OVERVIEW
On October 19, 2021, the Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Administrative Officer to develop options for community-based gun violence reduction and disruption programs and to return to the Board within 180 days.

In response to the Board’s direction, the Public Safety Group convened a Gun Violence Reduction Working Group (Working Group) to develop recommendations for Board consideration. The Working Group, comprised of representatives from community-based organizations that actively work in gun violence prevention, intervention, and aftercare (i.e., post-incident trauma recovery), as well as various County of San Diego departments, agreed to use a public health approach to address gun violence in our communities. A public health approach to gun violence includes asking foundational questions to address underlying risk factors that contribute to gun violence and emphasizes input from diverse stakeholders to address the problem. When using this type of approach, a critical first step is to define the scope and complexity of the problem to develop meaningful prevention, intervention, and aftercare strategies as mitigation measures.

To define the scope of complexity of the gun violence problem in San Diego County, the recommendation from the Working Group is to conduct a contractor-led, regional gun violence community needs assessment to gather data and feedback from the community to (1) better understand the scope of gun violence in the region and communities most impacted; (2) identify existing resources, operational strengths, and best practices; (3) identify gaps, challenges, and community concerns; (4) facilitate alliance building and support shared learning and collaboration amongst those supporting gun violence prevention, intervention and aftercare in the community; and (5) produce key findings that can be used to develop strategies for continuing gun violence reduction efforts.

Today’s requested actions are for the Board to receive an update which includes a recommendation from the Working Group to conduct a contractor-led, regional gun violence community needs assessment and authorize a competitive solicitation for a contractor to conduct a regional gun violence community needs assessment and share the final key findings report with the Board upon completion.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
2. In accordance with Section 401, Article XIII of the County Administrative Code, authorize the Director, Department of Purchasing and Contracting to issue a competitive solicitation for a contractor to conduct a regional gun violence community needs assessment. Upon successful negotiations and determination of a fair and reasonable price, award a contract for a term of one (1) year, with five (5) one-year option periods and up to an additional six months if needed, and to amend the contract as needed to reflect changes to services and funding, subject to approval of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

3. Share the final key findings report with the Board upon completion of the community needs assessment.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT
Each year, more than 39,000 people in United States die as result of gun violence, and over one-hundred thousand suffer non-fatal gun injuries. The proposed actions seek to increase public safety and reduce firearm violence in all communities and for all county residents, while also recognizing that countywide data shows that Black/African American and Hispanic/Latino victims of homicide are more likely to be killed by a firearm than another weapon type. Qualitative data in conjunction with quantitative data will be used to obtain a broad sense of the types of gaps in programs and services and to enhance understanding of the impact, intensity, and distribution of services needed.

FISCAL IMPACT
Funds for this request will be included in the Fiscal Years 2022-24 Operational Plan Change Letter for the Public Safety Group. The funding source is Local Revenue Fund, Community Corrections Subaccount. There may be fiscal impacts associated with future related recommendations which staff would return to the Board for consideration and approval.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT
N/A

ACTION:
ON MOTION of Supervisor Fletcher, seconded by Supervisor Lawson-Remer, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Vargas, Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Fletcher, Desmond
State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Signed
by Andrew Potter