



September 5, 2019

RE: Confiscated Firearms Tracking in the City of Los Angeles

Dear Mr. Lid:

Stonewall Democratic Club is pleased to support CF 19-0849 (O'Farrell - Krekorian), which directs the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to more closely track firearms confiscated in the City of Los Angeles.

Gun violence is an ever-worsening epidemic in the United States, with over 250 mass shootings in just the first eight months of 2019. Despite stringent gun safety legislation at the local and state levels, communities in California are not immune to the horrors of gun violence, as evidenced recently by the mass shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival. That incident took place with a gun that was purchased in Nevada. Another neighboring state, Arizona, allows adults 21 and older to conceal and carry firearms. It is far too easy for these weapons to make their way across state lines and into California. As such, it is incumbent upon our state and local governments to continue to adopt aggressive policies aimed at gun safety and protecting Californians from firearms that are brought here from out of state.

CF 19-0849 is a common-sense instruction that calls upon LAPD to more closely track the 6000+ firearms it recovers each year. With a clearer tracking system, the City can gain a more accurate understanding of how many of these deadly weapons find their way to Los Angeles from other states and cities. Furthermore, this data will allow LAPD and the City Council to make more informed policy decisions on the local level, and to provide clearer recommendations to state and federal partners.

Stonewall Democratic Club looks forward to positive steps being taken as a result of this directive, and will continue to advocate for strong, progressive remedies to the ongoing tragedy of gun violence that continues to unfold in our country.

Sincerely,

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