



Gun Violence Reduction Program Community Partnership Council Application 2024

The County of San Diego Public Safety Group is seeking members to serve on the Gun Violence Reduction Program’s Community Partnership Council (CPC) for a term beginning November 2024 and running through June 2026.

Background

In October 2021, the Board of Supervisors (Board) directed staff to develop options for community-based gun violence reduction programs to disrupt the cycle of violence in our communities. County staff convened community stakeholders with expertise in gun violence prevention, intervention, and trauma healing to discuss the current landscape and options for Board consideration. From that effort, the Board directed that a regional gun violence community needs assessment be conducted to better understand the impact gun violence is having on our communities and to identify solutions our communities would like to see. In February 2024, the *Gun Violence Community Needs Assessment Final Report* was presented to the Board along with a Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan. The Work Plan outlined 14 actions to be initiated in FY 24-25 to begin to address gun violence reduction recommendations included in the *Final Report*. The Work Plan was informed by a 16-member Gun Violence Reduction Advisory Group that served as a communication and collaboration point for the project. The Board approved the Work Plan and implementation began in July 2024. One of the Work Plan actions is to establish an ongoing advisory group to help guide the County’s gun violence reduction work – the Community Partnership Council will serve as this advisory body.

Roles and Responsibilities

10-15 individuals will serve in an advisory capacity to the Gun Violence Reduction Program and will:

- Provide guidance and recommendations on violence prevention, intervention, and trauma healing strategies across multiple forms of violence (suicide, domestic/intimate partner violence, community violence); assist with strategy and resource prioritization; and discuss other issues as determined by the Community Partnership Council (CPC), Gun Violence Reduction Program Leadership Committee, and Public Safety Group.
- Develop recommendations for collective action towards implementation of priority strategies identified by CPC.
- Contribute to and facilitate information sharing between the community at large and County, including the Public Safety Group and Gun Violence Reduction Program Leadership Committee.
- Commit to regular attendance and participation in meetings for the full term (November 2024-June 2026). Meeting frequency anticipated to be every other month with a majority occurring virtually during regular business hours.

Eligibility

Community Partnership Council (CPC) participation is limited to individuals who live or work in San Diego County and represent one or more of the following categories:

- Networks or coalitions (local, state, or national non-governmental) engaged in violence prevention, intervention, or trauma healing work
- Representatives of community-based or faith-based organizations serving individuals impacted by different types of violence (suicide, domestic/intimate partner violence, community violence) including survivors
- Representatives of healthcare institutions or practitioners/service providers that work in support of individuals impacted by different types of violence (suicide, domestic/intimate partner violence, community violence) including survivors
- Community leaders organizing efforts to address violence in specific communities or for a distinct demographic group
- Survivors affected by violence, not representing an organization or network

Individuals serving on the Gun Violence Reduction Program’s CPC must demonstrate a commitment to the principles guiding this work:

- **Solution-Focused:** Actions should result in solutions to uplift communities working towards gun violence reduction and those affected by gun violence.
- **Evidence-Informed:** Using reliable data and research is critical to understanding who is most affected by gun violence and what factors are contributing to violence in various areas of our communities.
- **Community-Engaged:** Those who are frequently and directly impacted by gun violence must be involved and collaborative action is needed from diverse stakeholders.
- **Humanity-Centered:** Understand that racial injustice has disproportionately impacted many communities, perpetuated poverty, and caused multigenerational harm.

Selection

- Applications will be accepted by self-nomination for 10-15 seats on the Community Partnership Council (CPC).
- CPC applications will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the County’s Public Safety Group, Health & Human Services Agency, and Office of Equity & Racial Justice.
- Applicants will be selected based on eligibility criteria and who represent a diverse spectrum of experiences, communities, and demographics.

Instructions

If you are able to commit to the roles and responsibilities of the Community Partnership Council and would like to be considered as a candidate to serve on this body, please complete the application below.

Completed applications must be submitted via email by **Friday, October 18, 2024 at 5:00PM PST** to psg-outreach@sdcountry.ca.gov.

For additional information on the County’s Gun Violence Reduction Program, please visit www.sandiegocounty.gov/ReduceGunViolence.

**County of San Diego
Gun Violence Reduction Program
Community Partnership Council Application**

First Name:	Last Name:
City:	Zip Code:
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

Are you applying as an individual or representing an organization/network/institution?

Individual *(if individual, skip to Question 1)*

 Representative

If representative:

Organization/Network/Institution Name:

City: **Zip Code:**

List the geographic area(s) where the organization/network/institution provides services:

Countywide
 Specific cities or areas. Please specify:

What type of violence do you or your organization/network/institution primarily address:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Gun Violence Reduction Program’s Community Partnership Council? What do you hope to achieve through participation? Please answer in 200 words or less.

2. In which violence prevention topic area(s) do you have experience and expertise?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Violence/Gang Violence
<input type="checkbox"/> Firearm Safety and Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Intimate/Domestic Partner Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Violence
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
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3. Please provide a short description of any relevant experience (personal, professional, or both) you would like to share as part of this application. Describe your interests, experiences, and, if a representative, your role (not that of your organization). Please answer in 200 words or less.

4. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Groups, Boards, Committees, or Commissions that are guiding local policy and/or strategic planning related to this body of work?

Yes

If yes, please name the group/board/committee/commission and your role:

No

5. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements, or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County of San Diego that might be within the purview of the Community Partnership Council or this body of work?

Yes

If yes, please explain:

No

6. Are you able to meet the following commitments for the Gun Violence Reduction Program's Community Partnership Council? Select all that apply.

Commitment to the goal of reducing gun violence in San Diego County through coordinated prevention, intervention, and healing efforts.

Commitment to be a liaison with your organization, network, institution, and community.

Commitment to a public health approach to violence prevention that incorporates solutions that address the root causes of violence beyond the specific focus of your agency or personal interests.

Commitment to consider and respect different perspectives and work collaboratively.

Commitment to the principles guiding this work: solution-focused, evidence-informed, community-engaged, and humanity-centered.

Commitment to participate on the Community Partnership Council until June 2026 and attend a majority of all meetings whether virtual or in person during that time.

If you are not able to meet any of the abovementioned commitments, please briefly explain why:

Thank you for your interest in serving on the County of San Diego Gun Violence Reduction Program's Community Partnership Council.

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The Selection Committee will review all application forms and all applicants will be notified in early November if they are selected to serve on the Gun Violence Reduction Program's Community Partnership Council.

If you have any questions, please email psg-outreach@sdcounty.ca.gov.