Resolution establishing the creation of a Vision Zero on Homicides and Violent Crimes Plan for neighborhoods most impacted by violence, and urging City departments to implement strategies to achieve the plan.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes the high homicide and violent crimes rate as a symptom of economic disparities and social inequities and acknowledges and wishes to remedy the tremendous loss to families, friends, loved ones, and community caused by homicide, attempted homicide and other violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco also recognizes the need for violence prevention programs that are culturally competent in their design, effective in their implementation, and targeted to communities with limited access to opportunity and institutional power where violent crimes most often occur; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco celebrates the downward trend in homicides over the past decade, each loss of life through violence is still senseless and a waste of human potential, and requires our utmost efforts in combating the many sources of a violent behavior; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco will do its due diligence to guarantee the safety and security of its residents by announcing campaigns to mobilize City departments, non-profit organizations, community members, and stakeholders in achieving a Vision Zero goal in homicides and violent crimes throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, Various districts and neighborhoods have begun community assessments through community meetings to gather input on how we can collectively achieve the vision of zero homicides and violent crimes, and
WHEREAS, Gender-based violence and domestic violence are a leading cause of death among self-identified women and a threat to public safety, and the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent; and

WHEREAS, Intimate partner violence accounts for 15 percent of all violent crime, and nearly half of all women who were murdered were killed by a current or former intimate partner, over 70 percent of all murder-suicides involve an intimate partner; over 30 percent of California women and 25 percent of Californian men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco intends to adopt a Vision Zero on Homicides and Violent Crimes Plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That resources in all City departments should be directed to address the violence in the neighborhoods most impacted by violence; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco urges the following departments and City programs to implement the following to achieve the Vision Zero on Homicides and Violent Crimes Plan:

1) San Francisco Police Department to increase patrols in hotspot areas;

2) The Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs to increase its Community Ambassador Program;

3) Public Works to alleviate illegal dumping in order to reduce loitering and illicit activity;

4) The Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District to provide a plan for each student impacted by violence with additional resources;

5) The Department of Public Health to provide violence prevention support between City Departments and community organizations through mental health and trauma
support for victims, families, and community members;

6) Each district to identify and create a position of a Violence Prevention Coordinator in each impacted neighborhood to establish efficient coordination of violence prevention organizations, City departments, faith-based organizations, and

7) The Mayor’s Office to expand the Mayor’s Opportunities for All program to provide jobs for young people and people in the community in order to promote stabilization and productivity and the program will work closely to ensure all youth on probation are offered jobs while the Office of Economic and workforce Development in conjunction with the Department of Children Youth and Their Families will prioritize and set aside slots for participants identified by Violence Prevention Coordinator;

8) San Francisco Police Department to work with SF SAFE to implement an appropriate use of cameras in commercial corridors or hot spots to deter crime; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor in conjunction with District Supervisors should identify a Violence Prevention Coordinator for each affected district to assist in providing more centrally coordinated management of a greater pool of resources to address homicides and violent crimes, and provide a safety plan for each district that will coordinate violence prevention services between City agencies such as the Police Department, Department of Public Health, Public Works, as well as community organizations, faith-based organizations, community leaders, and other government agencies such as the San Francisco Unified School District; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Police Department should continue to address this crisis with the goal of lowering incidents of crime by increasing uniformed foot patrols, and should work closely with violence prevention programs and other community outreach programs to coordinate outreach to identified hotspots as outlined in the neighborhood safety
plans; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests Public Works to increase the number of cleaning crews and focus on removing furniture debris to alleviate any incentives for hanging out late at night in certain areas; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that the Department of Public Health an increase in mental health and trauma support for victims and family members as well as provide beds and appropriate services for foster and system involved youth; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will explore more ways to support the Mayor’s Opportunities for All program for young people and people in the community in order to promote stabilization and productivity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will explore more ways with the Department of Children, Youth, and their Families to support our youth identified as being at-risk by the San Francisco Unified School District and all youth, ages 12 to 24, involved in the criminal justice system; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages each district Supervisor to hold community safety forums in each neighborhood, to create neighborhood safety plans; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will pursue additional strategies provided through additional community ambassadors, community input and expertise; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urges The San Francisco Violence Council and the Department on the Status of Women to present ongoing reports to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor regarding Family Violence in San Francisco and recommendation ending this violence; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Police Department to pursue gun violence restraining orders whenever there is a nexus between the use or threat of use of a firearm or ammunition by the individual who is the subject of the gun violence restraining orders and the danger presented to self or others, and the gun violence restraining order is necessary to prevent an injury to self or others; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors will take the necessary planning steps to address the rise in violent crimes against our elder community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the community in partnership with the Police Department to form a roundtable of rehabilitated and influential community leaders to work on positive interactions with some of the most vulnerable populations.
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November 14, 2019 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED

December 10, 2019 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

December 10, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 12/10/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

Date Approved