



Alameda County Board of Supervisors
Personnel, Administration, and Legislation (PAL) Committee
LEGISLATIVE POSITION REQUEST FORM

Submission deadline is noon on the Monday two weeks prior to the PAL meeting.
 See FAQ for additional instructions.

Title (Bill/Reg. No., Bill/Reg. Title, Author):		Request to include increased Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Community Violence Intervention Initiative funding in FY2025 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill		
Version (Date amended):		Click or tap here to enter text.		
Position Requested:		Choose an item.		
Current Status of Bill/Regulation (Has the bill been referred to committee, or set for hearing? If so, when and what committee? Next hearing?) (Where relevant include comment period dates/deadlines):		Click or tap here to enter text.		
Alignment with Vision 2026:	Shared Visions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Thriving & Resilient Population <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safe & Livable Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Prosperous & Vibrant Economy	10X Goals <input type="checkbox"/> Employment for All <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminate Poverty and Hunger <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crime Free County <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare for All <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible Infrastructure	Operating Principles <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Stewardship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Access	
Alignment with Legislative Platform (i.e. "issue"/plank or N/A if not in legislative platform)		Violence Prevention: Support policies and funding that implement trauma-informed violence interventions. Support investments in public health strategies within communities most impacted by violence. Youth Violence Prevention and Education Programs: Funding for collaborative violence prevention, education programs, and/or counseling programs for youth who are at-risk of or have been involved in crime.		
Summary (Summary of item, use Legislative Counsel's Digest, Bill Analysis, or Bill Summary):				
Support a federal budget request by the Big Cities Health Coalition (BCHC) to include funding in the FY2025 Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations bill for CDC's Community Violence Intervention Initiative, which is aligned with the President's budget request of \$100 million for the program. Currently the program is funded at \$3 million. CDC currently funds five Youth Violence Prevention Centers (YVPCs), which are academic-community collaborations that advance the science and practice of youth violence prevention research. If CDC were to receive additional funds they would: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand the reach of CDC programs to help stem the rise in violence in high-risk communities. • Implement a comprehensive Youth and Community Violence Prevention program to prevent community and youth violence in communities across the country in geographic areas with the highest number of homicides or highest number of homicides per capita. • Support violence prevention programs specifically tailored to meet needs identified by communities. • Provide funding and technical assistance to organizations that represent communities most impacted by community violence and have a proven track record of serving them. 				
Background of Bill:				
<input type="checkbox"/> New bill <input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Gut and Amend <input type="checkbox"/> Similar to other current bills we have positions on				
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Introduced <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-Up Bill <input type="checkbox"/> Urgency Clause				
Seeking Amendments?		Choose an item.		



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Previous Legislation:		
If YES, attach amendments.		
Do all other impacted agencies/departments concur?	N/A	
If YES, list each department and contact person. If NO, see FAQ.		
Click or tap here to enter text.		
Potential State/Federal Fiscal Impacts (include \$ estimate):	Increased federal funding to CDC	
Potential Net County Cost Impacts (include \$ estimate):	None	
Fiscal Impact:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adds revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Unfunded mandate <input type="checkbox"/> Cost savings <input type="checkbox"/> Additional costs <input type="checkbox"/> New/increased fees to offset costs <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces or reduces fees <input type="checkbox"/> Includes appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Minor impact – program absorption <input type="checkbox"/> Redirects resources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None of the above <input type="checkbox"/> Changes fines/penalties		
Potential Impacts to County Residents (Include specific data):		
<p>This critical investment would allow the CDC to support actionable, proven community-driven public health strategies that can prevent and reduce violence in communities facing the highest burden of violence. This is a particularly important issue for Alameda County as violence continues to have a significant impact on our communities with homicide on the rise as the sixth leading cause of premature death countywide. In 2023, close to 90% of all homicides involved guns in Alameda County. High rates of homicide deaths and gun violence disproportionately impact our youth in communities of color. Homicide was the third leading cause of death for Black/African American County residents in 2020-2021.</p>		
Potential Impacts to County Programs, Services, Operations or Departments (Be specific):		
<p>Alameda County Public Health Department’s Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) applies a public health approach to violence, working in partnership with community to better understand the scope and impacts of violence and develop strategies that promote community safety and resilience. While this funding will not be available for local public health departments/jurisdictions, investing in community and public health solutions is aligned with the work and goals of OVP.</p>		
Reporting Requirements:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires one-time report/study <input type="checkbox"/> Requires new reporting form(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Requires annual report <input type="checkbox"/> Requires amended reporting form(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No reporting requirement		
List Known Supporters:	Big Cities Health Coalition	
List Known Opposition:	Unknown	
Requestor (who is asking for the County to take a position? e.g., agency/dept., association, organization)		
Big Cities Health Coalition and Alameda County Health		
Approved by Department Head (Name/Date):	Colleen Chawla, Agency Director, Alameda County Health – 5/9/24	
Submitter (Name, Title, Dept.):	Eileen Ng, Policy Director, Alameda County Health	
Submission Date:	5/9/24	
CAO Analyst:	Peilin Chen & Razilee Tadeo	



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Additional Comments:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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For Internal CAO Use Only:					
Date Received:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date to Analyst:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Date from Analyst:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Target PAL date:	Click or tap here to enter text.	CAO recommendation:	Click or tap here to enter text.		

April xx, 2024

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United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

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