

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
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Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 150226)

RESOLUTION

Calling for the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings on the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system and to explore how the system might be used in Philadelphia to reduce gun violence.

WHEREAS, The New York Police Department has started using the ShotSpotter detection system to pinpoint the location of gunfire and send the information to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The system is used in several major cities including Washington, Boston, Oakland, San Francisco and Minneapolis, as well as smaller cities like East Chicago, Ind.; and

WHEREAS, It works by installing sensitive microphones around an area to pick up sounds from the street that might be gunfire, and uses the sensors to locate where the shots were fired. It then sends the information to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officials say the gunshot detection system will help them go after the bad guys because officers can respond more quickly to shootings thus, making neighborhoods safer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILADPLEHIA CITY COUNCIL, Hereby calls on the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings on the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system and to explore how the system might be used in Philadelphia to reduce gun violence.

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RESOLUTION NO. 150226 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 day of March, 2015.

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

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