

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 7, 2021

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee

SUBJECT **Violence Interrupter Program Updates**

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the Public Safety Committee on the status and next steps regarding launch of the Violence Interrupter Program.

Background

At the April 28th meeting of the City Council, a contract with Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) was authorized to begin launch of the Violence Interrupter Program. The Committee received a detailed briefing of this program at the April Meeting.

Actions Taken

To date, the staff of the Office of Integrated Public Safety Solutions (OIPSS) has:

1. Hired Ms. Sandra Sadduk as the Senior Project Specialist to oversee implementation of this program. Ms. Sadduk has been with the City's Park and Recreation Department since November 2019 as a Community Recreation Coordinator. In her role, Ms. Sadduk has developed and hosted numerous community events, managed contracts and procurement responsibilities and has developed critical partnerships that have advanced youth and after school programs. Ms. Sadduk's first day with OIPSS is Monday, May 10th, 2021.
2. Executed contract with YAP and completed numerous media and community engagement opportunities announcing the program.

Next Steps

Last, we are working closely with the Dallas Police Department in coordination with their violent crime reduction plan to finalize the selection of the four locations for the Violence Interrupter Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or David Pughes.

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