



City of Cincinnati

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Agenda - Final-revised

Climate, Environment & Infrastructure

Chairperson, Meeka Owens
Vice Chairperson, Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember, Jeff Cramerding
Vice Mayor, Jan-Michele Kearney

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

11:00 AM

Council Chambers, Room 300

PRESENTATIONS

National Gun Survivor's Week

Michelle Mueller

Martha Walker

Jill Bowman

Karen Rumsey

Ways to Reduce Gun Violence and Center for Healing the Hurt

Dr. Shantel Thomas of the Center for Healing the Hurt

AGENDA

1. [202200175](#) **RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Owens, Johnson, Jeffreys, Cramerding, Harris, Landsman, Parks, Keating and Vice Mayor Kearney, from Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor, **EXPRESSING** the belief of the Mayor and City Council that gun violence is a public health crisis in the City of Cincinnati; and further EXPRESSING City Council's commitment to reducing the prevalence of gun violence in our City and protecting citizens from gun violence.

Sponsors: Owens, Johnson, Jeffreys, Kearney, Cramerding, Harris, Landsman, Parks and Keating

Attachments: [Resolution](#)
[Transmittal](#)

2. [202200089](#) **ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager, on 1/20/2022, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 0174-2021 to increase the amount of compensation to be paid to the City by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation for the purchase of certain interests in real property located adjacent to Interstate 75 in the Central Business District and West End neighborhood of Cincinnati in connection with transportation improvement project HAM 75 - 00.22.

Sponsors: City Manager

Attachments: [Transmittal](#)
[Emergency](#)

3. [202200117](#) **MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys and Owens, **WE MOVE** that, the Administration provide a report within thirty (30) days on the cost, design, and feasibility of alternative designs for curb extensions (bump-outs) based on inspiration from other cities. The Administration shall take into consideration a variety of tools and materials including, but not limited to concrete barriers, bollards, planters, and reflective paint. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

Sponsors: Jeffreys and Owens

Attachments: [MOTION](#)
[ATTACHMENT](#)

4. [202200195](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Michelle Mueller, Martha Walker, Jill Bowman and Karen Rumsey entitled National Gun Survivor's Week.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)

5. [202200198](#) **PRESENTATION**, submitted by Councilmember Owens from Shantel Thomas, PH.D entitled Ways to Reduce Gun Violence and Center for Healing the Hurt.

Sponsors: Owens

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)

ADJOURNMENT

AWB

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2022

EXPRESSING the belief of the Mayor and City Council that gun violence is a public health crisis in the City of Cincinnati; and further **EXPRESSING** City Council's commitment to reducing the prevalence of gun violence in our City and protecting citizens from gun violence.

WHEREAS, gun violence is a significant problem in the United States that affects people in all stages of life, from infants to the elderly, and is linked to many chronic diseases, obesity, substance abuse, and other physical, reproductive, and mental health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has proclaimed February 1 to February 7, 2022 as National Gun Violence Survivors Week in the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime advocate for violence prevention policies, the American Public Health Association recognizes a comprehensive public health approach to addressing this growing crisis is necessary; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is a leading cause of premature death in the United States and is the cause of over 38,000 deaths and nearly 85,000 injuries each year; and

WHEREAS, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), nationwide more than 44,800 people were killed by gun violence in 2021; and

WHEREAS, violence also affects youth in the United States with homicide as one of the leading causes of death among persons 15 to 24 years old, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 over 2,200 children in the United States were fatally shot, the highest total in over two decades; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,578 people in Ohio died by gun violence in 2019, an average of more than 4 people every day, and the state was twenty-second in death rate compared to other states across the nation; and

WHEREAS, every year in Ohio, 13.3 people die in gun-related incidents per 100,000 people in the community, according to the CDC; and

WHEREAS, in Cincinnati, Ohio, there were 413 victims of gun violence in 2021, and 81 of those shot were killed; and

WHEREAS, gun violence affects people of all ages and races in the United States, but has a disproportionate impact on Black young adults and males; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans represent the majority of gun homicide victims, with Black Americans ten times more likely to die by gun homicide; and

