

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 first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, gun violence continues to be a serious problem throughout the United States, with over 30,000 people killed each year by firearms and countless more injured; and

WHEREAS, many people killed or injured by gun violence are shot by people who should have never had access to a firearm in the first place; and

WHEREAS, background checks on firearm purchasers ensure that prohibited persons cannot easily gain access to a weapon, and are effective tools for reducing gun violence; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2016, President Barack Obama announced an Executive Order strengthening background checks and requiring them for all sales, as well as outlining background check reporting requirements and enhancing gun law enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the President's executive action also increases information sharing about gun thefts and losses, increases information sharing efforts between various levels of government on background checks, and includes mental health treatment and reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, these actions will ensure that background checks are performed on all sales of firearms at gun shows, reducing the number of guns available to individuals who cannot pass a background check; and

WHEREAS, the President's executive actions will help to address the epidemic of gun violence in the United States, and the City should be on record in support of this effort;

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 2015 - 2016 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for President Obama's recent executive actions designed to reduce gun violence and strengthen gun control measures in the United States

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Councilmember, 2nd District


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