



## Gun Violence Campaign

### The Problem:

**Community violence continues to rise in Richmond, VA.**

- **In 2021, 93 lives were lost due to senseless violence in the city of Richmond.** This is the highest number of murders in decades.
- **151** people have been shot and killed in Richmond since February 24, 2020 when RISC first challenged Mayor Stoney to implement an evidence based solution (RPD).

### The Solution:

- Decades of research have shown that approximately 0.5% of a city's population is responsible for 60-70% of the city's violent crime.
- **Group Violence Intervention (GVI)** is an evidence-based strategy takes this into account, and has "repeatedly demonstrated that violence can be dramatically reduced when community members join together with law enforcement and social service providers to focus a three-pronged anti-violence message on highly active groups" (National Network for Safe Communities).
- Results from other cities that used GVI (NNSC, Giffords):
  - Oakland, CA: **46%** reduction in homicides
  - New Haven, CT: **78%** reduction in gun homicides
  - Stockton, CA: **42%** reduction in gun homicides

### What We Want:

**We want Mayor Stoney to partner with the NNSC or another national expert to conduct a Problem Analysis here in Richmond.**

- This would "identify the key people and places driving violence locally and establish a shared, fact-based understanding to guide the work of city leaders inside and outside of government" (Council on Criminal Justice).
- **Violence interventions efforts that do not use the guidance of experts are likely to fail.** (Giffords Law Center, CCJ).
- The contract for a Problem Analysis with the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) costs \$25,000; a two-year contract with the NNSC to implement GVI costs \$250,000.

**Rather than spending any more time re-inventing the wheel, let's get to work on a proven program before any more lives are lost.**