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**Expansion of the Trauma Prevention Initiative**

In Los Angeles County (County) violent crime has increased alongside the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Communities of color are disproportionately impacted by this increase. Since 2015, over 50,000<sup>1</sup> serious violent crimes were reported annually, including over 500 homicides. Each year, between 2016 and 2020, over 20,000 County residents were treated in emergency departments for injuries sustained in assaults. Countywide, the number of homicides reported to law enforcement agencies increased by 333 or 66% in 2021 compared to 2019. Additionally, gun-related aggravated assaults increased by almost 4,000 or 59% within the same time periods. In response to these alarming trends, the Board of Supervisors (Board) has further invested in community-based public safety solutions.

The Board established the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) in the Department of Public Health (Public Health) to coordinate violence prevention efforts with a public health approach. One of the key priorities of OVP’s Strategic Plan, as outlined in a

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<sup>1</sup> Crimes and Clearances data. California Department of Justice, OpenJustice data portal. Available online: <https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/data>

**MOTION**

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January 2021 memo to the Board, is to expand the place-based Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) to communities disproportionately impacted by violence. TPI has built an infrastructure to promote community-driven public safety solutions in four communities in the Second District since 2016. TPI works with credible messengers to provide case management to victims of violence in trauma centers and to employ interventionists to promote peacemaking, manage mediation, and to reduce retaliatory violence.

Further, TPI staff and contractors have also partnered with the Sheriff's Department, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other departments to develop protocols for incident response and safe passages.

The County has taken several actions to expand and improve TPI services. On July 13, 2021, the Board approved a motion to expand TPI to the First, Fourth and Fifth Districts in addition to increasing investment in Second District communities. In October 2021, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) identified one year of funding for TPI expansion, while continuing to work to identify ongoing funding to support OVP's strategic implementation plan, including TPI services. OVP worked quickly to get the funding out to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to implement TPI expansion. OVP used master agreement service contracts to streamline hiring of staff and contracting for evaluation and community engagement services. The Board approved a motion on November 2, 2021, giving Public Health delegated authority to enter into temporary, short-term, sole source agreements and/or to amend current contracts using the funds identified by CEO, noting that such agreements and/or amendments shall not extend beyond December 31, 2022. Public Health intended to launch a Request for Applications (RFA) solicitation process for these services to begin in January 2023 upon identification of ongoing funding.

On September 13, 2022, the Board approved ongoing funding for TPI expansion in the amount of \$5M annually. OVP intends to resume the RFA solicitation process and release the opportunities to bid in January 2023 for contracts to begin in July 2023 with the new fiscal year. While the RFA documents have been drafted, it takes approximately six months to execute contracts once the opportunities have been released for bid. Given this timeline and to avoid a break in these critical services, it is necessary to continue Public Health's delegated authority to maintain current temporary contracts through June

30, 2023.

Over the past nine months, TPI Expansion has made significant progress advancing community-driven public safety in the County by investing in CBOs who are on the frontlines of addressing this crisis and building partnerships across sectors in alignment with OVP's strategic vision for a Violence Free LA County and with the Board's commitment to equity and a Care First approach.

This motion, therefore, extends the delegated authority originally provided to Public Health on November 2, 2021, to continue existing Street Outreach and Hospital Violence Intervention Program contracts in the nine TPI communities to sustain existing services through the end of the fiscal year, June 2023. Public Health-OVP will in turn extend and augment all contracts of currently funded agencies.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (Public Health) to extend and augment existing temporary contracts utilizing funds identified for Trauma Prevention Initiative (TPI) Base and Expansion services. Such amendments shall not extend beyond June 30, 2023, including:
  - a. Street Outreach providers within identified TPI communities, at a total cost not to exceed \$1.5 million from January – June 2023 across all temporary contract amendments;
  - b. Hospital Violence Intervention Program providers, working with trauma hospitals serving identified TPI communities, at a total cost not to exceed \$600,000 from January – June 2023 across all temporary contract amendments; and
2. Direct the Director of Public Health to continue to provide updates on TPI Expansion via quarterly progress reports, including an update on the status of temporary contracts and RFAs.

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