WHEREAS, 88.6 percent of the reported firearm victims in Cincinnati in 2021 were Black people; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, young Black males aged 15 to 34 account for 2 percent of the population but 37 percent of all gun homicide fatalities, a rate 20 times higher than white males of the same age group; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has found that although there are a significant number of violent deaths per year in the United States, there are many more individuals who survive violence and are left with permanent physical and emotional scars, and that this violence erodes communities by reducing productivity, decreasing property values, and disrupting social services; and

WHEREAS, those exposed to gun violence are more likely to engage in future gun violence behaviors, and firearm violence is highly correlated with behavioral health conditions, including drug and alcohol abuse and mental illness; and

WHEREAS, exposure to youth violence can lead to a wide array of negative health behaviors and outcomes, including alcohol use, drug use, and suicide, and depression, anxiety, and other psychological problems can result from exposure to violence; and

WHEREAS these findings demonstrate the prevalence of violence and the detrimental effects that violence has on the citizens of this nation, state, and city; and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Mayor and City Council that the issue of gun violence in Cincinnati is rooted in racial and health inequities and injustices experienced for generations by people of color; and

WHEREAS, communities across the country require multidisciplinary solutions that address the root causes of violence, and protecting public safety in the communities we serve is one of City Council's highest responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council recognizes the need to provide positive and safe environments for children through community programs as well as mental health services; and

WHEREAS, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increasing calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in gun violence in America; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Cincinnati that the Mayor and City Council support the existing collaborations to establish an evidence-based public health response to address the underlying social, economic, and systemic factors that promote gun violence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council declare that gun violence is a public health crisis affecting our entire City.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Council seek to promote the reduction of gun violence through all legislative polices enacted by City Council; are committed to addressing and reducing gun violence and how it affects the delivery of human and social services, economic development, youth development and public safety; and will work to solidify alliances and partnerships with external partners that address gun violence and will encourage other local, state, regional, and national entities to recognize gun violence as a public health crisis.

Section 3. That the Mayor and City Council express their commitment to honestly and directly addressing minority health inequities, including implementing a systematic, data-driven focus on economic instability, education, social and community environment, neighborhood infrastructure, and other factors that impact the social determinants of health affecting gun violence in many areas, including but not limited to crime, health behaviors, socioeconomic status, childhood trauma, mental health, physical health, environmental exposure, and public safety.

Section 4. That the Mayor and City Council express their intention to expand and strengthen City policies that promote community engagement; to provide tools for City systems to engage actively and authentically with the community to address gun violence; to support continuing work to build alliances with organizations that have a legacy and track record of addressing gun violence; and to engage community partners and stakeholders in the education, employment, and criminal justice and safety areas to recognize racism as a public health crisis.

Section 5. That the Mayor and City Council will establish working relationships with other local municipalities, community partners, and community members to establish an evidence-based

public health response to address the underlying social, economic, and systemic factors that promote gun violence.

Section 6. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that the office of Councilmember Meeka D. Owens will transmit copies of this resolution to the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio State Senate, and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmembers Meeka D. Owens, Scotty Johnson, Mark Jeffreys, Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Jeff Cramerding, Reggie Harris, Greg Landsman, Victoria Parks

Date: January 26, 2022

To: Councilmembers Meeka D. Owens, Scotty Johnson, Mark Jeffreys,
Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, Jeff Cramerding, Reggie Harris,
Greg Landsman, Victoria Parks, Liz Keating

From: Andrew W. Garth, City Solicitor *AWG*

Subject: **Resolution – Gun Violence**

Transmitted herewith is a resolution captioned as follows:

EXPRESSING the belief of the Mayor and City Council that gun violence is a public health crisis in the City of Cincinnati; and further **EXPRESSING** City Council's commitment to reducing the prevalence of gun violence in our City and protecting citizens from gun violence.

AWG/CMZ(lnk)
Attachment
356567

Date: January 20, 2022

202200089

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager
Subject: EMERGENCY ORDINANCE – AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 0174-2021 TO INCREASE COMPENSATION TO THE CITY

Attached is an emergency ordinance captioned as follows:

AMENDING Ordinance No. 0174-2021 to increase the amount of compensation to be paid to the City by the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation for the purchase of certain interests in real property located adjacent to Interstate 75 in the Central Business District and West End neighborhood of Cincinnati in connection with transportation improvement project HAM 75 – 00.22.

