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RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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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, "ghost guns," which are firearms assembled or manufactured at home that do not have a unique serial number, pose a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, individuals who assemble or manufacture these "ghost guns" do not submit to background checks and the state does not know what types of firearms are being assembled; and

WHEREAS, a homemade, unregistered "ghost gun" was used by an individual during a shooting spree on the Santa Monica College campus in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, the spread and evolution of technology, including 3D printers, has made it easier to assemble unregistered weapons, including those that can be carried without setting off metal detectors; and

WHEREAS, the federal government recently extended a prohibition on undetectable firearms, but has not addressed those assembled by individuals without serial numbers; and

WHEREAS, SB 808 (De León), would require that an individual seeking to assemble or manufacture a firearm at home apply for and obtain a serial number for their firearm from the California Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, SB 808 would require an individual to acquire a serial number prior to assembling or manufacturing a firearm; and

WHEREAS, SB 808 would also require that individuals seeking a serial number for their weapon submit to a background check, in the same manner as those who purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer;

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 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for SB 808 (De León), which would require that individuals who assemble or manufacture a firearm at home apply for and obtain a unique serial number from the California Department of Justice.

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