




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Adrienne Sturup, Interim Director 

**DATE:** August 9, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Resolution No. 20210422-059– Staff Update

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On April 22, 2021, City Council approved Resolution 20210422-059 directing the City Manager to ensure the appropriate staff are engaged with Travis County elected officials, Travis County staff, the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force, and any other relevant entities on the implementation and improvement of firearm surrender protocols in Travis County and surrounding counties and to report back to Council on the status of those efforts and whether any improvements can be made to those protocols within the next 90 days;. Resolution 20210422-059 also directs the City Manager to accelerate local efforts to combat gun violence.

This memorandum serves as an update on Austin Public Health's efforts to date:

June 7, 2021, was the first day of employment for the manager of Office of Violence Prevention (OVP). Within a month of hire, the manager met with the Intergovernmental Relations Office (IGRO) to discuss the process of establishing a standardized firearm surrender protocol to include developing an intergovernmental and community stakeholder collaborative to ensure this matter is addressed and implemented. Additionally, the OVP Manager began meeting regularly with the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force to discuss standardization, implementation and improvement of current firearm surrender protocols for Austin/Travis County.

The Office of Violence Prevention seeks to apply a public health approach utilizing an equity lens to development interventions that prevent violence and support our community. Ensuring the health, welfare and safety of our most vulnerable populations is the Office of Violence Prevention's primary mission. The staff of the OVP desire to work collaboratively with community, agencies, advocates, stakeholders, and City leadership to develop, support and implement these strategies and interventions. Please feel free to contact me at (512) 972-5167 or [Adrienne.Sturup@austintexas.gov](mailto:Adrienne.Sturup@austintexas.gov) should you have questions.

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