

May 31, 2018

Dr. Gwendolyn Haile Cattledge
Designated Federal Official for the NCIPC BSC
National Center Injury Prevention and Control
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
4770 Buford Highway NE MS F-63
Atlanta, GA 30341

Dear Dr. Cattledge:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), I write in support of the nomination of Anthony Gomez, RS, to serve on the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control. NACCHO is the voice of the nearly 3,000 local health departments across the US. These city, county, metropolitan, district, and tribal departments work every day to protect and promote health and well-being for all people in their communities.

Anthony (Tony) Gomez has served as the Injury and Violence Prevention Manager for Public Health Seattle-King County since 1997. Mr. Gomez has broad experience in injury and violence prevention, including but not limited to reducing deaths and injuries from motor vehicle crashes, firearms, and drownings; leading Seattle-King County Target Zero Traffic Safety Task Force; and developing and evaluating local, state, and national policies for injury and violence prevention. His qualifications include serving in the following capacities: (1) Safe State Alliance Executive Committee Member, (2) Clinical Faculty Instructor, University of Washington, and (3) Co-leader of Washington State Drowning Prevention Networks.

In addition to his credentials, he has over 30 years working on injury and violence issues at the local level. Mr. Gomez's leadership and perspective on local injury and violence prevention issues has been recognized by Washington State Safe Kids, which awarded him the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Furthermore, Mr. Gomez has experience participating on national and local committees and workgroups. Mr. Gomez previously served on NACCHO's Injury and Violence Prevention Workgroup, and currently serves on NACCHO's Big Cities Health Coalition, Firearm/Violence Prevention Workgroup. This workgroup was formed to address the epidemic of violence in American cities through partnerships between local health officials and community leaders, law enforcement, schools, hospitals, businesses, and other community stakeholders.

Local health departments are a key partner of the CDC. Mr. Gomez's extensive injury and violence public health background and experience on national and local committees enable him to provide comprehensive policy and program perspectives on protecting and promoting people's health. NACCHO gives the strongest recommendation for his nomination.



Please contact, Chevelle Glymph, Senior Director for Safe, Healthy, & Resilient Communities, cglymph@naccho.org or 202-507-4261, with any questions.

Thank you in advance for considering Mr. Gomez for one of the slots that are open on the NCIPC BSC. Mr. Gomez is willing and eager to serve as a member of the Committee. Mr. Gomez's resume is included and his contact information is tony.gomez@kingcounty.gov or (206) 263-8178.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori Tremmel Freeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA
Chief Executive Officer