

1 [Gun Violence Prevention]

2 **Resolution advocating for the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of San**
3 **Francisco to implement youth gun violence prevention, particularly in District 10**

4 WHEREAS, Gun violence has increasingly become a prevalent and detrimental
5 issue within the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, In the first six months of 2022, there were over 300 mass shootings
7 throughout the nation, rising to 647 shootings by the end of the year; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has a disproportionate impact on underserved
9 communities in America, with Black Americans experiencing 10 times the gun
10 homicides than White Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Justice, in fact, 'U.S. residents are
12 128 times more likely to be killed by everyday gun violence than by international
13 terrorism; Black people specifically are 500 times more likely to die this way'; and

14 WHEREAS, Youth and transitional-aged youth are especially more prone to
15 being exposed to this kind of violence as in 2020, firearms became the leading cause of
16 death among children aged nineteen and below; and

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to this issue and is a microcosm of the
18 national data, particularly District 10, which is composed of some of the following
19 communities: Bayview Hunters Point, Portola, Visitacion Valley, and parts of Mission;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, District 10 has the largest proportion of residents aged 0-17, with
22 over 2x its residents identifying as Black or African American and 3.5x identifying as
23 Native American or other Pacific Islander; and

1 WHEREAS, In District 10 from 2014-2023, there were 48 gun violence victims
2 from the ages of 0-17 and 218 gun violence victims within that same period from the
3 ages of 18 - 24; and

4 WHEREAS, The months of September, February, and May, all of which are
5 school months, all statistically had the highest number of gun violence victims; and

6 WHEREAS, 67% of the gun violence victims from these respective ages were
7 identified to have been African American; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has been in America for many years, and it is
9 understood that the best way to reduce gun violence is to make buying a gun like
10 buying a car leading to gun violence being significantly reduced in America; and

11 WHEREAS, Although gun violence has had a massive effect on communities,
12 the recommendations to try to reduce gun violence (as aforementioned) are increasingly
13 becoming harder to utilize due to a focus on political agendas and less on public safety;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Due to the prominence of gun violence within D10, it is pertinent that
16 San Francisco break this national trend and focus more on public—and youth—safety
17 by establishing ways to keep students safe during school and after school hours; and
18 therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
20 City and County of San Francisco to explore and implement the following possibilities in
21 order to keep high-risk youth safe from gun violence; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission implores the
2 City and County of San Francisco to partner with SFUSD to improve school safety
3 infrastructure; and therefore be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges
5 SFUSD to create after-school programs focused on academic and social enrichment to
6 grant students more opportunities to be in school and away from potential harming
7 situations after school; and therefore be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges
9 SFUSD to create more wellness and mental health support around gun violence; for
10 instance, training counselors to become more adept at supporting youth who have
11 directly or indirectly experienced gun violence; and therefore be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges San
13 Francisco to provide grants to local nonprofits and CBOs such as United Playaz and
14 Gun x Gun, who are doing the frontline work to utilize gun violence prevention and
15 youth development within local communities; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
17 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
18 Supervisor, and San Francisco Unified School District.