



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
FROM: Sarah Zarate
SUBJECT: SEE BELOW
DATE: June 15, 2022

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SUBJECT: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION STUDY SESSION

RECOMMENDATION

Set a City Council Study Session entitled *Gun Violence Prevention* for Monday, August 15, 2022 from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 pm in the City Council Chambers.

PURPOSE

To provide the City Council with background information and policy strategies related to gun violence prevention, including a contextual overview of gun violence from a public health perspective, perspectives on gun violence prevention from nationally-recognized researchers, and potential policy approaches to prevent gun violence.

OUTCOME

That the City Council is informed about strategies to prevent gun violence.

BACKGROUND

As part of its action to approve the Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance at the January 25, 2022 City Council meeting, Council directed staff to schedule a joint Study Session with the County Board of Supervisors with a focus on gun violence prevention. The Council further directed that in the event that the Board of Supervisors did not move ahead with a joint Study Session, staff was to proceed with a City Council Study Session and include experts from relevant County departments. This memorandum fulfills the Council's direction by setting a City Council Study Session on Gun Violence Prevention for August 15, 2022.

ANALYSIS

In conversation with the County, staff has determined to move ahead with a City Council Study Session that includes relevant staff from the County. Staff from the County Department of Public Health is currently conducting a study on the public cost of gun violence. (Note that County staff recently provided an update on the status of this effort under item 25 at the [May 24, 2022 County Board of Supervisors meeting](#).) County Public Health staff have agreed to attend the Study Session and present on this work. City staff is also working with nationally-recognized academic researchers in the field of gun violence to present on their work. Through various presentations, this Study Session will provide a contextual overview of gun violence, including relevant data, explain how a public health framework can be used to address gun violence, provide an update on the current state of research into gun violence prevention with a particular emphasis on gun violence as it relates to Intimate Partner Violence and substance abuse, and identify potential policy approaches to prevent gun violence.

An agenda for this Study Session will be submitted for the Rules and Open Government Committee's consideration in early August 2022.

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