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About the Position

The Director of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention will be responsible for planning, implementing, and establishing policy, and coordinating and promoting effective efforts to reduce and prevent gun violence, firearm injuries and related traumas and promote research and data collection. The Director will serve as the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) gun violence and firearm injury prevention expert and provide consultation to the Department’s leadership, as well as coordinate efforts with other state agencies, the Legislature and the Office of the Governor.

The Director will increase awareness in a variety of gun violence prevention strategies and implementation of programs, including recommendations on state and federal laws; conduct public awareness campaigns; support similar work with other California state agencies and research entities; assist with outreach for the gun violence reduction grant program; oversee the creation and maintenance of a resource bank and network database; identify and apply for available federal grants and other funding; and collaborate with the Legislature and with stakeholders.

The Director will represent the Attorney General and the DOJ in meetings and public forums with public officials and their representatives. Extensive interface will be required of this position with state, federal, and law enforcement agencies and departments as well as stakeholder and other advocate groups.

Minimum Qualifications

We are seeking qualified candidates with extensive public policy experience, preferably in the area of gun violence prevention. The ideal candidate will have established relationships with state leaders at the local, state, and national level and demonstrated success in developing and managing policy initiatives. Strategic thinker with ability to identify, prioritize, and execute policy objectives.
Desirable Qualifications

Ability to manage priorities judiciously and can motivate in a team-oriented, collaborative environment; intellectually curious, confident, and have excellent interpersonal skills; demonstrated leadership ability, highly organized and effective manager of own and others’ work; ability to interact positively and effectively with client representatives, subordinates and other members of the Attorney General’s Office at all levels; strong written and oral communication skills (e.g., policy issue briefs/summaries and presentations on key issues); an understanding of the state and federal political environment and the impact on gun violence policy strategies and goals; and sharp attention to details as well as an appreciation for the big picture.

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