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BACKGROUND:

Whereas, the City of Sacramento provides public safety services primarily through police, fire safety, and emergency operations management and ensures the comprehensive delivery of such services through direct jurisdictional oversight and funding; and

Whereas, staff are increasingly called upon to respond to non-emergency requests such as homelessness, mental health and trauma responses, and domestic disputes; and

Whereas, the City recognizes the importance of preventive programs and activities by funding entities such as the Department of Youth, Parks and Community Enrichment; Gang Violence Prevention Program; Thousand Strong; Advance Peace; Youth Pop Ups; and Police and Fire Youth Academies; and

Whereas, research shows that providing prevention activities and spaces that uplift children and their families, such as but not limited to, stable and affordable housing, quality education, the arts, healthy and accessible food, economic security, and community spaces, contribute to safer communities; and

Whereas, these types of resources can help promote public safety and general welfare while reducing factors leading to the calls for service on police and fire to respond to non-emergency services which may be better served by preventive and proactive services; and

Whereas, in December 2017, the City of Sacramento passed a Citywide Youth Development Campaign Plan (Youth Plan) that strives to "create a safe environment, both physically and emotionally, in all settings, honoring culture and community and "to "promote equity, justice, and accountability with a concerted application of resources toward those youth in greatest need;" and

Whereas, we acknowledge that young people may face structural and institutional challenges affecting economic equity, access to housing, and criminal justice, and which can together perpetuate violence, crime and other risks to public safety in disinvested communities.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The City of Sacramento henceforth defines the delivery of 'public safety' services to include police, fire, and emergency operations as well as youth-focused prevention activities which proactively result in a state of wellbeing where young

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people are at a lower risk of both causing and experiencing injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation due to crime, violence, community trauma, natural or man-made disasters, or other harmful incidents.

- 2) To this end, The City of Sacramento fully commits to the mission defined in its Youth Plan to “provide systemic and sustainable investments and opportunities, harnessing collective assets to champion intentional and equitable pathways for young people to succeed” by striving to ensure public safety and general welfare through a strategic and comprehensive set of community protections that:
 - a) Identify and redress root causes of unsafe conditions and violence to prevent harmful events;
 - b) Provide timely interventions when harmful events occur; and
 - c) Include investments in community well-being, such as health, education, economic and income opportunity, safe and affordable housing, recreational activities and spaces, transportation infrastructure, environmental protections, and creative, cultural and community-building activities that promote love, respect, trust, and restorative justice in addition to emergency response.

- 3) The City of Sacramento will use this integrated strategic approach to:
 - a) Identify a set of policies and actions focused on young people that, when taken together can improve public safety through prevention by addressing the policy, systems, and environmental risk factors for the most common threats to public safety;
 - b) Design and implement policies and programs intended to improve, leverage, and enhance existing public safety and youth development investments; and
 - c) Evaluate the impact and add value of city investments, allocation of resources, and actions toward addressing the root causes of crime, violence, and other risks to the development of our youth as it may affect overall public safety.
 - d) Elevate youth voices around youth development and public safety and follow the edict articulated in the Youth Plan, “Nothing about us without us.”
 - e) Track progress of youth development investments as they influence public safety outcomes, including collection and analysis of health, social service, and economic data - disaggregated by characteristics such as race, gender, income, age, and sexual orientation/gender identity.
 - f) Evaluate improvements in overall public safety outcomes as well as disparities between neighborhoods and between populations.

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