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*****PRESS RELEASE*****

*****SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON ANNOUNCES DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN AND ASKS FOR A PLEDGE TO END VIOLENCE*****

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SAN FRANCISCO, CA--Despite the Stay-At-Home order issued on March 17, 2020, the District 10 community and neighborhoods have continued to be plagued by violence. In the past few weeks, the District 10 office has continued to respond to shootings and homicides. During the shelter in place, shootings have occurred at Alice Griffith Apartments, Sunnydale Developments, Oakdale Avenue and Third Street, Hawes and Gilman Streets and various locations throughout District 10 neighborhoods. Community members and neighbors have had to bury babies, young men, mentors, and family members.

To date, one-third of the city's total homicides have occurred in District 10 in 2020. Citywide, there have been 45 homicides and 15 of those homicides with a firearm occurred in District 10. Last year, there were a total of 41 homicides citywide and 9 of those homicides occurred in District 10 with a firearm. District 10 by far has the highest homicide rates compared to all districts. Despite the efforts and investments pledged by the city to help District 10, senseless violence keeps happening in the southeastern neighborhoods.

Supervisor Shamann Walton operates on the premise that all violence prevention programming must be community driven, community led and community implemented. The rise in violence is directly correlated to the lack of collaboration between city departments and buy-in of the community to address violence during Stay-At-Home orders. Without a clear vision or direction of what violence prevention strategies should be implemented, violence will continue to plague the District 10 community.



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Through collaboration with community based organizations, town halls, and meetings with residents in the past year, Supervisor Walton announced the District 10 Community Safety Plan. The comprehensive plan is a new community process desperately needed to support successful public safety work in District 10. The plan brings together all stakeholders to create change and bring the voice of the community to the forefront of addressing violence.

Recommendations in the District 10 Community Safety Plan include:

- A violence prevention oversight committee for youth violence for ages 12-25. This will be the driving force in determining a District 10 action plan against violence.
- Community experts in violence prevention in the Black, Asian, and Latino community meeting monthly to work together to create real community solutions addressing violence.
- The community is involved in defining effective violence prevention strategies, evaluation tools adopted by the city, and any development of a violence prevention plan.

Three immediate actions of the District 10 Community Safety Plan include:

- Elevated role and support from the City & County of San Francisco in implementing public safety strategies with community.
- Establish the District 10 violence prevention monthly convenings through the Violence Prevention Convener.
- Reimagine what community mobilization and peace planning efforts look like.

The following strategies are also addressed through the District 10 Community Safety Plan:

- School-based intervention and prevention.
- Mediation and truce negotiations.
- Increased community partnerships and coordinated interventions.
- Increased transportation and transit safety measures.
- Culturally responsive service providers with elevated support from the City & County of San Francisco in public safety strategy implementation.

In addition to announcing the District 10 Community Safety Plan, Supervisor Walton asked all District 10 residents to pledge for peace and stop the violence. The Peace Pledge includes standing with the District 10 community to support the implementation of new strategies to



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address senseless violence, pledge for peace, ask for coordinated resources and commitment to the implementation plan, and ask to help come up with new solutions to best address the violence that plagues our community. The pledge also asks the community to 1) live violence free, 2) help others live violence free, and 3) keep children, families, seniors, community centers, churches, parks, and schools safe.

“Senseless violence of any kind has no place in our community,” said Supervisor Walton. “My heart breaks for the families who have lost a young one to senseless violence, We have failed each time we bury a member of our community. We can do better and together we will do better. We are asking for resources through our District 10 Community Safety Plan to bring our communities together in collaboration with city agencies to stop this violence. Senseless violence of any kind will not be tolerated in our communities.”

Included in Supervisor Walton’s immediate ask:

- Violence Prevention Teams to provide street outreach to high and in-risk youth who are most impacted by violence.
- Continue to build a response and awareness team to help provide services to our communities in District 10 and throughout the City.
- San Francisco Police Department to station officers in fixed hotspots in District 10. Community officers that establish positive relationships with families and neighbors. Officers that think support and help before anything else.
- The City and San Francisco Police Department to deploy foot patrols and community violence prevention strategies through police presence.

“The Mayor’s Office of Public Safety is committed to reducing homicides by assisting community partners in helping identified youths and communities that are seeing recidivism of violence,” said James Caldwell, Chief Officer of Public Safety of the Mayor’s Office. “We will also contact Violence Prevention Teams to provide daily street outreach to neighborhoods most impacted by violence to high and in-risk youth as well as canvass hot spots and community partners to provide safe spaces and prevention and education.”

“For more than four decades, SF SAFE has been working with the community to create a safer San Francisco, and COVID-19 isn’t slowing us down,” said Kyra Worthy, Executive Director of



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SF SAFE. “As an essential partner of our city’s law enforcement network, you can count on SF SAFE to work closely with the District 10 office, community and community serving partners to keep people safe not only during this health crisis but when the community calls on us.”

“I would like to thank the entire District 10 office for their leadership on this public safety plan,” said Commissioner Dion-Jay Brookter of the San Francisco Police Commission. “I’m a firm believer that if we do not plan then we are planning to fail. This District 10 Community Safety Plan is that first step to truly planning what safety is, can, and should look like in our communities with buy-in from our communities.”

“A lot of the violence going on right now is senseless, and we need to talk about our healing process and how to heal from all the trauma that we've been through,” said Kiera Garrett, a youth leader in the HOPE SF community. “It’s time we come together as a community once and for all to combat all these dark forces.”

“The community that is closer to the problem is closer to the solution,” said Eddy Zheng, the President and Founder of the New Breath Foundation. “We must invest resources in the District 10 community to silence the violence and heal the intergenerational trauma that is perpetuated by systematic racism. The pathway to peace has to be a multi-cultural commitment.”

“This plan is needed for our elders, our generation, and the ones after us,” said Ray Whitney, the Violence Prevention Convener. “My goal is to inspire my generation, and the ones before me, and make sure this plan is still community driven. We have to be together on this. Things like Jace Young should never happen in the community.”

“I have hope that with the strong leadership of this plan, we’re taking a step forward” said Jon Jacobo, member of the Latino Task Force. “It is our individual leadership to enact the plan that’s needed for it to be successful.”

“Buying a gun on the streets is cheap, a human life is priceless,” said Shawn Richard, the Executive Director of Brothers Against Guns. “We are planning on working with the community and law enforcement to better our community and strengthen the communication by



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understanding our role and responsibilities when it comes to the African American community at large.”

“It takes the hood to save the hood!” said Rudy Corpuz Jr. of United Playaz.

With the announcement of the comprehensive District 10 Public Safety Plan, Supervisor Walton and community leaders hope to collaborate with city departments to implement in the coming weeks as an effort to stop the violence and prevent future homicides from happening in District 10.

After the press conference, Supervisor Walton joined community leaders on a bi-weekly walk in the community to talk and engage with young people.

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