

**Assemblymember Rob Bonta, Chair
Select Committee on Gun Violence in the East Bay
presents**



**Connecting the Community:
Gun Violence Solutions in Oakland**

**A joint hearing with the Assemblymember Steve Bradford, Chair
Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color**

CHAIRMAN BIOGRAPHIES

**Assemblymember Rob Bonta
Chair, Select Committee on Gun Violence in the East Bay**

Assemblymember Rob Bonta was elected to the California State Assembly's 18th district in 2012, where he represents the cities of Oakland, Alameda, and San Leandro. In February 2013, Bonta was appointed by Speaker John A. Pérez to Chair the Select Committee on Gun Violence in the East Bay. This week, the select committee conducts its third hearing to help identify some of the root causes of gun violence and examine successful efforts to help "Connect the Community" to those resources, as the title of today's hearing suggests.

Throughout his career in public service and his first year in the Assembly, Bonta has distinguished himself by making it a personal and legislative priority to keep our neighborhoods safe from gun violence, provide a quality education for all of our children, build prosperous communities, and protect our social service safety net.

Prior to serving in the Assembly, Rob Bonta was the Vice Mayor of the City of Alameda, where he strongly supported public safety, fostered economic development, and exercised fiscal responsibility. Rob is the son of a proud native Filipino mother and a father who taught him the value of public service to his community. They both worked with the United Farm Workers and were active in the Civil Rights Movement and the ongoing fight for social, economic, and racial justice. Rob graduated with honors from Yale College with a degree in History. After studying at Oxford University in England, he returned to earn his Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School. He is the first Filipino American to be elected to the California State Legislature.

Assemblymember Steven Bradford
Chair, Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color

Assemblymember Steven Bradford represents the 62nd Assembly District, comprised of the communities of Del Rey, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Marina del Rey, Playa Vista, South Los Angeles, Venice, Westchester, and parts of Ladera Heights. He serves as the Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color in California. The Select Committee has been tasked by the Legislature to address the many barriers and inequalities in the areas of health, education, employment, violence prevention and youth development that lead California's young men of color to fail.

MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Assemblymember Susan Talamantes-Eggman
Member, Select Committee on Gun Violence in the East Bay

Assemblymember Talamantes-Eggman represents the 13th Assembly District, including the San Joaquin Delta communities of Stockton, Tracy, Thornton, and Mountain House. Born and raised in Northern California, Eggman grew up on her family's small almond orchard and apiary in Turlock. She enlisted in the U.S. Army out of high school and served four years as a medic. After her service, she attended California State University, Stanislaus, where she completed a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in social work. She worked as a mental health provider and medical social worker before completing a Ph.D. at Portland State University.

Assemblymember Jimmy Gomez
Member, Select Committee on Gun Violence in the East Bay

Jimmy Gomez was elected in November of 2012 to represent California's 51st Assembly District, which includes East Los Angeles and the neighborhoods of Glassell Park, Lincoln Heights, Highland Park, El Sereno, Echo Park, Cypress Park, Filipino Town, Chinatown, Montecito Heights, El Pueblo, Eagle Rock, Elysian Valley, Mt. Washington, Atwater Village, and Silver Lake.

Gomez was born and raised in Southern California and is the youngest of six children. His parents and four of his siblings immigrated to California from Mexico in the early 1970s. To make ends meet, his mother and father often worked multiple jobs. After graduating from high school, Gomez found work at a fast food restaurant and a local superstore. After several months of working both jobs, and with the memory of his parents' struggle to make ends meet, he understood the need of a good job with benefits, and most importantly a quality education. Jimmy enrolled in community college and ultimately transferred to UCLA, where he graduated *magna cum laude* and received a BA in Political Science with a minor in urban planning. Ten years after graduating from high school, he earned a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Assemblymember Nancy Skinner
Member, Select Committee on Gun Violence in the East Bay

Assemblymember Nancy Skinner represents the East Bay cities that stretch along the I-80 corridor from Hercules to Oakland. Assemblymember Skinner serves as Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee and previously served as Chair of the Assembly Rules Committee. This year, Assemblymember Skinner successfully authored two measures that will take effect in 2014 to prevent gun violence. Assembly Bill 48 makes it illegal to buy or sell ammunition magazine kits that convert a gun into an assault-style weapon. Assembly Bill 1131 lengthens the gun ownership prohibition on those who make a credible threat of violence and expedites the reporting of mental health information to the Department of Justice.

A graduate of UC Berkeley, Skinner was active in Cal's student government, served on the Berkeley City Council and the East Bay Regional Park District Board, is a former small business owner and the founder of an international association of cities - Local Governments for Sustainability. She has an extensive background in climate change including director of the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and coordinator of the 2005 Climate Action Summit between CEOs, Governor Schwarzenegger and UK Prime Minister Blair. Assemblymember Skinner's successful legislation include the bills that required Amazon and other internet retailers to collect sales tax, made food stamps more available to hungry families and protected renters and homeowners from foreclosure.

