

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: June 13, 2023 Re: Letter of Support for the Urban Peace Institute To Mayor Karen Bass and the Los Angeles City Council, On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action, and Students Demand Action, we write to express our enthusiastic and sustained support for the Urban Peace Institute. Urban Peace Institute is a premier street outreach organization, and we consider Urban Peace Institute to be a key partner in all efforts to increase community safety in Los Angeles over decades. For this reason, we hope Los Angeles City Council fully supports the Urban Peace Institute Peace Plan, including an increase in pay for their peacemakers doing life-saving work within the city. Violence interrupters not only place themselves in harm's way to prevent gun violence, but all too often they remain underpaid and unsupported nationwide, and this funding will ensure Los Angeles continues to lead the way in this work. Urban Peace Institute, through multiple programs, focused on serving those at the highest-risk of shooting or being shot, implements comprehensive gun violence prevention strategies that have demonstrated efficacy in cities across the country. In 2019 and 2020, Everytown's Community Safety Fund delivered significant grant support for the Urban Peace Institute. Throughout their grant period, they demonstrated consistent success in reducing gun violence in Los Angeles, their leading role in Los Angeles' Community Safety Partnership Bureau contributed to notable decreases in crime in several neighborhoods, as well as partnering with groups across the city to contribute to an 30% increase in community perception of safety. Since the completion of their grant period, Urban Peace Institute has served as a training partner for other programs in our grantee cohort, and we've remained close partners. Now is the time to sustain and deepen support for the programs we know are making an impact. We believe that community-led public safety strategies, implemented by organizations like Urban Peace Institute which are deeply embedded in the most impacted communities, are a critical component of gun violence prevention efforts. Their work - led by community leaders from the Black and brown communities disproportionately affected by gun violence - has never been more critical. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Dara Young Associate Director of Community Safety Initiatives,

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Dara Young
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