On May 19, 2021, City Council approved Ordinance No. 0174-2021 authorizing the City to convey certain interests in real property to ODOT to facilitate a public transportation project that will result in the reconstruction of the Brent Spence Bridge and the widening of Interstate 75 (HAM 75 – 00.22) in exchange for \$417,846.

ODOT has agreed to pay the City an additional \$194,162, which represents the fair market value of damages to the City's retained interests in the property, bringing the total amount of compensation by ODOT to \$612,008.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to close on the transaction contemplated by Ordinance No. 0174-2021 without delay to avoid any unnecessary delays to transportation improvement project HAM 75 – 00.22.

The Administration recommends passage of the attached emergency ordinance.

cc: John S. Brazina, Director, Transportation and Engineering

EMERGENCY

City of Cincinnati

CHM

AWB

An Ordinance No. _____

- 2022

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WHEREAS, on May 19, 2021, Council approved Ordinance No. 0174-2021 authorizing the City to convey certain interests in real property designated by the Ohio Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) as HAM 75 – 00.22 Project Parcels 20 WL, 21 WL, 76 WL, 77 WL, 78 WL, 79 WL, 80 WL, and 83 WL and perpetual subsurface easements in certain real property designated by ODOT as HAM 75 – 00.22 Project Parcels 75 SS, 76 SS, 77 SS, 78 SS, 79 SS, and 80 SS (the “Property”) in exchange for \$417,846 to facilitate a public transportation improvement project that will result in the reconstruction of the Brent Spence Bridge and the widening of Interstate 75; and

WHEREAS, ODOT has agreed to pay the City an additional \$194,162, which amount represents the fair market value of damages to the City’s retained interests in the Property, bringing the total amount of compensation to be paid by ODOT for the Property to \$612,008; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to amend Ordinance No. 0174-2021 to increase the total compensation to be paid by ODOT for the Property and permit the City to accept the additional funds so that the City and ODOT may close on the transaction; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Ordinance No. 0174-2021 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3. That the approximate fair market value of the Property, as determined by appraisal by the City’s Real Estate Services Division, including compensation for damages to the City’s retained interest in the Property, is ~~\$417,846~~\$612,008, which ODOT has agreed to pay.

Section 2. That existing Section 3 of Ordinance No. 0174-2021 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. That all terms of Ordinance No. 0174-2021 not amended in this ordinance remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare and shall, subject to the terms of Article II, Section 6 of the Charter, be effective immediately. The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to close on the transaction contemplated by Ordinance No. 0174-2021 without delay to avoid any unnecessary delays to transportation improvement project HAM 75 – 00.22.

Passed: _____, 2022

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Deletions are struck through. Additions are underlined.



202200117

Mark Jeffreys
Councilmember

January 12, 2022

MOTION

WE MOVE that, the Administration provide a report within thirty (30) days on the cost, design, and feasibility of alternative designs for curb extensions (bump-outs) based on inspiration from other cities. The Administration shall take into consideration a variety of tools and materials including, but not limited to concrete barriers, bollards, planters, and reflective paint.

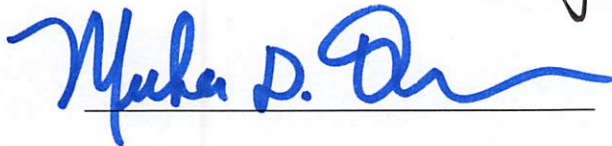
STATEMENT

Over the past several years, the Administration has worked to improve street design in the name of pedestrian safety as part of its Vision Zero plan. Neighborhoods throughout the city have requested curb extensions as a way to calm traffic on their streets. However, the cost to implement these bump-outs is expensive and the time to implement them is lengthy.

