

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
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(Resolution No. 070321)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to bring together leaders in public health to discuss the mental health component of the crime epidemic in the City of Philadelphia and possible solutions for reducing crime.

WHEREAS, There is a current epidemic of crime in The City and Philadelphia has been called a “City in Crisis”; and

WHEREAS, There is no single solution that will stop violence so we must consider every possible solution and apply an integrated, multi-disciplinary approach to this problem in an effort to stem the rising tide of violence; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in a culture of violence can lead to an array of mental health conditions including post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and

WHEREAS, Leading researchers in the field of public health state that many instances of violence are attributable to either mental or physical health conditions; and

WHEREAS, There are currently insufficient City resources to help those who require mental health services; and

WHEREAS, Many of the leading academics in the field of violence and mental health are located in Philadelphia and would be a valuable resource when considering ways to combat this problem; and

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, THAT the Committee on Public Health and Human Services is hereby authorized to hold public hearings, bring together leaders in public health to discuss the mental health component of the crime epidemic in the City of Philadelphia and possible solutions for reducing crime.

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RESOLUTION NO. 070321 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the nineteenth of April, 2007.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Savage and Reynolds Brown

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Savage, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Greenlee, Rizzo, Clarke, Kenney, Miller, Campbell, Ramos, Tasco, O'Neill and DiCicco