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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS HILDA L. SOLIS AND JANICE HAHN

January 24, 2023

Coordination of Los Angeles County's Response to Incidents of Mass Violence

On Saturday, January 21, the City of Monterey Park experienced a senseless act of gun violence, with 11 residents tragically losing their lives. Monterey Park holds significance as having one of the largest percentages of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) residents in the United States, and for decades, the city has elevated the cultures and histories of AAPIs in this country – breaking barriers and challenging stereotypes along the way. This shooting was especially tragic as the community was in the midst of a joyous celebration of Lunar New Year, and now, this tragedy in Monterey Park joins a series of mass shooting events that the nation continues to grapple with. As the survivors, families of the victims, and the community at large respond to this event, it is imperative that they and other Los Angeles County (County) residents know that the County will deploy the resources and support needed to respond in both the immediate aftermath and as the community works on a path toward healing, recovery, and justice.

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Although the hope is that these tragedies are rare, the reality is these incidents are becoming more commonplace. In fact, in 2022, the Gun Violence Archive recorded 647 mass shootings in the United States. The Monterey Park mass shooting is the 36th that this country has experienced within the first three weeks of 2023. The County must ensure that the protocols and procedures are in place to respond to such events quickly, effectively, and in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors make a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and the need to take this action came to the attention of the Board of Supervisors subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting; and

1. Declare gun violence a public health crisis.
2. Direct the Office of Violence Prevention, in collaboration with County and community partners, to finalize and publicly release the Platform to Address Gun Violence.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Office, in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Aging and Disabilities, and relevant departments, to:
    a. Work with County, state, and federal partners to coordinate necessary resources and funding to support the survivors, victims, and their families of the Monterey Park mass shooting.
    b. Coordinate targeted outreach to AAPI older adults to provide appropriate resources and trauma services, including those provided by community-based providers, that are linguistically and culturally

appropriate.

4. Direct the Chief Executive Office, with the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health, and relevant departments, to work in collaboration with County partners and external subject matter experts in assessing and updating protocols and procedures for the County, in particular the Office of Emergency Management, on providing a seamless response to incidents of mass violence in LA County, and report back in writing. The report back should include:
    a. The development of protocols and procedures for the Office of Emergency Management and relevant departments to deploy in the event of a mass shooting or similar violent event;
    b. The creation of a resource bank, including culturally and linguistically appropriate materials from all relevant County departments, to deploy for a mass shooting or similar violent event;
    c. The development of a Countywide community outreach and engagement and public information plan to communicate with multi-lingual, ethnic, and hyperlocal media;
    d. Review of existing training for County staff and contractors to ensure a coordinated response to mass shootings or similar violent events;
    e. A plan to work in coordination with local, state, and federal partners in identifying resources and support to assist victims; and
    f. A plan to identify community-based and faith-based providers and victim advocacy groups with resources and support for victims,

survivors, and their families.

5. Direct the Chief Executive Office to work with the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Services, and County Counsel to identify the necessary ongoing funding to support the above directives, including utilizing available unallocated Measure B funding, American Rescue Plan Act funding, and the Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention and/or other departmental resources for gun violence prevention.
6. Direct all relevant departments to report back on the above directives in 60 days, with updates every 60 days thereafter for the duration of 2023.

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