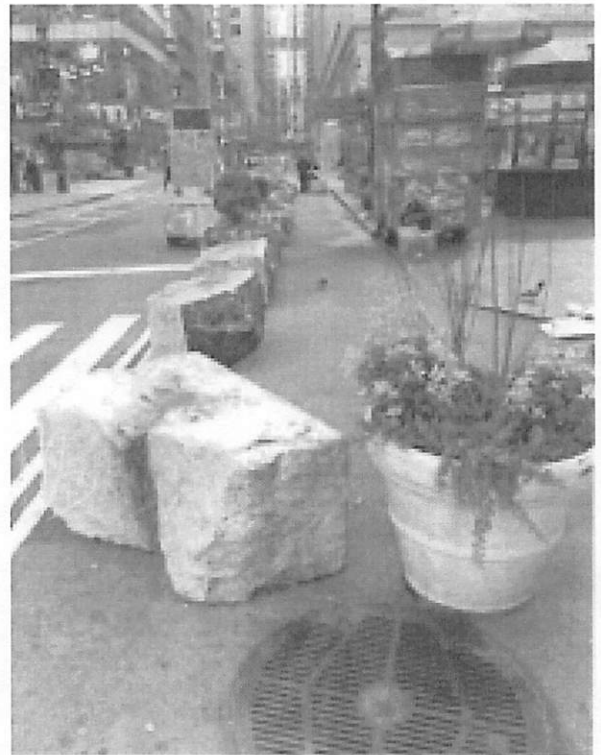
By exploring alternative designs that may be more cost effective and faster to implement, examples of which can be seen in Appendix A, the City may be more efficient in deploying its funds on traffic calming measures. These efficiencies can result in safer streets across the city.



