



## FACT SHEET ADVANCE PEACE

*"As your Mayor it is my duty to make sure public safety is a priority for our community. Even one homicide is one too many. "*

**— Mayor Michael Tubbs**

### Background

For decades, Stockton has experienced over 3 times the state's average in violent crime and homicide rates. This trend has continued. Over the last three years Stockton's [homicide rate](#) reached nearly 50 per year.<sup>1</sup>

### Homicides by Year<sup>2</sup>

2014	49
2015	49
2016	49
2017 Dec*	52

### Violent Crime by California City:

Stockton has consistently ranked as one of the most dangerous cities in the state and in the country. In 2015, we [ranked 5<sup>th</sup>](#) in California for violent crime, behind San Diego and above Sacramento.<sup>3</sup>

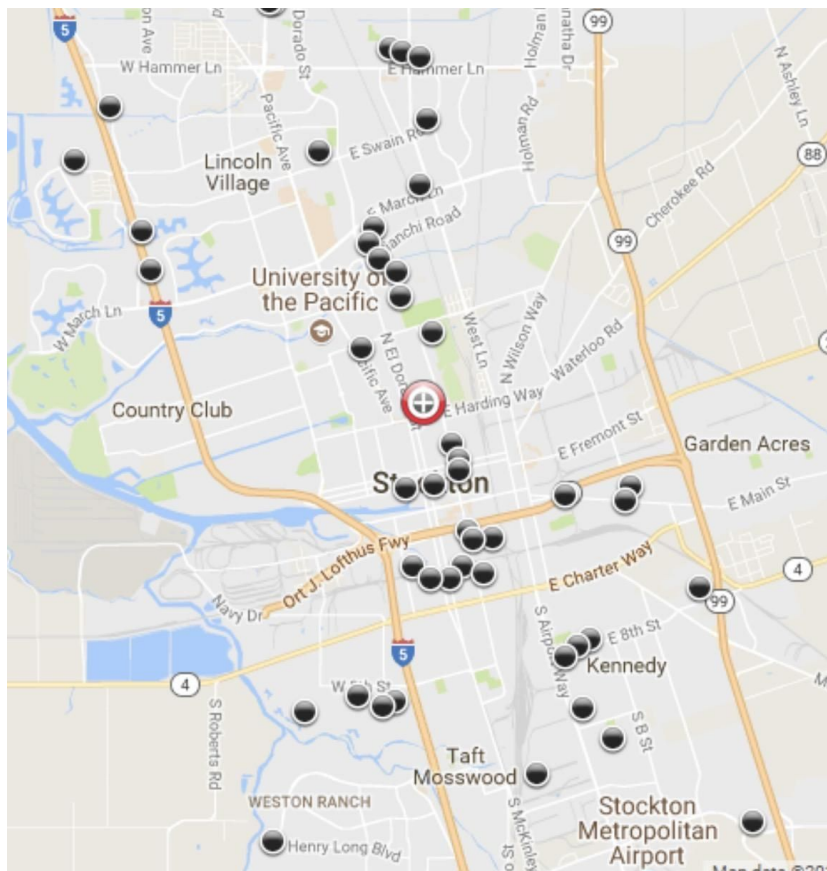
City	Population	Violent Crimes
Los Angeles	3,962,726	25,156
San Francisco	863,782	6,710
Oakland	419,481	6,051
San Diego	1,400,467	5,582
Stockton	304,890	4,122
Sacramento	489,717	3,611
San Jose	1,031,458	3,400
Fresno	520,837	2,871

<sup>1</sup> City-Data.com, Crime in Stockton California, <http://www.city-data.com/crime/crime-Stockton-California.html>

<sup>2</sup> City-Data.com, Crime in Stockton California, <http://www.city-data.com/crime/crime-Stockton-California.html>

<sup>3</sup> Law offices of Graham Donath (Using FBI data); <https://www.gddl.com/2016/05/12/cities-california-dangerous/>

Homicides occur [throughout the city](#), leaving many areas impacted by violence.<sup>4</sup> The Map below represents homicides in 2016.



### Who are the Shooters?

The majority of violent gun crime in Stockton is committed by [less than 1%](#) of the population. The police know these likely shooters, but are unable to convict due to circumstances such as a lack of evidence.<sup>5</sup> This phenomenon is not unique to Stockton. In Richmond, studies showed that 28 people, who ranged in age from their mid-teens to early twenties, are responsible for around 70% of the city's violent gun crime.<sup>6</sup> Many had criminal records, and were also likely to be the victims of violent crime themselves.

<sup>4</sup> Lexis Nexis Community Crime map: <http://communitycrimemap.com/>

<sup>5</sup> Marshall Plan Project Report, City of Stockton: [http://www.stocktongov.com/files/CouncilAgenda\\_2013\\_4\\_02\\_item\\_15\\_01\\_MarshallPlan.pdf](http://www.stocktongov.com/files/CouncilAgenda_2013_4_02_item_15_01_MarshallPlan.pdf). *Stockton Record*, <http://www.recordnet.com/news/20170327/patti-hopes-roundtable-leads-to-job-creation>

<sup>6</sup> *New York Times*, [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/21/opinion/building-trust-cuts-violence-cash-also-helps.html?\\_r=1](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/21/opinion/building-trust-cuts-violence-cash-also-helps.html?_r=1)

