

AMENDED IN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JULY 12, 2016

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE TO: 1) ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, AND ITS SUB-CONSULTANT YALE UNIVERSITY, FOR THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 1, 2016 THROUGH JULY 31, 2018 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000), FOR A PROCESS AND IMPACT EVALUATION OF THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT'S (OPD) CEASEFIRE STRATEGY; AND 2) WAIVE THE LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS (L/SLB) PROVISIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, a vast majority of homicides in Oakland are caused by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, an OPD statistical analysis revealed that individuals associated with groups and/or criminal gangs continue to be face a high risk for becoming both perpetrators and victims of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Ceasefire is a nationally recognized data-driven violence-reduction strategy coordinating law enforcement, social services, and the community to reduce gang/group-related homicides and shootings, and seeks to combine the best of community energies, social services, and strategic law enforcement to reduce gun violence associated with gangs/groups far more effectively than these entities operating alone; and

WHEREAS, in July 2014 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 85149 C.M.S., which sent the "Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Act of 2014" which became known as "Measure Z" on the to the November 4, 2014 General Municipal Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Oakland adopted the Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Act, which allows for a parcel tax and parking surcharge for a period of 10 years in order to improve police, fire, and emergency response services, community strategies for at risk youth and young adults, and to specifically support the Ceasefire Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Safety and Services Act creates the Safety and Services Oversight Commission (SSOC) to evaluate, inquire, and review the administration, coordination, and evaluation of strategies and practices mandated by the Act; and

WHEREAS, The Safety and Services Act Section 4B requires an annual independent program evaluation which shall include: 1) performance analysis and evidence that policing and violence prevention intervention programs and strategies are progressing toward the desired outcomes; and 2) an analysis as to whether programs and strategies are achieving reductions in community violence and serving those at the highest risk; and

WHEREAS, OPD plans to spend \$250,000 annually on its Ceasefire Program evaluation to comply with the Safety and Services Act evaluation requirements; and

WHEREAS, OPD conducted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, which was approved by the SSOC, and advertised in the Oakland Tribune as well as iSupplier, and although OPD received several inquiries from potential bidders, there was only one submission from Northeastern University and Yale University; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland organized a five person interview panel consisting of subject matter experts, concerned community members, and city staff familiar with Oakland's Ceasefire Strategy to interview the representatives from Northeastern University and Yale University; and

WHEREAS, the interview panel found that the experts at the Northeastern University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, along with sub-consultant Yale University Department of Sociology, principally Dr. Anthony Braga, Dr. Andrew Papachristos, Dr. Jack McDevitt, and Dr. Gregory Zimmerman, met or exceeded the scope of services outlined in the RFQ, as their bid articulates their deep expertise in field of criminology and crime prevention programmatic analysis; and

WHEREAS, \$500,000 in Safety and Services Act funding are available in OPD's Ceasefire Fund No. 2252 to cover the evaluation costs for the two year contract period; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Municipal Code Section 2.04.051.B. permits the City Council to waive the (L/SLB) provisions for the purchase of professional services upon a finding that it is in the best interest of the City to do so; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to enter into agreement with Northeastern University with Yale University as a sub-consultant from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2018, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to fund a process an impact evaluation of the Ceasefire strategy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: Northeastern University and Yale University project will work with local San Francisco Bay Area partners to assist with the evaluation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: Funds in the amount of \$500,000 will be available in Measure Z Fund (2252), Ceasefire Org (108630), Non-project (0000000), Measure Z Program (PS37); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that for the reasons stated above and in the City Administrator's report accompanying this item and pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code section 2.04.051.B, that it is in the best interests of the City to waive the (L/SLB) Program; and that the City Council waives the (L/SLB) provisions for the proposed agreement with Northeastern University and sub-consultant Yale University to perform this evaluation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator or designee is authorized to complete all required negotiations, certifications, assurances, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend and/or amend this agreement for services, except for any increase in the contract amount without returning to the City Council.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, KAPLAN, KALB, GUILLEN, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON-MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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