Councilmember Mark Jeffreys



APPENDIX A



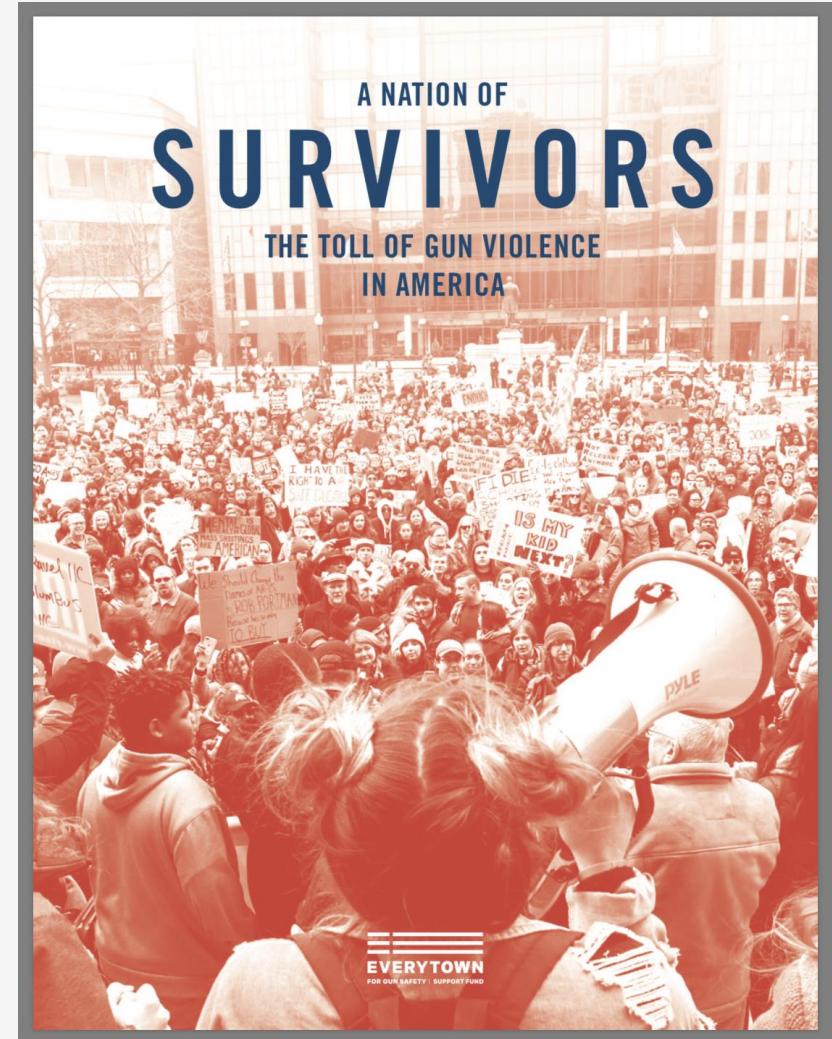
National Gun Violence Survivors Week

February 1–7, 2022

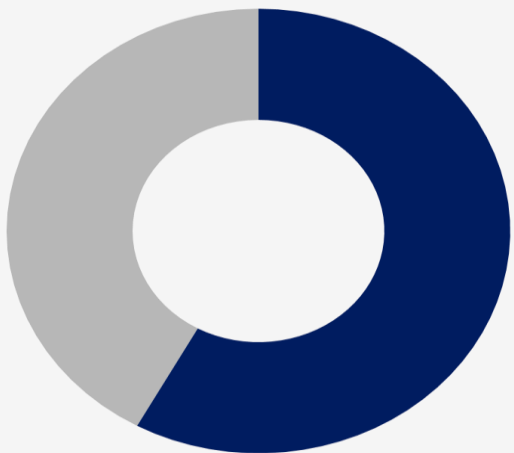


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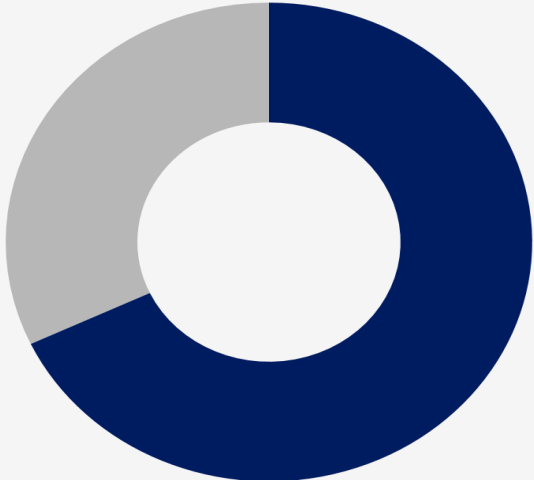
By early February, 11x more Americans are killed with guns than are killed in our peer countries in an entire calendar year.



We are a nation of survivors.



58%
of American adults or
someone they care for have
experienced gun violence in
their lifetime



68%
of Black and Hispanic
Americans are survivors of
gun violence

Source: SurveyUSA Market Research Study. Data collected from December 7, 2018 to December 11, 2018. <https://bit.ly/2ExpyZ>.

Uplift the voices of gun violence survivors by sharing their stories or your own from the momentsthat survive.org website using the **#GVSurvivorsWeek** hashtag.



#GVSurvivorsWeek



Resources Available to Survivors

Access to online mental health counseling through our partner Betterhelp

Peer support including support groups & 1-1 mentorship.

Connection & community with other gun violence survivors

Text **SURVIVOR** to **644-33** to get connected.

Additional resources available at momentsthat survive.org/resources

**Text SURVIVOR
to 64433**



How do we honor with action in 2022?

Text **READY** to 64433

Priorities

- City Gun Violence Prevention
- Elections
- School Safety/Secure Storage Firearms
- Legislative Action

Ways to engage

- Show up virtually
- Join our Teams
- Collaborate with Partners
- Public Education Programs

Cincinnati “Surviving Moments” Quilt

February 1, 2022



Cincinnati “Surviving Moments” Quilt

- National project: Mother’s Dream Quilt
- Cincinnati “Surviving Moments” quilt
 - Dedicated in February 2019
 - The 48 blocks were made by
 - people who are survivors of gun violence
 - people whose family members & friends are victims or survivors
 - elected officials
 - volunteers with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense



The Cincinnati “Surviving Moments” Quilt is enriched by

- Contributors’ writing of their “Mother’s Dream” and the stories of the victim/survivor represented by their block in the quilt
- Meaningful fabric from victims’ clothing is incorporated into some of the quilt blocks
- Photos and other mementos from loved ones embellish some of the blocks





Cincinnati “Surviving Moments” Quilt

Community Partners

Karen Rumsey

CPD Survivors Advocacy



WAYS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND CENTER FOR HEALING THE HURT

SHANTEL THOMAS, PH. D.

