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Reducing Violence Countywide

Los Angeles County communities have seen increases in violence in recent months. Throughout each Supervisorial District, the number of shootings and resulting impact is tearing apart families and communities. In fact, gun and gang-related violence and homicides have increased between 20% to 48% in LA County, according to several sources. The Board of Supervisors created the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) to address and prevent this violence, but the full financial investment necessary to operate and maintain this program has not followed. In fact, without additional funding, the OVP may not be able to continue. Although sustained funding must be identified, we must leverage existing funding to address trauma, harm, and violence occurring in the County.

In spite of financial barriers, the Office of Violence Prevention has not been deterred. They developed their Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI), which “supports a community-driven approach to public safety.” TPI was initially focused on South Los Angeles, however, after OVP was directed to develop a pilot in the First District, it proposed recommendations on creating a survivor-centered approach that would

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coordinate with both County and community stakeholders to address community violence in the region. In addition to its continued work in the Second District and OVP's expansion into the First District, the Board of Supervisors must ensure they are able to work in other areas as well, where there has been an observed increase in rates of violence.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors directs the Chief Executive Office to identify \$5,000,000 in unobligated funding from the Measure B Special Revenue Fund to support the Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention. This should include expansion of services in Supervisorial Districts, in addition to the Second District, with a particular focus on Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) communities, including East Los Angeles, Commerce, Hawaiian Gardens, La Puente, and Puente Valley; and the Antelope Valley. This should include support of community-based organizations conducting gang intervention work.

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