

# ONE LONG BEACH



## COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION INITIATIVE



Martin Luther King Jr. Parade 2024

### OUR OBJECTIVES:

- 01** Improve and expand current CVI Strategies that prioritize the needs of the community and build public awareness
- 02** Engage community residents and stakeholders most affected by violence to create solutions and guide program development, implementation, and evaluation.
- 03** Cultivate key partnerships with CBO's Public Safety/Public Health and city resources such as youth/family centers, Parks, Libraries, Schools, and Churches, to build capacity address the lack of safe spaces for violence intervention and reentry services.

In FY2022, the Department of Justice launched the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI), a historic federal investment in community violence intervention programs. This initiative seeks to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

With Centro CHA being the lead agency, the Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative was awarded \$1.5 million to create a road map, improve, and expand current CVI strategies, and evaluate measurement outcomes of our implementation plan. This 35+ member culturally diverse collaborative includes trusted credible messengers, community stakeholders, service providers, cultural-based organizations, hospitals, local schools, and government officials. The collaborative has provided funding to culturally, socially, and ethnically diverse organizations to increase their capacity for violent conflict intervention and prevention. On Thursday, May 25th, 2023, we hosted the collaborative's kick-off meeting, and we have continued to hold monthly/bi-monthly meetings. Through the advocacy of the Long Beach CVIPI Collaborative, we are in partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District, and we are happy that for the first time, the LBUSD is funding a Safe Passage Program. Utilizing a restorative justice, evidence-based, and community-driven intervention and prevention model, this initiative is looking to enhance community cohesion by hosting walk audits, community walks to increase eyes on the streets, community pride and ownership over neighborhood spaces, and promote safety for youth.

