

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 government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City Council adopted the Safe Storage of Handguns Ordinance (Krekorian/Parks) to ensure that firearms are safely stored in the owner's home so as to prevent children from gaining unauthorized access to that handgun; and

WHEREAS, in April 2018, City Attorney Mike Feuer convened the Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety, which included leaders in education, public safety, mental health, gun violence prevention and business; and

WHEREAS, the Panel produced a report with 33 recommendations to improve school safety, including the recommendation that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) inform parents of their responsibility to safely store firearms, an important step toward preventing access to guns by students; and

WHEREAS, the Panel's report notes that nearly 70 percent of student shooters gained access to the gun from their home or the home of a relative; and

WHEREAS, while parents may think that children cannot or will not access firearms stored in the home, that belief is mistaken, as studies have shown that at least 87 percent of children know where their parents' firearms are kept, and 60 percent had handled them; and

WHEREAS, LAUSD would be an important partner in effectuating the City's Safe Storage of Handguns Ordinance by notifying parents and guardians of the importance of safely storing firearms, and thereby improving safety in our schools and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby requests LAUSD to implement a program that notifies parents and guardians about the Safe Storage of Handguns Ordinance and requests them to sign an acknowledgment stating that, if they own a gun, they understand the importance of safely storing it and commit to doing so.

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