



**COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Thomas Hoey, Chair**

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Council Chambers-2nd Floor. City Hall

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** NO

**TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION:**

- **RESOLUTION 9.12.24R (MC)**  
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING INCREASED VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND REAFFIRMING THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO A PERMANENT END TO VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

**Council Members Love, Hoey, and Frederick introduced the following:**

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**WHEREAS**, the Common Council recognizes the uptick in gun violence in the City of Albany and other municipalities in New York State; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of homicides last year was 20; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of actual gun discharges reported last year in the City of Albany was in the hundreds; and

**WHEREAS**, city residents are concerned for their safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany Police Department is reporting that most gun violence in the City of Albany is committed by and against individuals that are familiar with one another; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has created a new Violence Prevention Coordinator position to help guide the Violence Prevention Task Force and recommend and help implement actions to reduce violence in the City of Albany;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Council calls for those in possession of handguns, whether legal or illegal, to stop using these weapons in moments of anger or retribution and instead calls for individuals to reach out for help in settling disputes or arguments;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council calls on Governor Hochul, Assemblymembers Fahy and McDonald, and Senator Breslin to work with the New York State Legislature to create a Gun Violence Hot Line to counsel those wanting to use violence to settle disputes and allow those who are threatened by violence a place to report it;

**BE IT EVEN FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council asks our state representatives to consider toughing laws regarding the use and possession of illegal handguns.

**To: Shaniqua Jackson, Acting City Clerk**

**From: Max Thierry, Junior Policy Analyst**

**Re: Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum**

**Date: January 10, 2024**

**Sponsors: Hoey, Frederick, and Love**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 9.12.24R (MC)**

**TITLE**

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**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

To recognize increased violence in the City, reaffirm the Council's commitment to permanently ending violence in our communities, and call upon state representatives to consider statewide legislative actions to help address gun violence.

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

None.