Senator Loni Hancock
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee

Senator Loni Hancock has spent nearly four decades as a forceful advocate for open government, educational reform, environmental protection, economic development, and social justice. Prior to her election to the California State Senate in 2008 (9th District), she served three terms in the California State Assembly (14th District). She also was the first woman elected mayor of the City of Berkeley, was the Executive Director of the Shalan Foundation, and served in both the Carter and Clinton Administrations. As Chair of the Senate Public Safety Committee and the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #5 on Corrections and Public Safety, Senator Hancock seeks to examine programs at all levels of the criminal justice system and implement sound policies that reduce prison overcrowding and prison costs while protecting public safety. Senator Hancock has been a leading advocate for investing state resources in rehabilitation programs, job training, and employment because she understands that these and similar programs reduce inmate recidivism.

Senator Hancock has introduced legislation to provide case management and evidence-based programming to inmates in their last year of incarceration, and bring transparency and accountability to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the Office of the Inspector General. Previously, she introduced legislation to improve education programs in state prison, require the CDCR to provide inmates with a CA identification card upon release of incarceration, and reinstate Calfresh benefits for individuals who completed the terms of their parole.

This year, Senator Hancock’s SB 260 was signed into law by the Governor; it gives offenders who were tried and sentenced as adults for offenses committed when they were under 18 years of age a chance to change their lives and demonstrate maturity, remorse and rehabilitation. After serving a minimum of 15 or 25 years, depending on the offense, they will have the opportunity for a newly established youth offender parole review hearing. She recently hosted a forum on "Reentry and Reintegration" earlier this year, and co- convened a joint hearing of the Assembly and Senate Public Safety Committees to investigate the use of long-term solitary confinement in California's maximum security prisons. A second hearing is planned for early February.

OAKLAND REPRESENTATIVES (WELCOMES)

Jean Quan

Mayor, City of Oakland

Jean Quan is the first woman and the first Asian American to be elected Mayor of Oakland and the first Asian American woman mayor of a major US City. She was also the first Asian American woman elected to the Oakland School Board and to the Oakland City Council. Since her start in Oakland politics in 1989— as a parent trying to save the schools’ music and arts programs—Jean Quan has strived to make public institutions work for people. She is the past chair of the Asian American Municipal Officials and currently, a member of the National League of Cities, Central City Caucus, Big 10 California Cities, Emerald Cities, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and chair of the International Affairs Committee of the US Conference of Mayors and Chair of the Local Government Commission focused on smart growth planning policy.

Sandré Swanson

Deputy Mayor, City of Oakland; Former Chair of BMOC

As Deputy Mayor, Mr. Swanson serves as a senior policy advisor to the Mayor and works closely with her on growing and developing small business and jobs - specifically on career opportunities for Oakland’s youth. Mr. Swanson previously served as a Member of the California State Assembly, representing Oakland, Piedmont, and Alameda for three terms. Mr. Swanson was Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men of Color and was the Speaker’s Appointee to the State Workforce Investment Board. During his tenure in the Assembly he passed landmark legislation dealing with the atrocities of Human Trafficking, which he calls “modern day slavery”. His legislative work assisted with the development of programs for job training, housing and counseling for the victims of Human Trafficking, some as young as 12 years old. Before Mr. Swanson’s election to the California State Assembly, he served 5 years as Congresswoman Barbara Lee’s Chief of Staff; after working for 25 years as the District Director and Senior Policy Advisor for former Congressman Ronald V. Dellums. In 1977 he served as the campaign manager for the historic election of Judge Lionel J. Wilson as the first African American mayor of Oakland.

Panel 1: Gun Violence in Oakland, Impact on Minority Youth

Marc Philpart, PolicyLink

Marc Philpart, Senior Program Associate, supports the Boys and Men of Color team and leads the PolicyLink Black Male Achievement team. He has specific expertise in supporting and developing networks that advance policy and practice to strengthen the field and further race and gender equity in the areas of health, education, employment and juvenile justice. Prior to joining PolicyLink, Philpart worked in the president's office at PATH, a non-profit global health organization. He holds masters degrees in public affairs and public health from the University of Washington in Seattle and earned his BA in History from Xavier University of Louisiana.

