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TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Off-Agenda Report Related to Progress on Gun Violence Intervention Mapping

At the October 24, 2023, convening of the Children, Seniors, and Families Committee (CSFC), the Public Health Department (PHD) presented item 18, a preliminary report relating to strategies and recommendations regarding the cost of gun violence study. This report included a geographic analysis of gaps and neighborhood resources in pre-specified zip codes in the cities of San Jose and Gilroy, as well as discussion of County and cities' distinct and complementary roles in violence prevention from a public health lens. At the time of the preliminary report, the data for the City of Gilroy were not yet ready for analysis and inclusion. At that meeting, Supervisor Arenas requested an off-agenda report that delineates the work plan and the resources invested to ensure the timely and thorough collection and analyses of these data pertaining to the City of Gilroy. The following off-agenda report addresses the request by Supervisor Arenas.

At the Board of Supervisor meeting on May 24, 2022 (Item No. 25), following the presentation of the preliminary findings of the Cost of Gun Violence report by PHD's Violence Prevention Program (VPP), the Board of Supervisor requested a geographical mapping of violence prevention and intervention activities taking place in community settings. The goal of the mapping project is to conduct a scan of community-based violence prevention and intervention activities within nine zip codes and neighborhoods most impacted by violence. The geographic coverage of this mapping project includes eight zip codes in the City of San Jose, and one zip code that encompasses the City of Gilroy.

Data collection in all zip codes used a mix methods approach of key informant interviews, rapid survey, and internal data and internet research. Subject matter experts (SME) who have extensive knowledge of community-based violence prevention programs in the local area were identified. PHD staff conducted key informant interviews in which SMEs were asked to list organizations that provide services in the community that align with one or more of the strategies in the Community Violence Intervention framework. SMEs were also asked to describe which neighborhoods these services and programs served. This information was entered into a data collection spreadsheet to which the SMEs were also given access in order to correct or complete any data entry that wasn't done during the meeting. Following this initial data collection, a rapid survey was done with service providers who provide violence prevention

or intervention services at a community collaborative meeting led by the SMEs. Service provider respondents were asked to provide information on what programs their organizations offered, and where in the County these programs operated. Results of the survey were entered into the data collection spreadsheet. The SMEs were then asked to review the final dataset compiled for accuracy and to fill in missing information prior to PHD analysis, mapping, and description for the legislative file.

Using this protocol, PHD staff identified the South County Youth Taskforce (SCYTF) organizers as SMEs for violence prevention/intervention work in Gilroy. SCYTF leadership meets monthly, and PHD staff were expected to utilize existing meeting times for SME input and review to reduce the burden on stakeholders and ensure optimal data gathering from the over 40 agencies who convene at SCYTF. PHD staff originally requested the rapid survey at the SCYTF technical meeting in August, but the agenda was already full at that time with items that could not be rescheduled according to SCYTF leadership. PHD staff met with the SCYTF team on September 11, 2023, and collected preliminary information around the programs taking place in Gilroy. PHD staff were then invited to attend the September 27, 2023, SCYTF technical meeting to conduct the full rapid survey with members. Around 33 survey responses were received, and the results were entered into the data collection spreadsheet throughout early September.

Because of insufficient time for data compilation, analysis and documentation between the September 27 SCYTF meeting and the due date for the leg file, the Gilroy data were not ready for inclusion in the report for the October 23 CSFC meeting. At this time, PHD is confident that the analysis of these data will be complete in time for inclusion in the legislative file due by December 15, 2023, for presentation at the January 2024 CSFC meeting. Should circumstances evolve to change this expectation, PHD will communicate promptly with the offices of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of CSFC. Please see the following summary of completed and upcoming phases of work to ensure data presentation to CSFC in January 2024.

Workplan for data collection in Gilroy

Timeframe	Task	Status
August 1 – 14	PHD internal data collection, SME identification, and planning	Completed
August 14-18	Mapping overview coordination and communication between South County SME / PHD	Completed
Sept 11-15	Meeting with (SME) to collect data on violence prevention/intervention programs serving 95020	Completed
Sept 27	Rapid survey with SCYTF tech team members	Completed
September 30-Nov 2	Survey data entry, cleaning, and PHD review	Completed
Nov 3-20	SCYTF organizers to review and edit dataset	In progress
Nov 21-27	Data analysis of Gilroy mapping data by PHD Science Branch	In progress
Nov 27-Dec 5	Results writeup for CSFC report	To be completed
Dec 6- Dec 15	Final review of CSFC report and submission for January CSFC meeting	To be completed