

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

California law prohibits certain individuals from purchasing or possessing firearms, including those who have been convicted of a felony, are on probation, subject to a protective or restraining order or have a history of severe mental illness. While these individuals may have legally acquired a firearm at one point, once they become a prohibited person they are placed on the Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS).

APPS is a statewide database, created by the California Department of Justice in 2007, that collects names from court records, lists of known or wanted criminals, domestic and gun violence restraining order and mental health history records, then cross-reference them with firearm sale records to identify those persons who have subsequently become prohibited from owning or possessing firearms. This list is updated daily and made available to law enforcement agencies across the state. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) utilizes the APPS database to confiscate firearms from prohibited persons.

While APPS is a useful tool for LAPD, and other law enforcement agencies, it is nevertheless difficult to reach every prohibited person. After a series of homicides involving prohibited persons, the Oxnard Police Department, in partnership with Ventura County Crime Stoppers, launched a new program to assist the department with confiscating firearms from prohibited persons and combatting gun violence. 'Break the Silence! Stop Gun Violence,' is a reward program that offers residents up to \$100 for anonymous tips on individuals who illegally possess firearms. In addition to raising awareness about who is prohibited from owning or possessing firearms in California, this program assists in enforcing California laws and helps get guns out of the street and from the hands of known criminals.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles Police Department, with the assistance of the Chief Legislative Analyst and the <sup>CITY</sup> Chief Administrative Officer, be instructed to report back on creating an anonymous tip line and reward system for Los Angeles residents to report on individuals who illegally possess firearms, modeled after Oxnard Police Department's 'Break the Silence! Stop Gun Violence' program.

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