

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

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**RESOLUTION WAIVING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S LOCAL AND SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS AND AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$77,865) FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2025, TO DECEMBER 31, 2027, TO THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S CRIME AND JUSTICE POLICY LAB TO EVALUATE THE DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION'S CEASEFIRE-LIFELINE STRATEGY AS A REQUIREMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION GRANT FROM THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS**, there were 81 homicides and 1,046 assaults with a firearm in Oakland in 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, a significant amount of Oakland's gun violence is driven by conflicts between individuals who are affiliated with street groups and networks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) is charged with funding and delivering violence intervention services that reduce group violence in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the DVP participates in Oakland's Ceasefire-Lifeline strategy, which is a focused deterrence approach to reducing group violence that involves providing intensive life coaching and violence interruption services to individuals at imminent risk for group violence; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 12, 2024, the City Council approved Resolution No. 90508 C.M.S., which accepted a \$2 million grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance's Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) to augment the DVP's Ceasefire-Lifeline work from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027, through the hiring of three additional life coaches to deliver intensive life coaching services to individuals at imminent risk of group violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the CVIPI grant strongly encourages the DVP to contract with an external evaluation partner to complete an outcome evaluation of the grant-funded work; and

**WHEREAS**, Drs. Anthony Braga and Lisa Barao from the University of Pennsylvania's Crime and Justice Lab previously conducted an outcome evaluation of the Ceasefire-Lifeline strategy in Oakland from 2012 to 2017, and they are national experts in the evaluation of focused deterrence strategies such as Ceasefire-Lifeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the DVP desires to contract with the University of Pennsylvania's Crime and Justice Lab to complete the required evaluation given their expertise in focused deterrence evaluations and their prior experience conducting a similar evaluation in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council may waive the City's Local/Small Local Business Enterprise (L/SLBE) requirements pursuant to Part 1 of Oakland's L/SLBE program guidelines adopted by Ordinance No. 13467 C.M.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Municipal Code (OMC) section 2.04.051.A requires the City Administrator to conduct a request for proposals/qualifications (RFP/Q) process for professional services contracts greater than \$50,000, and OMC section 2.04.051.B allows Council to waive the RFP/Q requirements upon a finding by the Council that it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for this evaluation is available through the DVP's CVIPI grant in Project (1007639), Award (24643), Fund (2112), Fostering Safe and Healthy Communities Program (SC22), and Oakland Unite Organization (70211); and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administrator has determined that the agreements are professional, scientific, or technical and temporary in nature and the performance of the agreement shall not result in the loss of employment or salary by any person having permanent status in the competitive service; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the authority granted hereby, this Resolution is not intended to supersede the City Administrator's purchase authority set forth in OMC section 2.04.020; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to execution, all agreements shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to enter into a professional services agreement with the University of Pennsylvania and/or the University of Pennsylvania's Crime and Justice Policy Lab to evaluate the DVP's Ceasefire-Lifeline strategy for the term July 1, 2025, to September 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed Seventy-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars (\$77,865); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby finds that it is in the best interests to waive and hereby waives the City of Oakland's Local and Small Local Business Enterprise Program (L/SLBE) and competitive bidding process requirements for this agreement; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to extend, modify or amend the agreement, including increases within the City Administrator's purchase authority, without returning to Council consistent with the purposes of this Resolution.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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

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