



ShotStoppers/Community Violence Intervention

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Thank you for your questions regarding the ShotStoppers program and how the Administration assesses its effectiveness.

I am pleased to report that in the second quarter of the program some of the areas served by ShotStoppers saw a reduction of 50 to 70 percent in homicides and shootings. As always, I appreciate City Council's partnership on efforts to reduce violence and look forward to working with Council to build on and grow programs that successfully bring down violent crime.

Please find below specific responses to your inquiries:

- **The department (Mayor's office) provided a graph of quarterly measured CVI scores.**
 - **A CVI score is provided under column 2022. How many months of data is calculated into the CVI score for such 2022 CVI score?**
 - **How many months of data are included for the 2023 CVI score?**
 - **Please explain the CVI percent change variables with time frames for data collection.**

Performance in ShotStoppers is measured by comparing each group's CVI Score for a given quarter (i.e., three months of data) with the same quarter (i.e., the same three months) during the prior year. The CVI Score equals (the number of homicides in the CVI Zone multiplied by two) plus (the number of non-fatal shootings in the CVI Zone).

Therefore, the CVI scores for both 2022 and 2023 reflect one quarter (i.e., three months) of data; in the examples provided to Council, the second quarter performance during November 2023 through January 2024 is being compared with performance during November 2022 through January 2023.

The "percent change" variable compares each area's CVI Score during the current quarter with the CVI Score during the prior quarter, using a standard percent change calculation: $((\text{CVI Score Current Q}) - (\text{CVI Score Prior Q})) / (\text{CVI Score Prior Q})$.

The groups are provided weekly reports with running totals to keep them informed and aware of where they stand during the quarter compared to the same time of the previous year. At the end of each quarter, the percent change in each group's CVI Score is compared to the percent change of the City's CVI Score (in the non-CVI Zones).

- **Given that the administration states the following, how will this impact be assessed and numerically quantified for success? "While it remains relatively early in the program to make conclusions about efficacy of various tactics, the City has identified that groups using intensive interpersonal engagement with individuals at risk of involvement in violence (e.g., mentorship, conflict mediation) have achieved the largest impact so far."**

The impact of each group's strategy is assessed based on the CVI Score, which reflects the number of homicides and shootings in the group's CVI Zone. To gauge impact, the City compares each group's accomplishments in terms of reducing violence with the other groups and the areas of the City not served by CVI. The Administration meets with



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ShotStoppers groups regularly to assess their strategies and learn best practices from the groups achieving the largest reductions in violence.

- **Regarding New Era Community’s “Established Safe Zones”, what are the criteria and requirements for such safe zones? Are safe zone times the same across all establishments or varying?**

New Era’s Safe Zones require you to be a resident or business in their CVI zone, pledging community cleanliness, community safety (reporting suspicious or hazardous activity), and community partnership. New Era meets with the owners and residents quarterly to make improvements when needed. The Safe Zone monitoring is 24/7 and patrol of partner locations is determined by community input, business owner requests, and patrol unit availability.

- **How many recipients of the Temporary Financial Relief initiative are there for both Force Detroit and any other CVI groups doing similar work?**

There have been 40 participants that have received some version of “Temporary Financial Relief” provided by 2 of the Groups (Force Detroit and Detroit Friends & Family). Both organizations have ARPA compliant policies & procedures in place to assess, approve, and distribute these funds. They come in the form of participant travel (Lyft rides), incentives for program participation, and emergency rental/utility assistance.

- **Given that “The administration is in the process of establishing a contract for program evaluation to provide additional analysis around overall efficacy and tactics”, what variables will be included in outside consultation of program efficacy? When will such contract begin analysis?**

Once the contract is finalized with the evaluation team, the evaluation team will develop both survey and focus group questions to gain resident’s perspectives on public safety and CVI implementation in the neighborhoods. ShotStoppers is on target to begin program evaluation and analysis this summer.