

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 50

Approved February 9, 2024

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is committed to empowering strong, safe neighborhoods and improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit the City; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence is a public health crisis recognized by the American Public Health Association; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence has taken the lives of far too many Providence residents, including the City's young people; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence threatens to undermine Providence's economic recovery by disrupting education, public health, business, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Children's Defense Fund has found that gun violence disproportionately affects minority communities, with Black and Hispanic children and teens being 4.7 times and 3.3 times more likely to be injured from guns than their White counterparts; and

WHEREAS, An immediate and all-hands approach is critical to ensuring that the City is utilizing all resources to increase community safety and address the root causes of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Community Violence Intervention (CVI) is an approach that uses evidence-informed strategies to reduce violence through tailored community-centered initiatives; and

WHEREAS, These multidisciplinary strategies engage individuals and groups to prevent and disrupt cycles of violence and retaliation, establishing relationships between individuals and community assets to deliver services that save lives, address trauma, provide opportunity, and improve the physical, social, and economic conditions that drive violence; and

WHEREAS, By focusing on disproportionately impacted communities and restorative justice, the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council will reduce gun violence within the City of Providence by collaborating with the state and federal government; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is a majority-minority city that is committed to providing healthy opportunities and options for its youth; and

WHEREAS, The Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council will assist the Mayor and Council in developing policies that improve the coordination and implementation of criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Nothing in this resolution purports to compel the City to pursue any specific grant funding opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council meetings are Open Meetings under R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-6; and

WHEREAS, The Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council shall sunset at the end of the current Providence City Council Term.

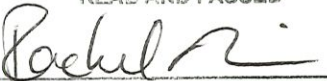

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby establishes the Pathway to End Gun Violence Advisory Council to serve as an advisory body on matters related to the reduction of gun violence in Providence. The Advisory Council shall be composed of the following members:


1. Ward 6 City Councilor Miguel Sanchez
2. Six community representatives appointed by the Providence City Council
3. The Mayor of Providence or designee
4. A representative appointed by the Mayor of Providence
5. Two representatives from the Providence Police Department
6. A representative from the Rhode Island Public Safety Grant Administration Office
7. A representative from the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Advisory Council is charged with the following responsibilities:

- a) To serve as an advisory body to the Mayor and Council on matters related to reducing gun violence in Providence;
- b) To help identify funding opportunities for strategies to reduce gun violence;
- c) To support and promote programs to reduce gun violence;
- d) To study and recommend changes in law, regulation and policy;
- e) To promote government and community cooperation to reduce gun violence by use of Community Violence Intervention (CVI) initiatives;
- f) To produce an annual report outlining the findings, recommendations, and activities of the advisory council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and all organizations named in this resolution.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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 READ AND PASSED

 RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

 CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

 Mayor
 Date: 2/9/2024