## Measure A:

Measure A was approved by voters November 5, 2013, as a three-quarter cent transaction and use tax (sales tax) effective April 1, 2014. The tax raises \$28 million per year for the city, and supports an expanded police department and the Office of Violence Prevention.<sup>7</sup> The goal was to hire 40 officers each year for a total of 485 by June of 2017. The Police Department had

[430 officers in 2008](#) before budget cuts and staff reductions cut the city's police force to 324 officers in 2012.<sup>8</sup> The city did not meet the goal of 485 officers by June of 2017. We currently have about 435 police officers.<sup>9</sup>

### Police Force by Year:

2008: 430

2012: 324

2017: 435

## Office of Violence Prevention:<sup>10</sup>

The Office of Violence Prevention was established in 2014 and works to significantly reduce violence in the City of Stockton through data-driven, partnership-based violence prevention and reductions programs, with strategies rooted in best practices.

A recent [Op-Ed](#) in the "Record" newspaper notes that voters approved a measure to hire more police officers with the goal of reducing violent crime. However, years later, violent crime remains flat.<sup>11</sup> Overall crime has trended downward, but [homicides](#) remain consistent.<sup>12</sup>

## Where We Are Hitting The Mark:

- Smarter Policing: using data and innovative technology.
- Focusing on principled.
- Stockton Ceasefire.
- Data driven approach.
- Community and Clergy Call Ins.
- Neighborhood Blitz Teams.
- Shot Spotter.

## Improving Our Approach:

As of December of 2017, the city has reached over 50 homicides, which is higher than the last three years. The Mayor is looking to reduce violent gun crime in Stockton. The Mayor believes that you cannot simply arrest your way to safer streets. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to reduce crime, you must have a data driven, comprehensive approach.

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<sup>7</sup> City of Stockton, <http://www.stocktongov.com/government/departments/manager/pubMeasureA.html>

<sup>8</sup> Stockton Record, <http://www.recordnet.com/article/20150701/NEWS/150709955>

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<sup>10</sup> City Of Stockton, <http://www.stocktongov.com/government/departments/manager/violprev.html>

<sup>11</sup> Stockton Record, <http://www.recordnet.com/news/20171003/fitzgerald-five-years-94-million-later-gun-violence-still-high>

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### **Advance Peace:**

[Advance Peace](#), created in Richmond, California, is a gun violence reduction program. The program has shown a consistent reduction in violent gun crime by over 50%.<sup>13</sup>

Advance Peace is an 18-month program that reaches out to individuals that are the most likely to commit gun violence. This **7 day a week**, multiple interaction per day program, mentors individuals that are most likely to commit gun crimes and gives them an opportunity to turn their lives around. The program has seven components, called touchpoints:<sup>14</sup>

- 1) Life Map, to help the fellows set goals for their futures.
- 2) Life Map milestone allowance. This stipend is based on how many milestone goals the fellows achieve – *it is an incentive to complete goals, not a handout*.
- 3) Internship Opportunities, to teach the fellows important life skills and how to hold down a job.
- 4) Daily check-ins to keep the fellows accountable.
- 5) Social service navigation, to help connect the fellows to social services they might be eligible for.
- 6) Transformative travel, to show the fellows that there is a broader world beyond their neighborhood. The fellows are only eligible to go on a trip if they promise to travel with one of their enemies. This helps fellows understand and respect the people they are most likely to shoot at.
- 7) Elders circle, with men from the same communities as the fellows, many of whom were formerly incarcerated. These elders provide the fellows with a trusted person to talk to, and help them see that it is possible to escape the cycle of violence.

### **Advance Peace one-page fact sheet:**

<https://www.advancepeace.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/1-OnePager-Media.pdf>

### **Stipends:**

After six months of participation in Advance Peace, fellows become eligible for a stipend. These stipends range from \$1-\$1,000, with the average ranging between \$300-\$700 per month. The amount that each fellow receives is determined by how many of their life goals they have met. The stipend is a reward for progress in the program, not a handout.

The media and others have said Advance Peace pays for criminals not to commit crime. This is simply not the case. If the threat of death or life in prison is not deterrent, surely a few

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<sup>13</sup> Advance Peace, <https://www.advancepeace.org/about/the-solution/>

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hundred bucks will not stop them either. Rather, the stipends are like any other fellowship program; they help stabilize the basic financial needs of participants.

### **The Cost of Homicides:**

Some may claim that the cost of stipends are too much. However, according to Mother Jones, the cost of each homicide is [about \\$441,000](#).<sup>15</sup> The city is already paying a heavy financial and social cost with each homicide.

### **Funding:**

Unlike other city programs, funding for Advance Peace Stockton will come completely from private donors. No tax dollars will be used for this program. The Mayor has [secured outside funding](#) for various programs in Stockton, and Advance Peace will be no different. The public will not pay for this program, but will receive all the benefits.<sup>16</sup>

### **The Path Forward:**

Please use the links provided in this document to learn more about Advance Peace and the efforts in Stockton to reduce gun violence. We would like to hear from you at City Council meetings to share your support of this program. We hope to see Advance Peace implemented in the near future.

***FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE OF MAYOR MICHAEL TUBBS***

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<sup>15</sup> Mother Jones, <http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2015/04/charts-show-cost-price-gun-violence-america/#>

<sup>16</sup> Stockton Record, <http://www.recordnet.com/opinion/20171021/our-view-unusual-solutions-for-two-of-stocktons-prolonged-problems>