

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 1999, the California legislature passed the Unsafe Handgun Act requiring all handguns sold in the state to meet rigorous safety standards; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the law, the California Department of Justice maintains a roster listing all handguns that have been tested by a certified testing laboratory, deemed not to be unsafe handguns, and that may be sold in California; and

WHEREAS, while the Unsafe Handgun Act regulates firearm quality and performance to ensure consumer safety and reduce the risk of accidents, it does not consider the concealability of a handgun or the danger that concealable handguns pose in our communities; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the danger of highly concealable handguns, in 2001 the City of Los Angeles passed an "ultracompact" handgun ordinance prohibiting the sale of handguns with dimensions of 6.75 inches in length or less and 4.5 inches in height or less; and

WHEREAS, these handguns are specifically designed to allow the complete concealment of the weapon on the person, and such ultracompact handguns allow criminals to easily circumvent the city's very stringent carrying concealed weapons permit process; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the size of these weapons, criminals can easily conceal their weapon and pose a danger to our communities and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles recently repealed its ultracompact handgun ordinance because it is arguably preempted by the State's Unsafe Handgun Act; and

WHEREAS, the State's Unsafe Handgun Act would be more effective if it found ultracompact, highly concealable handguns to be disqualified for sale under the Act;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby supports any state legislation that would prohibit the sale of ultracompact and highly concealable handguns.

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