

September 5, 2023

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager:

Mayor Rex Richardson
Mary Zendejas, 1st District
Cindy Allen, Vice Mayor, 2nd District
Kristina Duggan, 3rd District
Daryl Supernaw, 4th District
Megan Kerr, 5th District
Dr. Suely Saro, 6th District
Roberto Uranga, 7th District
Al Austion, 8th District
Dr. Joni Ricks-Oddie, 9th District
Thomas B. Modica, City Manager

The Long Beach Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Collaborative has an extensive history of violence prevention and intervention initiatives and experiences in our community. Given our success in addressing violence, the revived strategy must produce a more robust system to tackle the political, economic, and social determinants of violence in the City of Long Beach. We recognize and appreciate the investments proposed for the cultural centers, mobile recess, teen academies, BE Safe, and Hoops After Dark are essential and related efforts for violence intervention. However, we strongly recommend an amendment to consolidate citywide funding for community violence intervention and prevention programs in the FY 2024 Budget. Given the fact that the proposed budget exceeds \$700 million dollars, we would be remiss if we did not utilize this opportunity to reframe expectations for budgetary outcomes from the viewpoint of violence prevention.

The Long Beach Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Collaborative are respectfully recommending for the following:

- I. Violence prevention program funding and investments will:
 - a. Include Evidence-based and data-driven strategies
 - b. Target hotspot neighborhoods and zip codes (e.g., 90802, 90804, 90805, 90806, 90810, 90813)
 - c. Engage culturally appropriate representatives of communities of color
 - d. Include lead agencies that possess a minimum of 5 years of CVI experiences and a track record of demonstrated effective outcomes

- e. Engage trusted organizations and leaders with lived experiences
 - f. Prioritize transparency and an inclusionary process for organizations to apply for violence prevention and intervention funding
- II. That the City of Long Beach Mayor, Councilmembers, and City Manager support community-based organizations and leaders in violence prevention by collaborating in a strategic initiative that speaks to the importance of impact, fidelity, and sustainability of these initiatives.

We look forward to solidifying a valued partnership between the City of Long Beach and community-based organizations that can be instrumental in enhancing and supporting community violence intervention and prevention funding, programs, and resources.

Sincerely,

Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative Partners

Long Beach CVIPI Background:

The Long Beach Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) is a funded project by the Department of Justice (DOJ), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). This initiative seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies are an evidence-based approach to reducing violence through tailored community-center initiatives and partnerships among community residents and stakeholders in the City of Long Beach. With Centro CHA being the lead agency, we have identified and will continue to identify key members and organizations in our community to support our neighborhoods through an equitable approach and participate in the planning team. Centro CHA is committed long-term to ending the racial and generational cycle of violence in Long Beach. The agency is the City's premier Latino-led organization; we have a proven-record of service as a trusted community-based "hub" for delivering specialized culturally and linguistically friendly youth and family development services. In addition, our staff has been trained to deliver evidenced based strategies and best practices including case-management, mentoring, workforce development solutions, violence prevention and intervention, and community engagement services and reentry programs for 25 years.

LONG BEACH CVIPI COLLABORATIVE

CVIPI Objectives: In FY2022, the Department of Justice launched the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI), a historic federal investment in community violence intervention programs. Now called the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI), this initiative seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

With Centro CHA being the lead agency, the Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative was awarded \$1.5 million to create a road map, improve and expand current CVI strategies, and evaluate measurement outcomes of our implementation plan. This 30+ member culturally diverse collaborative includes trusted credible messengers, community stakeholders, service providers, cultural-based organizations, hospitals, local schools, and government officials. The collaborative has provided funding to culturally, socially, and ethnically diverse organizations to increase their capacity for violent conflict intervention and prevention. On Thursday, May 25th, 2023, we hosted the collaborative's kick-off meeting, and we will continue to hold monthly/bi-monthly meetings until 2025. We have awarded 10 Sub-recipient Partner Contracts and Awarded a Sub-contract to Researcher & Criminologist: Dr. James M. Binnall & Dr. Nick Peterson.



SUPPORTING AGENCIES:



James M. Binnall
CONSULTING

Supporting Efforts & Awareness

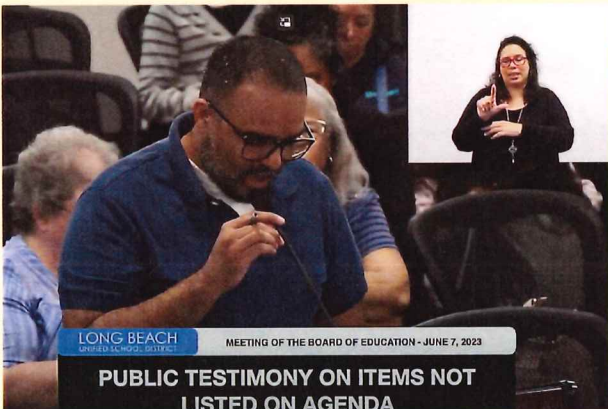


A Call to Action: Peace Rally & Press Conference

The CVIPI team created posters and participated in a Peace Rally held on Tuesday, May 16th, for Eric Gregory Brown III, a 12-year-old boy killed in a drive-by shooting in Long Beach. Centro CHA also provided Eric Brown's family with victims of crime assistance and emergency housing supportive services. Additionally, the CVIPI team attended the Long Beach City Council held that same Tuesday, May 16th, to request additional awareness, resources, and support in violence prevention, and we asked the city to release an award for anyone with information on the crime. Please find the linked article: ['Enough is enough': Community rallies for action after boy was killed in drive-by shooting.](#)

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

The CVIPI team joined Memorial Healthcare and 200 others on Friday, June 2, 2023, in honoring National Gun Violence Awareness Day by wearing orange. Please find the linked article: [Long Beach first responders hold demonstration on National Gun Violence Awareness Day.](#)



LBUSD Board Meeting

Our CVIPI collaborative members attended the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) board meeting on June 7th, 2023, to address the uptick in youth and racial violence occurring across high schools in the district.

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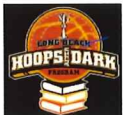


Thursday,
September 14, 2023
5:00 - 8:00 PM

 **St. Mary Medical Center**
Parr Health Enhancement Center
1050 Linden Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90813

More Information on this Free Event:

Parking provided
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**Justice For
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- Sorteos de oportunidad
- Recursos comunitarios



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