<https://centerforhealingthehurt.org>

(513) 550-8733



WHAT IS THE CFHTH?

MISSION AND VISION

- ❖ MISSION: is to transform trauma into healing and hope.
- ❖ VISION: is to eradicate Mental Illness in underserved communities.
- ❖ <https://centerforhealingthehurt.org>

16-year-old dead, 3 others injured in Walnut Hills shooting



Cameron Knight

Cincinnati Enquirer

Published 7:41 a.m. ET June 18, 2021 | Updated 1:41 p.m. ET June 18, 2021

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A 16-year-old boy is dead and 3 other people were injured in a shooting at Walter Avenue late Thursday. Fox19

Youth gun violence alarming, and it has been at this level for a decade



Cameron Knight
Cincinnati Enquirer

Published 10:31 p.m. ET July 6, 2021 | Updated 11:04 a.m. ET July 7, 2021

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A trauma surgeon speaks: 'Bullets destroy not just what's in its path but everything surrounding it'



Keith BieryGolick
Cincinnati Enquirer

Published 10:00 p.m. ET Dec. 13, 2021 | Updated 8:29 a.m. ET Dec. 15, 2021

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This year in Hamilton County, 15 juveniles have been charged with murder, more than were charged in the last four years combined. Why the increase? ['Kids Who Kill,' The Enquirer's series on juvenile violence](#), continues with this conversation.



1 free article left.



A juvenile court judge speaks: 'They were robbing for food and they ate the food.'

Kevin Grasha Cincinnati Enquirer

Published 10:11 p.m. ET Dec. 14, 2021 | Updated 12:03 p.m. ET Dec. 16, 2021

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The Cincinnati Story

- ❖ 11 year old girl
- ❖ 15 year old boy
- ❖ 2021: 14 Teens murdered
- ❖ 2021: 15 teens charged with murder
- ❖ Over 20 harmed by gun violence



Adverse Childhood Experiences

- ❖ **STRESS IN CHILDHOOD**
 - ❖ POSITIVE STRESS
 - ❖ TOLERABLE STRESS
 - ❖ TOXIC STRESS



Adverse Childhood Experiences

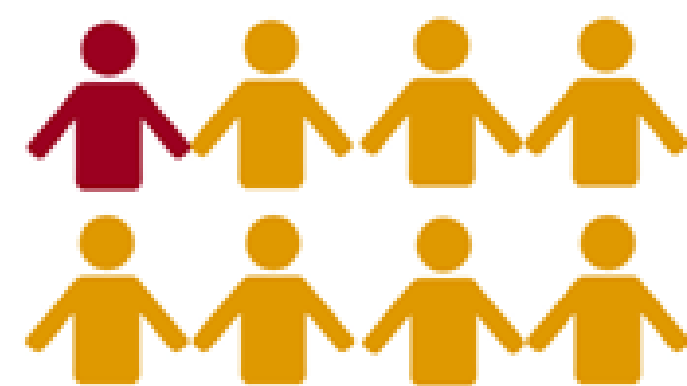
Traumatic events that can have negative, lasting effects on health and wellbeing



