


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LOREN TAYLOR

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA TO SUPPORT OAKLAND'S GUN VIOLENCE REDUCTION EFFORTS BY: 1) STRENGTHENING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON JUSTICE-INVOLVED OAKLAND RESIDENTS, 2) SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING INVESTMENTS INTO REENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OAKLAND'S RETURNING CITIZENS, 3) CONDUCTING AN EQUITY ANALYSIS ON CASE CHARGING AND CASE CLOSURE DATA BY CITY, FOR CASES PRESENTED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR ADDRESSING ANY INEQUITY THAT MAY LEAD TO ADVERSE PUBLIC SAFETY OUTCOMES, AND 4) COLLABORATING WITH THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION TO STRENGTHEN VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION IN JAILS TO COMPLEMENT VIOLENCE INTERRUPTION EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the City Council declared gun violence a public health emergency on September 21, 2021, due to an increase in violence that has led to elevated stress and trauma to communities already suffering physically, emotionally and financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic other factors; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that non-police related alternatives and solutions are needed to address this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that collaboration with the County of Alameda is essential to addressing the current increase in gun violence in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that increased support and investment in workforce development programs is needed to provide financial resources and alternatives to vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, increased investments in reentry support services are needed to ease the transition from detention and incarceration for those residents returning home and seeking opportunities to support themselves, their families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, an equity analysis would reveal whether Alameda County cities are treated equitably regarding charging and case closures by the District Attorney and if there are any inequities the County should create a plan to resolve those inequities to ensure that all residents are held to the same standards; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the Council made a significant investment into the Department of Violence prevention and in order to support the strategies in the community, it is necessary for the County of Alameda to work with the Department of Violence Prevention to strengthen violence prevention efforts inside the jails and; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council adopts a Resolution calling for the County of Alameda to support Oakland’s gun violence reduction efforts by:

- 1) Strengthening workforce development programs focused on justice-involved Oakland residents,
- 2) Substantially increasing investments into reentry support services for Oakland’s returning citizens,
- 3) Conducting an equity analysis on case charging and case closure data by city, for cases presented to the District Attorney, and develop a plan for addressing any inequity that may lead to adverse public safety outcomes, and
- 4) Collaborating with the City of Oakland’s Department of Violence Prevention to strengthen violence interruption in jails to complement violence interruption efforts in the community.

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