



City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: Public Safety Committee

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Reduce Celebratory Gunfire & a "Call the Shots" Public Service Campaign

SUMMARY:

Briefing and possible action on a CCR from Councilmembers Teri Castillo (District 5) and Councilmember Marina Alderete Gavito (District 7) regarding Celebratory Gunfire.

The San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) will provide a briefing on celebratory gunfire as part of the City's Public Safety Campaign for 4th of July and the New Year's holidays in collaboration with local media, other law enforcement agencies and City Departments to include Metro Health and the San Antonio Fire Department (SAFD).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On September 24, 2024, Councilmember Teri Castillo (District 5) and Councilmember Marina Alderete Gavito (District 7) submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) Requesting

consideration of Reduce Celebratory Gunfire & "Call the Shots" Public Service Campaigns CCR.

The CCR states that residents in Districts 5 and 7, along with communities across San Antonio, frequently experience the dangers of stray gunfire in their neighborhoods. The CCR requested the following:

- Coordinate a public information campaign on the dangers and illegality of celebratory gunfire with appropriate City, County, State, and Federal enforcement authorities.
- City must launch a public awareness campaign reminding residents that celebratory gunfire is illegal and will be enforced in San Antonio.
- The campaign will also encourage residents to report gunfire incidents to the SAPD non-Emergency line, reinforcing the importance of community involvement in ensuring public safety.

ISSUE:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Not applicable.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Not applicable.