

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to identifying and tracking confiscated firearms seized in the City of Los Angeles.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian):

1. DIRECT the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) to:
 - a. Report on its ability to identify and track confiscated firearms in the City, including but not limited to: the number of firearms seized, registration status, and whether weapons recovered are otherwise legal under California law.
 - b. Report annually on the types of firearms sized in the City, including the number of firearms seized and the number of weapons recovered that originated outside of California.
2. DIRECT the LAPD, in cooperation with the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to identify potential improvements to Federal and State legislation in connection to firearms movement across state lines.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the CLA has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 14, 2019, your Committee considered a Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian) relative to identifying and tracking confiscated firearms seized in the City of Los Angeles. According to the Motion, the City of Los Angeles and the State of California have some of the most stringent gun control measures in the United States. Individuals are generally barred from owning assault weapons, and magazine size limits ensure that no high capacity magazines are sold in the state. Also, every person seeking to purchase a firearm must submit to a background check and wait ten days before receiving a firearm. Further, the City of Los Angeles requires handguns to be securely stored when not in use. Despite these rules, the City still has a significant problem with gun violence, as evidenced by the recent tragic death of Officer Juan Diaz. One contributing factor to this problem may be the ability to easily purchase or steal firearms in neighboring states and then transport them into California. The shooting in Gilroy was carried out with a weapon purchased in Nevada. Other states, like Arizona, for example, allows any person over 21 years of age to carry a concealed firearm without a permit. Many states have no requirements for safe storage of firearms, which makes firearms vulnerable to theft. The LAPD currently tracks weapons to a certain degree, oftentimes making use of limited federal and state resources. To better protect the residents of Los Angeles, the LAPD should be directed to report on the number of firearms recovered by its officers, as well as the origin of these weapons and other important data on an ongoing basis. The LAPD should also work to assist Council in identifying improvements to State and Federal law which make sense for the residents of Los Angeles and the State of California. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion as detailed in the above

recommendations, as amended. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE



<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
O'FARRELL:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
RYU:	YES
SMITH:	ABSENT

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