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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have been adopted in form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 2014 yet another mass shooting occurred, this time in Isla Vista, California where the perpetrator, 22 year old Elliot Roger, killed seven people and wounded thirteen; and

WHEREAS, according to reports after the shooting, Elliot Roger's family had raised some concerns with law enforcement about his mental state, but no action was taken against him; and

WHEREAS, family members and friends often see the warning signs that someone close to them is in crisis, but they have few options under current law to prevent their loved ones from acquiring or holding onto firearms; and

WHEREAS, the Isla Vista shooting revealed the gaps in our current laws and provided a tragic example of the limited options available to family members and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, AB 1014, authored by Assembly Members Nancy Skinner and Das Williams and modeled after California's domestic violence restraining order laws, would provide family members, friends, and law enforcement with the tools they need to prevent gun violence; and

WHEREAS, AB 1014 establishes a process for a Gun Violence Restraining Order in order to place temporary limitations on access to firearms when there are warnings signs that a person may harm himself/herself or others; and

WHEREAS, AB 1014 provides due process by allowing judicial review, both at the initial hearing to establish whether someone is at risk of committing acts of violence and at subsequent renewal hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2014-2015 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1014, which provides families and law enforcement with the legal tools necessary to help prevent gun violence.

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