People with 6+ ACEs can die

20 yrs

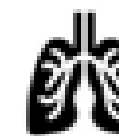
earlier than those who have none



1/8 of the population have more than 4 ACEs

4 or more ACEs

3x the levels of lung disease and adult smoking



11x

the level of intravenous drug abuse



14x

the number of suicide attempts



4x

as likely to have begun intercourse by age 15

4.5x

more likely to develop depression



2x

the level of liver disease

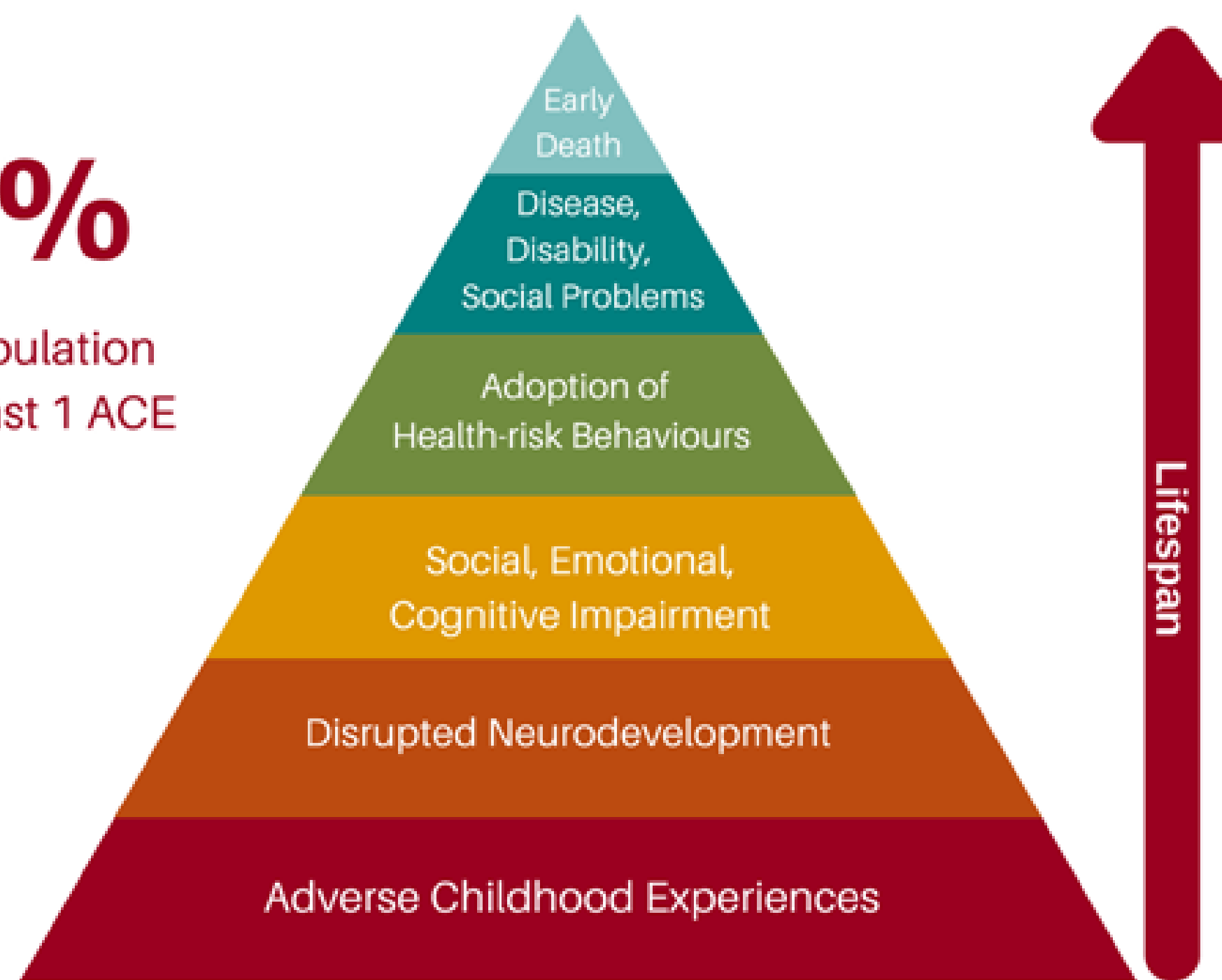


“ Adverse childhood experiences are the single greatest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation today ”

