City of San Antonio

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Title:	A briefing and possible action on a Council Consideration Request (CCR) from Councilwoman Jada Andrews-Sullivan and Councilman John Courage to develop and implement a voluntary gun buyback program in the City of San Antonio. [María Villagómez, Deputy City Manager; William P. McManus, Chief of Police]
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Proposed Voluntary Gun Buyback Program

SUMMARY:

Discussion of proposed voluntary gun buyback program as requested by Councilwoman Andrews-Sullivan and Councilman Courage

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 21, 2019, Council members Jada Andrews-Sullivan and John Courage submitted a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting City staff consider the development and implementation of a voluntary gun buyback in the City of San Antonio. The purpose of the program will be for the City to safely purchase privately owned firearms in an effort to reduce the number of weapons in the City. The CCR suggests the use of the City's Asset Forfeiture Funds as the funding source for the first year of operation (FY 2020) of the program. The CCR also suggests that the program should allow individuals to anonymously turn in firearms without fear of legal repercussions while also developing a public awareness campaign to appeal to residents in communities with a high concentration of gun violence. Ultimately, the goal of the program is to

reduce gun violence by reducing the number of firearms in the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends moving this CCR to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion on this request and other possible alternatives in October 2019.