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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM DAN KALB

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1603 (WICKS) THAT WOULD CODIFY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CALIFORNIA VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM AND THE AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR GRANTS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, California's local communities continue to suffer from the tragic effects of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, gun violence cuts short thousands of lives and depresses the quality of life for those who have been affected; and

WHEREAS, gun violence also brings high health care, law enforcement, and criminal justice costs to California, though the financial burden on the state does not even begin to capture the toll of the lives lost; and

WHEREAS, the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program, administered by the Board for of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), provides competitive grants to cities and nonprofit organizations that implement evidence-based violence reduction initiatives in impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, CalVIP has helped to fund Operation Ceasefire in Oakland, which led to a 52% reduction in shootings since 2012; and

WHEREAS, CalVIP has helped to fund violence prevention and intervention programs in Richmond, Stockton and Los Angeles resulting in reductions in shootings in each of those cities; and

WHEREAS, CalVIP has never been codified in statute; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Wicks) would establish the CalVIP grant program and strengthen its existing requirements by:

- ~~Removing low award caps in order to make sustained and meaningful investments in communities with the greatest need for those resources;~~

- Strengthening CalVIP's eligibility requirements to focus on communities that have the highest numbers and rates of homicides;
- Narrowing CalVIP's focus to programs that demonstrate the strongest likelihood of reducing violence, and those that work with individuals at highest risk of being a victim or perpetrator of community violence in the near future;
- Requiring BSCC to focus on initiatives that do not contribute to mass incarceration;
- Requiring city grantees to distribute at least half of their CalVIP award to community-based organizations and/or public agencies or departments, other than law enforcement agencies or departments, that are primarily dedicated to community safety;
- Requiring BSCC to seek input from people directly impacted by violence and those with experience implementing violence reduction initiatives; and

WHEREAS, AB 1603 is supported by numerous groups and organizations, including, Gifford's Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform, Children's Defense Fund, Urban Peace Institute, and Youth Alive!; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses AB 1603 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
 LATONDA SIMMONS
 City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
 City of Oakland, California