Dr. Robert Block, the former President of the American Academy of Pediatrics

67%

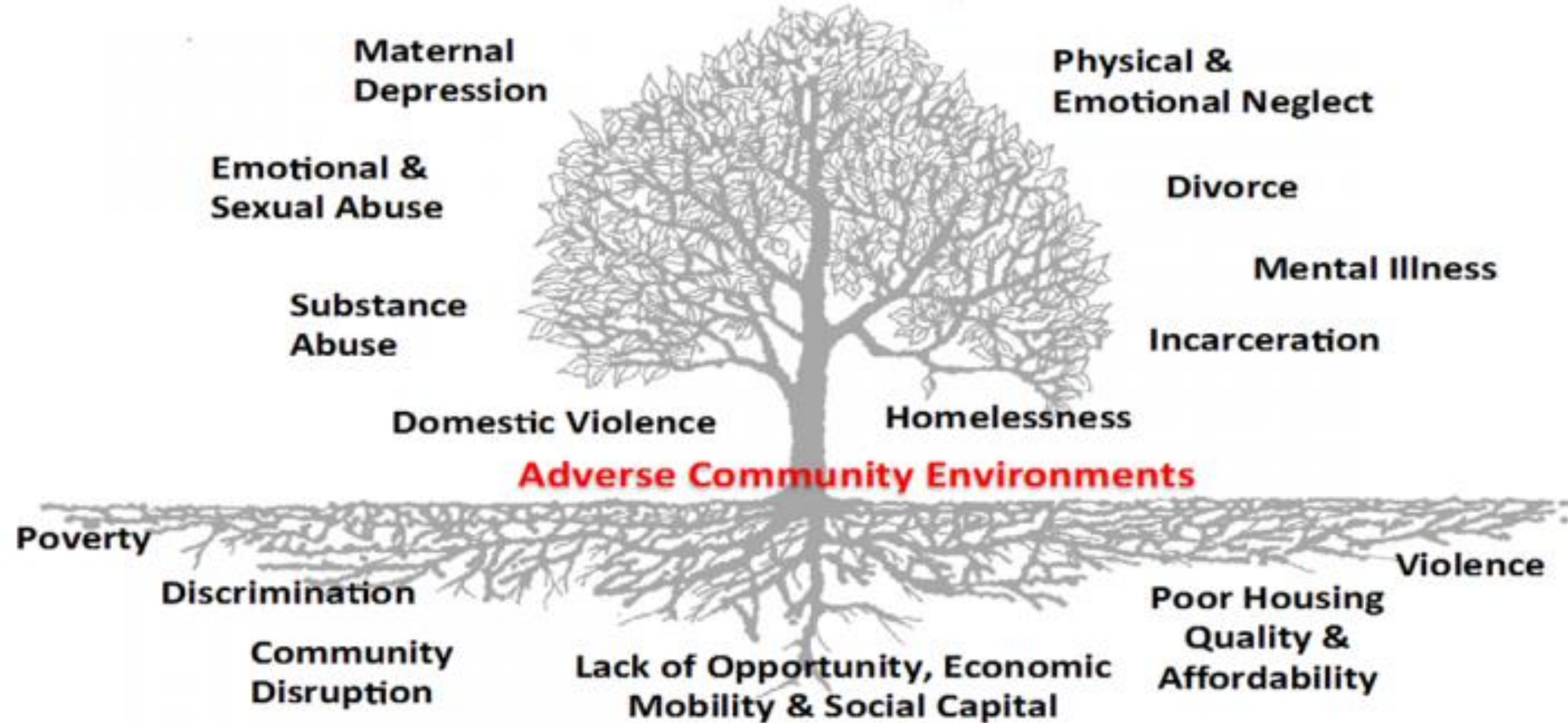
of the population have at least 1 ACE



www.70-30.org.uk
@7030Campaign

The Pair of ACEs

Adverse Childhood Experiences



Ellis, W., Dietz, W. (2017) A New Framework for Addressing Adverse Childhood and Community Experiences: The Building Community Resilience (BCR) Model. *Academic Pediatrics*. 17 (2017) pp. S86-S93. DOI information: 10.1016/j.acap.2016.12.011



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I NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Together we can make a change

- ❖ To educate and empower
- ❖ To heal the hurt
- ❖ To stop the mental health stigma
- ❖ To eradicate gun violence, crime and trauma in our communities
- ❖ Ways to cope with pain and sorrow instead of violence
 - ❖ Movement therapy, learn how to use relaxation techniques appropriately

VOLUNTEER

- ❖ Licensed Professionals
- ❖ To help raise funds
- ❖ Work on events, programs and with the children and teens.



WHY CHOOSE CENTER FOR HEALING THE HURT

We provide access to mental health services for people of color, victims of crime/trauma, and disparate populations.

They are all our children, we will benefit from or pay for what they become.

-James Baldwin

<https://centerforhealingthehurt.org>