

Wilmington, Delaware
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Sponsor:

**Council
Member
Johnson**

WHEREAS, community violence remains a persistent public safety concern across our nation's cities. Investing in the City of Wilmington's public safety infrastructure is of paramount importance to this City Council; and

WHEREAS, the funding provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) created an unprecedented opportunity to support resilience. The City has demonstrated its deep commitment to addressing violence and the residual trauma to our communities by devoting \$7 million towards "Building Safer Communities." The "Landscape Analysis Report for the City of Wilmington" (referred to as the "Report") provides a framework for a coordinated, sustainable, and solution-oriented approach to violence that was drafted with consideration to our City's unique needs; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Wilmington entered into an agreement with the Community Based Public Safety Collective, also known as "The Collective," to undertake a landscape analysis to assist the City in its community violence intervention (CVI) and reduction efforts. The Collective conducted more than 58 interviews with a variety of stakeholders, surveyed 20 front line intervention workers, and reviewed crime and hospital data to examine the contexts of local violence; and

WHEREAS, the Collective specializes in the professionalization of CVI and is among our nation's leaders in training and technical assistance (TTA) and capacity-building for emerging community-based public safety (CBPS) initiatives. The organization is one of four TTA providers for the national Community Violence Intervention (CVI) Collaborative, which

is a comprehensive strategy to combat violent crime that was convened by the Biden-Harris Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Report provides an assessment of the City’s assets; advises on areas for improvement based on interviews with a variety of stakeholders; offers immediate action steps to confront ongoing gun violence, community trauma, and retaliatory crime; and makes recommendations for laying the groundwork for a long-term community-based public safety infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that this Legislative body accepts into the record the report titled “Landscape Analysis Report for the City of Wilmington.” The “General Recommendations” and “Suggested Action Steps for the City of Wilmington” issued by this report will be taken under advisement as we work collaboratively to chart a new path for our dear City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council strongly encourages the Administration to release funds to the appropriate entities for community violence intervention in a fiscally responsible and timely manner, ensure that these entities have access to the necessary training, and designate a coordinator to oversee the ongoing implementation of the City’s strategy to interrupt community violence.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution adopts the report titled “Landscape Analysis Report for the City of Wilmington.” The report, which was conducted by the Community Based Public Safety (CBPS) Collective provides a framework for a coordinated, sustainable, solution-oriented approach to violence by providing “General Recommendations” and “Suggested Action Steps” that give consideration to the City’s unique needs.