City of Philadelphia

Public Hearing Notice

The **Committee on Public Safety** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, March 29, 2022**, at **6:30 PM**, in a remote manner using Microsoft® Teams. This remote hearing may be viewed on Xfinity Channel 64, Fios Channel 40 or http://phlcouncil.com/watch-city-council/, to hear testimony on the following items:

200052 Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings regarding the anti-gun violence movement #ManUpPHL.

Speakers interested in giving testimony on any of these legislative matters must call 215-686-3416, or send an e-mail to samantha.williams@phila.gov by 3 p.m. the day before the hearing and submit the following information:

- Full name
- Callback telephone number where you can be reached
- Identify the Resolution number that will be addressed

Speakers who submitted the above information within the required time frame will be telephoned during the public hearing and invited to the remote hearing. They will be given additional instructions by the Committee Chair once they are connected.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Public Safety, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk

City of Philadelphia

Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
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(Resolution No. 200052)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings regarding the anti-gun violence movement #ManUpPHL.

WHEREAS, In 2019, there were 356 homicides and 1,466 non-fatal shooting incidents in the City of Philadelphia, and a sizable proportion of them involved black men and boys as both victims and perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, Alarmingly, an increasing number of gun violence victims in Philadelphia are under 18, and there have been several recent high-profile incidents in which infants and toddlers have been shot; and

WHEREAS, #ManUpPHL is a nascent anti-gun violence movement, founded by radio host Solomon Jones, which seeks to convene hundreds of black men from across Philadelphia and train them to step into the lives of the black men and boys who, statistics show us, are the most likely to be shot, or to pick up a gun themselves; and

WHEREAS, In addition, #ManUpPHL seeks to convene the many existing organizations currently addressing violence in separate corners of the City, including LESSONS, 100 Black Men, the Black Male Community Council of Philadelphia, and a number of others, to share ideas, resources, strategies, and best practices; and

WHEREAS, Through a peer-to-peer mentoring program focused on mentoring, accountability, resources, and consistency, and with the help of Big Brothers Big Sisters, #ManUpPHL aims to train men to assist other men with real alternatives, help them avoid violence, and bring peace to our streets; and

WHEREAS, #ManUpPHL will foster genuine one-on-one relationships built on trust and goodwill, and mentors will be matched with mentees according to their needs in five specific focus areas: employment, personal finance, education and training, family and parenting, and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, Because gun violence is among the most damaging forms of trauma an individual can experience, and because each instance sends shockwaves of grief through our families, communities, and institutions, any earnestly proposed solution to this epidemic deserves the attention of this body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Council does hereby authorize the Committee on Public Safety to hold hearings regarding the anti-gun violence movement #ManUpPHL.

RESOLUTION NO. 200052 continued

CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-third of January, 2020.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by:	Councilmembers Green, Parker, Gilmore Richardson and Brooks
Sponsored by:	Councilmembers Green, Parker, Gilmore Richardson and Brooks