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**6ABC/WPVI-TV PHILADELPHIA SITS DOWN WITH MAYOR JIM KENNEY, POLICE COMMISSIONER DANIELLE OUTLAW AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN A VIRTUAL TOWN HALL TO ADDRESS GUN VIOLENCE**

**‘Building It Better Together Town Hall: Gun Violence’ Will Air on 6abc, Sunday, Sept. 13 (9:30-10:30 a.m. EDT)**

Viewers Can Live Stream Town Hall on [6abc.com](http://6abc.com), [6abc News App](#) and [6abc Connected Television Apps](#)



6abc, Philadelphia’s leading news source, presents a one-hour virtual town hall, **“Building It Better Together Town Hall: Gun Violence,”** on **Sunday, Sept. 13 (9:30-10:30 a.m. EDT)**. Hosted by 6abc Action News anchor Sharrie Williams and reporter Corey Davis, the town hall will air on 6abc and streamed live simultaneously on [6abc.com](http://6abc.com), [6abc news app](#) and [6abc connected television apps](#).

Gun violence is escalating in the city of Philadelphia. With three months remaining in 2020, the city has experienced more than 300 homicides for the year, more than the total sum of homicides in previous years. In fact, homicides in the city are up 34% from 2019 and over 100 children are victims of gun violence in the city thus far. Recently, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw joined members of the community in a peace walk. She will join 6abc’s town hall to discuss what the department and the city are doing to stop gun violence.

Williams is bringing a panel of experts together that will include the following:

- Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw
- Mayor Jim Kenney, City of Philadelphia
- Senator Sharif Street, Pennsylvania State Senate
- Keir Bradford-Grey, executive director, Philadelphia Defenders Association
- Solomon Jones, radio personality, author and Inquirer columnist

- Ted Qualli, executive director, Philadelphia Police Athletic League
- Bilal Qayyum, activist and founder, Father’s Day Rally Committee
- Derrick Wood, inspector, Philadelphia Police Department
- Dr. Dorothy Johnson-Speight, founder and national director, Mothers In Charge

There are numerous topics to cover. WPVI’s Williams and Davis will work to address concerns they are hearing from the community. They will seek answers and guidance from the panel to provide solutions to issues facing the communities. The topics will range from law enforcement response to escalating shootings and homicides, City of Philadelphia’s response to violence amid the COVID-19 pandemic, public policy and gun laws, poverty and the correlation to educational, healthcare disparities and unemployment, to motivating communities and neighborhoods to get involved and “take back their streets” and many other topics of concern.

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