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Community Impact Statement, adopted unanimously by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council governing board, 2-7-13

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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date January 29, 2013
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Text of Motion on the Agenda*: moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council adopt the following Community Impact Statement re Council File 13-0068, Prohibit Possession of High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines, and furthermore, that it be requested that all fellow neighborhood councils consider adopting the same or similar CIS:

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Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary

On February 28, 1997, two heavily armed bank robbers entered a North Hollywood Bank of America. As an outgunned LAPD courageously responded, the two robbers emptied more than a thousand rounds of ammunition using fully automatic machine guns and an AR-15 assault rifle with high capacity drum magazines and armor piercing bullets. The North Hollywood shootout spilled out into the surrounding community and was one of the longest in U.S. police history. Sadly, it was not a unique example of the abuse of high-capacity magazines to commit horrendous crimes of violence against large numbers of innocent people in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

In December 2012, the lives of 20 children and six adult staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School were tragically taken by a gunman carrying three weapons, including an AR-15, in the worst school shooting in U.S. history. Like in North Hollywood, the AR 15 was capable of shooting 45 rounds per minute and was similar to weapons used at Columbine, Virginia Tech, Tucson, Aurora, and in other cities throughout the United States. Such weapons and their large capacity magazines are designed for one purpose only – to shoot and kill many people as quickly as possible.

The shootings near Tucson took place at a meeting held with constituents by Congressmember Gabrielle Giffords and her staff. The shooter shot nineteen people, six fatally: it was only when the shooter was in the process of reloading that bystanders were able to approach and apprehend him. The sooner the reloading, the more likely that a shooter will be stopped, lessening the number of casualties in such horrible circumstances.

California Penal Code § 12020(a) (2) (b) prohibits any person from "...manufacturing, importing into the state, keeping for sale, offering or exposing for sale, giving, or lending any high-capacity magazine." The state law, however, does not prohibit the possession of these magazines. This gap in the law threatens public safety, because on the streets of Los Angeles, high-capacity magazines pose a daily threat to our citizens and police officers.

In light of such factors, a well-regulated city with concern for the safety of its communities should consider controlling the sale and possession of high-capacity magazines.

The City Motion relative to this issue can be found at HYPERLINK "http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2013/13-0068_MOT_01-15-13.pdf" http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2013/13-0068_MOT_01-15-13.pdf.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: The Los Angeles public will be safer if high-capacity magazines are banned within City boundaries, because such magazines have made massacres of the public easier to accomplish by shooters so heavily armed.

Con: It can be argued that neighborhood councils should only concern themselves with purely municipal problems experienced on their own local streets. It can further be argued – and is, by the N.R.A. – that such efforts won't diminish gun violence, whereas more of a focus on violence in entertainment might, and that such a step, if enacted, would be akin to overturning the 2nd Amendment, and preventing people from defending themselves from criminal violence as well as tyranny. Obviously, some in the gun industry would also lose income.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) If adopted, the Community Impact Statement will be filed with the City and will be shared with leadership of all other neighborhood councils and neighborhood council alliances, within one week's time.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The motion will be implemented by the co-chair(s) of the Governmental Affairs committee.

*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.