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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Date: December 2, 2021

To: Oakland City Councilmembers From: Councilmember Loren Taylor

Subject: County Support for Gun Violence Reduction

Colleagues on the Council:

It is important that the City of Oakland and the County of Alameda work together to address the increased gun violence and violent crime in Oakland. This Resolution highlights specific areas where the County could provide support to the City of Oakland and our residents to prevent crime and offer services/support to those who are justice-involved or at risk of becoming justice-involved including workforce and reentry programs that can play a major role in providing alternatives to at risk and vulnerable residents.

In addition to additional services and resources, we must make sure that those who commit harm and put the lives of Oakland residents at risk are held accountable and that accountability should be equitable across the cities in Alameda County. An equity analysis will shed light on any disparities in charging and case closures across the County, allowing us an opportunity to address such disparities. And finally, to support the efforts of the Department of Violence Prevention, the department has recognized the need for violence interruption support inside our jails to complement the work occurring in the community. These recommendations for specific County support were reached through discussion with city staff and community leaders.

I, respectfully request your support of this Resolution calling on the County of Alameda to support the City of Oakland's efforts to reduce gun violence in the City of Oakland.

Yours in service of Oakland,

Loren Taylor

Councilmember District 6