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2 Councilmember Kwame R. Brown  
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10 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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14 Councilmember Kwame R. Brown introduced the following bill, which was referred to  
15 the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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17 To establish a Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task Force  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
20 That this act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task  
21 Force Act of 2006”.

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23 Sec. 2. Establishment of a Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy Task  
24 Force; composition.

25 (a) There is hereby established a Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy  
26 Task Force (“Task Force”).

27 (b) The Task Force will provide a set of comprehensive policy recommendations  
28 on how the District government and non-government partners may  
29 accomplish the goal of ending murder in Washington, D.C.

30 (c) The Task Force shall be comprised of the following:

31 (1) One representative from the Office of the Chief of Police;

32 (2) One representative from the Committee on the Judiciary of the Council  
33 of the District of Columbia;

- 1 (3) One representative from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Justice
- 2 and Public Safety;
- 3 (4) One representative from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Children,
- 4 Youth and Families;
- 5 (5) One representative from the Office of the U.S. Attorney;
- 6 (6) One representative from Court Services and Offender Supervision
- 7 Agency;
- 8 (7) One representative from the DC Superior Court;
- 9 (8) One representative from the D.C. Board of Trade;
- 10 (9) One representative from the D.C. Chamber of Commerce;
- 11 (10) One representative from the Federal City Council;
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- 13 (10) One representative from the DC Parent Teacher Association;
- 14 (11) One representative from the Office of the Superintendent of DC
- 15 Public Schools;
- 16 (12) One representative from the Consortium of Universities of the
- 17 Washington Metropolitan Area;
- 18 (13) One representative from the local arts and entertainment
- 19 community;
- 20 (14) One representative from the DC Housing Authority;
- 21 (15) One representative from an organization providing social service to
- 22 recent immigrants;
- 23 (16) Two representatives from the mental health/public health field;

- 1 (17) Two representatives from the organized faith community;
- 2 (18) Two representatives from social service or community
- 3 empowerment groups;
- 4 (19) Two representatives from public policy research organizations;
- 5 (20) Two representatives from victims' survivors groups;
- 6 (21) Two youth representatives, including a current youth participant in
- 7 the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute;
- 8 (22) One representative of a local professional sports team;
- 9 (23) Two representatives of the media, with one each from a different
- 10 medium;
- 11 (24) One representative from the philanthropic foundation community;
- 12 (25) One representative from organized labor;
- 13 (26) One representative of an Advisory Neighborhood Commission;
- 14 (27) Two citizen representatives, at least one of which shall be an ex-
- 15 offender.

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17 (d) The Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council shall appoint the

18 members of the Task Force. The Mayor shall transmit to the Council within

19 60 days of the effective date of this bill proposed resolutions to approve the

20 appointment of each member of the Task Force for a 45-day period of review,

21 excluding days of Council recess. If the Council does not approve or

22 disapprove a resolution within the 45-day period, the resolution shall be

23 deemed approved.

1 (e) The Mayor shall designate two co-chairs of the Task Force, one each from the  
2 government and non-government sector.

3 Sec. 3. Development of the Homicide Elimination strategy.

4 (a) The Task Force shall consider the most effective elements of a comprehensive  
5 plan that would lead to the elimination of murder in Washington. In  
6 considering such elements, the following goals and policy objectives shall be  
7 considered with other elements deemed appropriate when developing the  
8 Comprehensive Homicide Elimination strategy:

9 (1) assessing the degree of truancy in all levels of the public schools and  
10 determining the best means of achieving its elimination;

11 (2) assessing the adequacy of, and improving, District recreation and  
12 community centers and DHS programs (i.e. Strong Families) having  
13 specialized social workers who provide wrap-around services to  
14 youths and families;

15 (3) assessing the adequacy of, and strengthening, “conflict resolution” and  
16 “anger management” curricula in our schools;

17 (4) assessing and improving the District’s juvenile justice system with  
18 regards to rehabilitation and vocational training for committed youth;

19 (5) removing the barriers to reentry into the job market for adult ex-  
20 offenders;

21 (6) assessing the efforts of various non-government groups (i.e. No  
22 Murders DC, Reaching Out to Others Together, The Alliance of  
23 Concerned Men, Peaceaholics) and the faith-based community to stem

1 violence in the city and, to the extent feasible, government support of,  
2 and collaboration with, these efforts;

3 (7) involvement of local businesses and organized labor organizations in  
4 providing training, internships and jobs for District youth and adults;

5 (8) assessing the adequacy of the total number of police officers employed  
6 by the Metropolitan Police Department, the number and effectiveness  
7 of those assigned to “community policing” duties;

8 (9) assessing the adequacy of the laws regarding obstruction of justice and  
9 witness tampering;

10 (10) establishment by the Mayor of homicide elimination benchmarks  
11 for public safety and other appropriate agencies.

12 (11) Assessing the adequacy of and, if necessary, expanding the  
13 availability of, and increasing the funding for, treatment programs for  
14 substance abuser, both those who are court-referred and non-court  
15 referred.

16 (b) The Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy shall include:

17 (1) The Task Force’s findings.

18 (2) Public Policy recommendations, addressing both prevention  
19 and enforcement, designed to identify measures and  
20 approaches both proactive and reactive which, if taken by the  
21 government and non-government partners, would  
22 substantially further the goal of eliminating homicides in the  
23 District of Columbia.

- 1 (3) An implementation timetable regarding any and all
- 2 recommended solutions and/or courses of action and cost
- 3 estimates for implementing such recommendations.
- 4 (4) Recommendations regarding where the permanent work of
- 5 monitoring and facilitating the implementation of a
- 6 comprehensive plan to end homicide in the District should be
- 7 housed: with a standing task force; a newly created
- 8 government entity; an existing government entity; or on a
- 9 contractual basis by a non-government entity.

10 Sec. 4 . Presentation of Comprehensive Homicide Elimination strategy; public  
11 meetings.

12 (a) Within 12 months after the Council’s confirmation of the Mayor’s  
13 nominations to the Task Force, the Task Force shall present the  
14 Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy to the Council and the Mayor.

15 (b) The Task Force shall hold at least three public meetings. At least 30 days  
16 before a public meeting, the Task Force shall provide the general public the  
17 time, date and location of the meeting.

18 (c) Notices shall be sent to all Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, the  
19 Commanders of the seven Police Districts, the Judges of the D.C. Superior Court,  
20 the Mayor, and community organizations.

21 (c) The Task Force shall provide all interested persons a reasonable opportunity  
22 to be heard at the public meetings.

23 Sec. 5. Reporting requirements; annual report.

1           The Mayor shall report to the Council regarding the implementation of the  
2           Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Strategy on an annual basis.

3           Sec. 6. Fiscal impact statement. The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in  
4           the Committee Report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the  
5           District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat.813; D.C.  
6           Official Code Sec. 1-206.02(c)(3)).

7           Sec. 7. Effective date. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor  
8           (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-  
9           day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of  
10          Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat.813; D.C. Official  
11          Code Sec. 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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