





Interoffice Memorandum

March 23, 2022

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
County Commissioners

THROUGH: Roseann Harrington 
Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

FROM: Carol Burkett 
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SUBJECT: April 5, 2022 - Consent Agenda
Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners
affirming its support for the State Attorney's Office Adult Civil Citation
Diversion Program in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida for Orange
County.

During a three-week period between September and October 2020, Orange County experienced seven shootings involving children 17 and younger. Two of these tragic and senseless shootings resulted in fatalities; one child was just three years old. Many of these shootings have been tied to gang violence. On October 27, 2020, Mayor Demings convened the Orange County Citizens Safety Task Force to address the increase in gun violence and violent crime in the community.

The task force met for 120 days and held 52 meetings to develop solutions and strategies to combat gun violence and violent crime in the areas of Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement, and Prosecution. On April 13, 2021, the Board accepted the Citizens Safety Task Force report and recommendations. On November 9, 2021, staff provided the Board with an update on the implementation of the 20 recommendations, which included the Prosecution Subcommittee recommendation of the Adult Civil Citation Diversion Program.

The resolution outlines the State Attorney's Office Adult Civil Citation Diversion Program and the County's support. The State Attorney's Office program is in partnership with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the Orlando Police Department. The 90-day pilot program provides adults accused of certain first-time non-violent misdemeanor offenses

the opportunity to participate in the Civil Citation Diversion Program in lieu of arrest. The program is voluntary and requires the accused to complete a crime-specific educational program, pay program fees, and complete community service hours. The State Attorney's Office Adult Civil Citation Diversion Program is modeled after the one implemented by the Fifth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office and aims to divert adults accused of a crime for the first time from the criminal justice system and provide redirection to a crime-free lifestyle.

Action Requested: Approval and execution of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding affirming its support for the State Attorney's Office Adult Civil Citation Diversion Program in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida for Orange County. All Districts.