakers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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Council Member, District 6


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Vice Mayor & Council Member, District 4


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Council Member, District 5