Sara Bedford, Interim Director, Oakland Department of Human Services

Currently the Director of the City of Oakland's Department of Human Services, providing some of Oakland's most vulnerable residents with services from Head Start to Senior Centers to supportive housing for the homeless. She was formerly the Policy and Planning Manager for the Department of Human Services and is responsible for planning, legislative, and fund and program development activities in the Department. Her unit was also the seat for violence prevention work in the City including the \$6 million in program services under Measure Y, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 and well as over \$15 million in leveraged funds. In her 20 years with the City of Oakland, she has focused on human services and youth development and been responsible for a variety programs and initiatives ranging from the implementation of the City's multi-million dollar general fund set aside, the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, to the development of City's Homeless Plan. In 2003, she was awarded the City of Oakland's Employee of the Year. She has also worked as a consultant in planning and evaluation for a number of Bay Area nonprofit agencies. Previously, she served a research analyst for Human Services Research Institute in Cambridge, MA working primarily in the area of family support and community placement for people with developmental disabilities. Ms Bedford holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from the Goldman School at UC Berkeley and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Political Science from Yale University.

Panel 2: Preventing Violence, Promoting Opportunity

Anne Marks

Executive Director, Youth ALIVE! (School to Prison Pipeline)

A 22 year-old Oakland-based and nationally recognized violence prevention and youth leadership agency. Youth ALIVE!'s Caught in the Crossfire program and Khadafy Washington Project provide trauma-informed support directly to victims of shootings and homicides in order to break the cycle of violence. As Training Director for the National Network of Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs, Anne has also helped dozens of communities replicate Caught in the Crossfire's effective

model. Anne has a background in crime prevention, social justice, advocacy, and communications. For five years she directed the City of Oakland's prison reentry program and then, after the passage of a local Measure Y, oversaw \$6 million annually of violence prevention strategies. She has done communications for the U.S. State Department, a presidential campaign, and local initiatives, prior to joining Youth ALIVE! in 2010.

Shawn A. Ginwright, PhD
Board Member, The California Endowment (Trauma-Informed Care)

Shawn Ginwright, a leading national expert on African American youth, youth activism, and youth development, joined The California Endowment's Board of Directors in May 2013.

Dr. Ginwright serves as the Senior Research Associate at the Cesar Chavez Institute for Public Policy in San Francisco, CA and is also an Associate Professor of Education in the Africana Studies Department at San Francisco State University. During his tenure, he led a team to establish the first Urban Education doctoral program in the California State University system. In addition, as a Senior Researcher at the Cesar Chavez Institute for Public Policy, Ginwright established the National Research Collaborative on Youth Activism, among other activities and accomplishments. Dr. Ginwright currently serves on the Board of Directors at the Institute for Sustainable Economic, Educational and Environmental Design (ISEEED) in Oakland. ISEEED is a research, community building, and advocacy organization that addresses the interconnected challenges of environmental sustainability, educational achievement, and workforce development. In 1989, Dr. Ginwright founded Leadership Excellence, an innovative youth development agency located in Oakland, California that trains African American youth to address pressing social and community problems.

In 2011, he was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Senior Specialist award from the State Department for his outstanding research and work with urban youth. He is the author of "Black Youth Rising, Activism and Radical Healing in Urban America", "Black in School- Afrocentric Reform, Black Youth and the Promise of Hip-Hop Culture" and co-editor of "Beyond Resistance!: Youth Resistance and Community Change: New Democratic Possibilities for Practice and Policy for America's Youth". He has published extensively on issues related to urban youth in journals such as Social Problems, Social Justice, Urban Review, and New Directions in Youth Development.

A resident of Oakland, Ginwright received his Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley. His research examines the ways in which youth in urban communities navigate through the constraints of poverty and struggle to create equality and justice in their schools and communities.

Jamila Edwards
Children's Defense Fund (Victim's Compensation Fund)

Jamila Iris Edwards is the Northern California Director of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), a non-profit child advocacy organization, founded by Marian Wright Edelman, that has worked relentlessly for nearly 40 years to ensure a level playing field for all children. CDF champions policies and programs that lift children out of poverty; protect them from abuse and neglect; and ensure their access to health care, quality education and a moral and spiritual foundation. Jamila represents the goals and mission of CDF in Northern California and manages the Oakland-based office and staff.

She leads CDF California's policy team and advocacy agenda, which focuses on health care, school discipline and juvenile justice.

Jamila is a former sixth grade teacher and has spent the last 10 years in the health care and public health policy and advocacy field. Prior to joining CDF, Jamila worked for the statewide trade association representing community clinics and health centers, focusing on provider issues around Medi-Cal, oral health and pharmacy issues.

Jamila holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego. She resides in Oakland and currently represents District 3 on Oakland's Measure Y Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committee which oversees the proper administration of the revenue collection and spending, and the implementation of the programs funded through Measure Y revenue. Jamila and her son, Reile, are avid fans of all Oakland sports teams, especially the Warriors and the Raiders.