

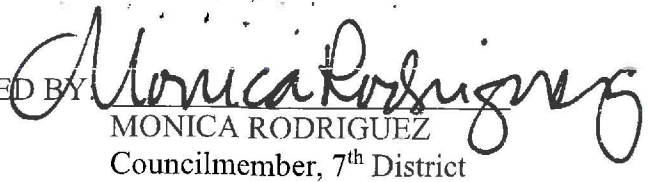
MOTION

Over the last year, there has been a significant spike in homicides in cities across the country. The City of Los Angeles saw 179 homicides in the first six months of 2021, a 36 percent increase over 2020, a year in which the City had over 300 murders for the first time in a decade. These crimes have disproportionately impacted minority communities, with the majority of homicide victims being black males. While these facts are troubling, there are reasons for hope, as data shows that a relatively small number of people are involved in urban gun violence, and new strategies for addressing violence are being funded by the Biden Administration.

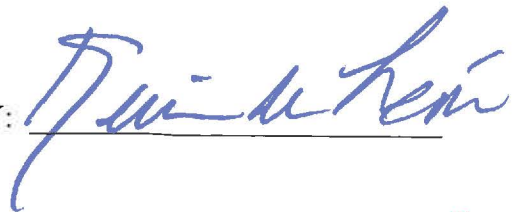
Of particular note is the Biden Administration's commitment to funding various Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies. CVI strategies are designed to reduce violence without relying on incarceration. These strategies include violence interruption programs to deploy trusted messengers to work directly with individuals most likely to commit gun violence, conflict intervention, and programs to connect people to social and economic services to reduce the chance a person will commit gun violence. On April 7, 2021, the Biden Administration announced historic investments in CVI programs through existing grant programs and through the new legislative proposals. As the City works to reduce gun violence, it is imperative that all sources of additional funding be investigated.

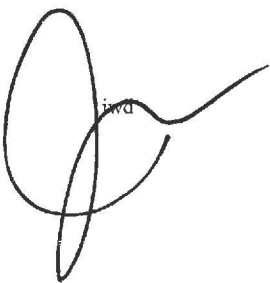
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst, be directed to report on funding for Community Violence Intervention strategies being made available by the Biden Administration, and on what funds will be made available to the City.

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