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Good Afternoon, Supervisors,

With the intense focus gun violence has received, I am surprised that the status of 8 items from the Gun Violence Reduction Work Plan is 'in progress,' 4 are 'exploring [for] FY 25-26,' and only 4 are 'completed.'

Not sure why the firearm homicide rate among Blacks in 2024 was still 7.1 per 100,000, 11 in all, although among Asians, it was 0. The highest number was among Latinos, at 26.

Overall, 106 homicides in 2024, a 10% decrease over 5 years, which suggests that if you want to do it, you will. But very few of us do. The Gun Violence Reduction Program had much to do with this, since it was only established in 2024, but its share, as it were, of the 10% decrease is about 1%.

The data shows that there were about 4 times as many suicides as homicides, although only one item in the work plan is geared for suicides.

Hopefully, we will see the suicide rate decrease significantly, as well as the homicide rate.

Regards,

Paul Henkin