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Building Safer Communities: Exploring Effective Strategies for Reducing and Preventing Gun Violence

Panelist Bios

Soledad Adrianzén McGrath is a research professor at Northwestern University's Institute for Policy Research and the Executive Director of Corners: the Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science. Prior to joining Northwestern, she was a Senior Program Officer in the Gun Violence Prevention & Justice Reform Program at the Joyce Foundation where she developed and led the foundation's justice reform strategy, which included a focus on policing, criminal justice reform, and violence prevention. Prior to joining the Joyce Foundation, McGrath was a Program Officer with the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Justice Reform program and was a member of a multidisciplinary team that designed and implemented its criminal justice reform strategy – a more than \$200 million initiative focusing on a network of jurisdictions throughout the country targeting excessive and unjust incarceration at the local level. She led the foundation's efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the justice system. Before joining the MacArthur Foundation, McGrath served as associate director and chief counsel at the American Bar Association's Justice Center. In addition, she served as a post-graduate Child Law policy fellow at Loyola University School of Law's Civitas Child Law Center and as the primary reporter for the State Bar of Georgia/Young Lawyers Division Juvenile Code Revision Project. She began her legal career as an associate at Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP. McGrath has published in law review and legal journals and has been recognized for her work in juvenile justice reform. McGrath earned her BA from Northwestern University and her JD from Emory University.

Anthony A. Braga, Ph.D., is the Jerry Lee Professor of Criminology and the Director of the Crime and Justice Policy Lab in the Department of Criminology at the University of Pennsylvania. He collaborates with criminal justice, social service, and community-based organizations to produce high impact scholarship, randomized field experiments, and policy advice on the prevention of crime at problem places, the control of gang violence, and reductions in access to firearms by criminals. Braga is a fellow of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and a recipient of its August Vollmer Award recognizing his contributions to crime prevention policy and practice. He is currently working with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) on the production of a series of reports on firearms commerce, crime gun traces and ballistic imaging, and gun trafficking investigations. His most recent book is *Policing Gun Violence: Strategic Reforms for Our Most Pressing Crime Problem* (Oxford University Press, 2023).

Robert Crutchfield is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology at the University of Washington. He has served two terms as department chair. His research is on labor markets and crime, and race, ethnicity and the criminal justice system. Crutchfield is a fellow of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), and a University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award winner. He was elected vice-president of the ASC, chair of the American Sociological Association's (ASA) Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, and to the Council of the ASA. He served on the National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Law and Justice (CLAJ) for six years, and on several National Academies study panels including the Committee to Improve Research and Data on Firearms, the Committee on Assessing the Research Program of the National Institute of Justice, the Committee on the Causes and Consequences of High Rates of Incarceration, and Reducing Racial Inequalities in the Criminal Justice System. Crutchfield is a National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences and now chairs CLAJ. He has been on the Board of Directors of The Sentencing Project, the Washington State Juvenile

Sentencing Commission and the Board for the Washington State Council on Crime and Delinquency. From 2015 to 2018 he served on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Justice Department Office of Justice Program's Science Advisory Board. Crutchfield is a former juvenile probation officer and worked as a Parole Agent for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. He received his B.A. in sociology from Thiel College in Pennsylvania, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

Linda Harlee Harper is a visionary leader in social and criminal justice. On February 17, 2021, Mayor Muriel Bowser appointed Linda as the city's first Gun Violence Prevention Director and on February 9, 2023 she also appointed her as the Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE). Previously she served as Senior Deputy Director to DC's Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS)– the city's cabinet level agency serving youth impacted by the DC Juvenile Justice System.

Born and raised in DC with an unapologetic love for the city, its rich history, and its residents. Youth, Criminal and Social Justice Reformer. Experienced advocate and champion of positive youth outcomes for court-involved youth and their families in the District of Columbia and nationally. An experienced proven leader and change agent in juvenile justice, criminal justice, public safety, and social services with over fifteen years of progressively growing experience shaping and managing public safety responses, restorative justice policies and youth development programs to improve the lives of our undervalued, underserved, and at-risk youth and their families. Linda has moved between the non-profit and for-profit sectors, and government - either organizing for social change from the outside or reforming institutions, policies and practices from the inside.

Daniel W. Webster, ScD, MPH is Bloomberg Professor of American Health in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. He serves as Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solution and is one of the nation's leading experts on firearm policy and the prevention of gun violence. He is co-editor and contributor to *Reducing Gun Violence in America: Informing Policy with Evidence and Analysis* (JHU Press, 2013). Dr. Webster has published numerous articles on firearm policy, the prevention of gun violence, intimate partner violence, and youth violence prevention. He has studied the effects of a variety of violence prevention interventions including firearm and alcohol policies, policing strategies, street outreach and conflict mediation, and school-based curricula. Dr. Webster teaches *Understanding and Preventing Violence and Crafting Effective Solutions to Gun Violence: A Problem-Solving Seminar*.