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The Honorable Paul Krekorian
Councilperson
Council District 2
200 N. Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Councilman Krekorian:

I am sending you this correspondence in my role as president of the Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association (LARFPA).

Our organization would like to add our voice to the other voices raised in protest to your proposed gun safety ordinance. It is not unusual for a noble proposal to be flawed. From the prospective of our organization the flaw we perceive is your proposed ordinance does not exempt retired members of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) from its provisions.

A case could be made, and I am making that case, that retired members of the LAPD have a greater case for an exemption from the provisions of your proposed ordinance than active members. Many, if not most, active members of LAPD have minor children living in the home. Most retired members do not. Therefore I would argue the chances of a minor child being the victim of unintended gun violence in the homes of our membership are far, far less than the population at large, including active members of the LAPD.

Your proposal also ignores the fact that retired members of the LAPD are well versed in the appropriate means of securing their guns in their home as active members and routinely apply those appropriate means.

It further concerns me that you are trying to fast track your proposal. It's almost as if you are trying to rush this provision through before more substantial opposition to your proposal can manifest itself.

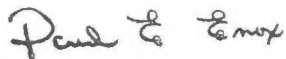
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An interesting irony of your proposal is that your status as a reserve officer of the LAPD makes you exempt from your proposed ordinance. It hardly seems appropriate that your status as a reserve officer provides you an exemption that my members will not have under your proposed ordinance. My members are just as adept at gun safety in the home as you or any active member of the LAPD.

I strongly urge you to cease trying to fast track this ill-conceived ordinance through the council. I further urge you, rather than resisting proposed amendments, to consider them. Clearly an exemption for retired members of the LAPD is an appropriate exemption.

If you or your staff have any questions about our organization or our position on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (310) 989-2456.

Respectfully,



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