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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN

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**RESOLUTION DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO BE THE TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND THROUGH THE DECREASE OF ILLEGAL GUNS AND GUN VIOLENCE BY EFFECTIVE MEANS SUCH AS THE INCREASE OF GUN AND SHELL CASING TRACING, IMPROVED RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATIONS OF SHOOTINGS, PRIORITIZATION OF ACTIONS TO STOP AND RESPOND TO GUN CRIME AND PROVISION OF AN INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON GUN RESPONSE, INCLUDING RESPONSE TIMES TO NOTIFICATIONS OF SHOOTINGS AND ARMED ROBBERIES**

**WHEREAS**, as of August 23, 2020, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) Crime Analysis Weekly Gunfire Summary reported thirty-four (34%) percent increase in reported gunfire in Oakland as compared to the same time in 2019. In 2019, there were 953 occurrences of gunfire; currently for the year 2020, there have been 1,281 occurrences of gunfire, with a quarter of the year still to be determined; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is ranked the second most dangerous city in California in numerous rankings; and

**WHEREAS**, many in the public are demanding that the City officials defund OPD, and redirect funds to programs and services that promote violence prevention, including, but not limited, to human services, recreation, parks, and libraries as examples; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2020 Mid-Cycle Budget Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21, the City Council reduced approximately \$8-\$10 million dollars in funding to the OPD budget and reallocated those funds to alternate violence prevention initiatives and community service programs; and

**WHEREAS**, OPD officers and personnel are always encouraged to focus on smart policing and using resources in an effective and efficient manner, such as prioritizing and focusing on responding to gun violence, violent crime, burglaries, and robbery; and

**WHEREAS**, ShotSpotter is technology used by OPD to gather information about when and where guns are fired in the City of Oakland for the purpose of solving and reducing crime involving guns; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland seeks to be a model and leader in working for social and racial justice, committed to the delivery of effective, courteous, and responsive services; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council requests the City Administrator or their designee to direct OPD to place guns as the top law enforcement priority; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council requests the City Administrator or their designee to direct the OPD to prioritize decreasing the number of illegal guns on the streets of Oakland and gun violence in the City by effective means such as increasing gun-tracing and improving ShotSpotter response time level of service in the City of Oakland; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council requests that the City Administrator or their designee prepare and deliver an informational report regarding the City's response to gun violence, including response times to notifications of shootings and armed robberies.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Oakland, California

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