[Urging the State to Increase Funding - Supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1603 (Wicks) - California Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program]

Resolution urging the state to increase funding to the California Violence Intervention and Prevention Program (CalVIP) from \$9,000,000 annually to \$39,000,000 and supporting California Assembly Bill No. 1603, authored by Assembly Member Buffy Wicks, which provides structural fixes to CalVIP.

WHEREAS, 100 Americans die every day from gun violence and more than twice as many people are shot and survive; and

WHEREAS, California's local communities suffer from the tragic effects of gun violence as it cuts short thousands of lives every year, depresses the quality of life of whole neighborhoods, and also makes it harder for schools, businesses, and community institutions to thrive while also furthering economic and racial disparities; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of local violence reduction intervention and prevention programs that have had helped reduce gun violence in California's hardest hit communities; and

WHEREAS, The California Violence Intervention and Prevention program (CalVIP) is an essential source of funding for these programs, which work to support localities to help sustain life-saving work; and

WHEREAS, California is a national leader in gun violence prevention, yet CalVIP is underfunded and our state substantially lags behind others with highly successful analogous grant programs; and

WHEREAS, Last year, more than 120 cities and community-based organizations submitted grant applications, but there was only funding for 16 applicants; and

WHEREAS, Failing to address gun violence has both fiscal and moral consequences, costing California taxpayers millions annually in healthcare, law enforcement and criminal justice costs; and

WHEREAS, The financial burden on the state does not even begin to capture the toll of the lives lost, nor does it account for the effect on local communities, which are often torn apart as a result of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, These tragic incidents of gun violence disproportionately affect Black Californians, who are 10 times more likely to die by gun homicide than their white neighbors and Hispanics, who are two times more likely to die by gun homicide; and

WHEREAS, Cities like Oakland, Los Angeles, Richmond and Stockton have received funding from the state for their violence reduction efforts and have experienced impressive reductions in their homicides rates; and

WHEREAS, As more cities look to launch comprehensive violence prevention initiatives, CalVIP needs additional, stable funding to propel, sustain and evaluate these efforts; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports an increase in funding for the CalVIP grant program and urges the Governor to commit \$39 million per year in CalVIP; now, therefore, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports the passage of California Assembly Bill No. 1603 which provides a number of structural fixes to the CalVIP programing, including prioritizing the communities and people with highest need for CalVIP grants; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.



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Resolution

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March 19, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

File No. 190298

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/19/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

3/29/2019

London N. Breed Mayor

3/29/2019

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.