Resolution urging the Department of Public Health, in consultation with the Department of Emergency Management, Mayor’s Office of Violence Prevention and Public Safety, Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Youth, and Families, Department on the Status of Women, other relevant City departments, and community partners to create and adopt a publicly-available protocol to respond proactively to instances of gun-related community trauma.

WHEREAS, San Francisco continues to experience gun violence in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence disproportionately impacts low-income Black and brown communities; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence has deeply traumatic effects on direct victims, witnesses, and nearby community members in serious and lasting ways; and

WHEREAS, Communities are strongest when they have resilience, self-determination, and resources; and

WHEREAS, Community trauma can erode a community’s capacity to thrive, address issues, and exercise its collective efficacy; and

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), community violence has wide-reaching effects and can cause significant physical injuries and mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, communities experiencing violence may lead to increased risk of developing chronic diseases because concerns about violence may prevent them from walking, bicycling, and using parks or other recreational spaces; and
WHEREAS, Communities deserve to feel safe and, when an incident occurs that erodes their sense of safety, deserve to be supported; and
WHEREAS, Mental health resources can be instrumental in healing communities that experience gun violence; and
WHEREAS, San Francisco has practices and partnerships in place to ensure that direct victims of gun violence and their immediate families can get support, services, counseling, and other resources to aid in their recovery; and
WHEREAS, San Francisco has trauma response resources available through its Comprehensive Crisis Services team and through community-based organizations serving high-risk communities; and
WHEREAS, No protocol currently exists to ensure that the City reaches out to affected community members other than immediate victim(s) or their family members to connect them to available trauma counseling resources in a timely manner; and
WHEREAS, Community members experiencing trauma after gun violence in their neighborhoods should not have to go out of their way to receive information about available resources or trauma counseling services; and
WHEREAS, A proactive trauma response would help remove existing barriers and ensure that communities that have experienced gun violence can be connected to trauma counseling resources they need; and
WHEREAS, Studies show that trauma counseling, in connection with other community resources, can help prevent further violence; and
WHEREAS, Our city has protocols in place for community support after traumatic events in other contexts, such as the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's response after fatal traffic collisions and the San Francisco Police Department's town halls.
after police shootings, which may offer guidance regarding coordination, outreach, and
response after incidents of gun violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of Public Health, in
consultation with the Department of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Violence
Prevention and Public Safety, San Francisco Fire Department, San Francisco Police
Department, Department of Youth, and Families, Department on the Status of Women, other
relevant City departments, and community partners to create a proposed protocol and
implementation plan to respond proactively with information and connections to resources
following instances of gun-related community trauma; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proposed protocol should include, at minimum, the
following:

1. Within 72 hours of the incident of gun violence, outreach through flyering, phone
calls, community events, or other means of reaching people within a one-block
radius from the incident to notify community members of available trauma
counseling resources;

2. A clear delineation of duties between departments, service providers, and any
other City-affiliated agencies as needed to implement the protocol; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the proposed protocols
to be filed with the Board of Supervisors within 90 days of the passage of this Resolution and
be made publicly available for community input; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges a public hearing on the
resulting proposed protocol be held within 60 days of its filing with the Board.
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May 24, 2022 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

May 24, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 5/24/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned
London N. Breed
Mayor

6/3/22
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.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

[Date]

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