

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and,

WHEREAS, current federal law, known as the Undetectable Firearms Act, bans undetectable weapons in sensitive areas including airports, schools, courthouses, and public areas. These undetectable weapons and their components can currently be manufactured by 3-dimensional printers, laser cutting machines or other technologies, and are unable to be detected by traditional metal detectors and may not present an accurate image on an x-ray; and,

WHEREAS, recently, the ATF assembled one such gun using designs downloaded from the internet. The bureau tested the gun and found it capable of firing multiple .380-caliber bullets. This ATF experiment clearly demonstrates that 3D plastic guns are a real and serious public safety threat; and,

WHEREAS, as 3D printing technologies improve, access to technology and related materials becomes more widely available and associated costs of manufacturing decreases. If unrestricted, the widespread production of undetectable firearms will surely increase; and,

WHEREAS, according to a former FBI deputy director, these homemade guns are so frightening because they render most standard detection useless; and,

WHEREAS, California currently bans a person from manufacturing, selling or possessing an undetectable firearm, such a state ban is significantly hindered absent a federal ban because controlling the exportation of such weapons from other states would be significantly hindered, increasing the dangers that California has tried to address through enactment of a state ban; and,

WHEREAS, City and District Attorneys across California this week are urging Congressional leaders to support proposed legislation reauthorizing a ban on undetectable firearms and extending the ban to include prohibitions on undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines; and,

WHEREAS, If Congress fails to reauthorize the law, the threat to public safety will be severe.

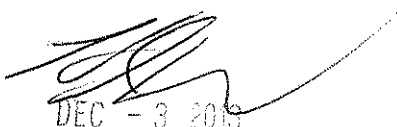
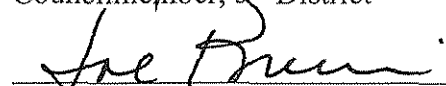
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT proposed legislation reauthorizing a ban on undetectable firearms and extending the ban to include prohibitions on undetectable firearm receivers and ammunition magazines.

PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KORETZ
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