

DRAFT

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR

**RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE AND HONORING THE LIVES LOST
DUE TO HOMICIDE IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND IN 2021 AND
CALLING FOR COMMUNITY HEALING AND COOPERATION TO
COLLECTIVELY ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF VIOLENCE AND
CRIME**

WHEREAS, the Council declared gun violence a public health crisis in the City of Oakland on September 21, 2021 and the tragic loss of life due to unlawful killings affects the entire City; and;

WHEREAS, the Council remembers and honors the following lives lost in 2021 in the City of Oakland. As of the date of this writing the City has lost 129 lives including:[**INSERT VICTIM NAMES**]; and

WHEREAS, the violent deaths of those named above not only affect the families of the victims who were their sons, daughters, parents, spouses etc., but also the entire City of Oakland community who share in their grief and loss; and

WHEREAS, the trauma and stress caused by the loss of life by homicide if left untreated can lead to further harm and trauma in our communities; and

WHEREAS, there are organizations and individuals in the City of Oakland who are committed to offering healing and those individuals and organizations who are doing amazing and often thankless work are worthy of our support and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes that we must consider non-law enforcement strategies to address the root causes of violence and crimes such as systemic racism, sexism, antisemitism, bias against LGBTQ and immigrant communities, biased policies, poverty, lack of resources, under investment into the most vulnerable communities, lack of support for our returning residents, lack of support for children and families, and failing education systems, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes the value of collaboration from residents and the City of Oakland to come up with solutions to resolve our public safety challenges and prevent further loss of life in Oakland; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That, we, the City Council, remember and honor the lives lost due to homicide in 2021 in the City of Oakland and call for community healing and cooperation to collectively address the root causes of violence and crime.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California