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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 55.22 TO ARTICLE 5,  
CHAPTER V OF THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT  
THE POSSESSION, PURCHASE, SALE, RECEIPT, OR TRANSPORT OF  
A NON-SERIALIZED UNFINISHED FIREARM FRAME OR RECEIVER,  
OR NON-SERIALIZED FIREARM, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS**

The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Los Angeles  
Room 395, City Hall  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 21-0899

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration, approved as to form and legality, the enclosed draft ordinance. The draft ordinance adds Section 55.22 to Article 5, Chapter V of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to prohibit within the City of Los Angeles the possession, receipt, transport, purchase, sale, and/or transfer of an unfinished firearm frame, unfinished firearm receiver, or firearm, that has not been imprinted with a serial number issued by a Federal Firearms Importer or Federal Firearms Manufacturer in compliance with federal law, or engraved or permanently affixed with a serial number provided by the California Department of Justice.

The draft ordinance contains several exceptions. For example, the draft ordinance does not apply to certain specified persons, such as a licensed Federal Firearms Importer and a licensed Federal Firearms Manufacturer. Similarly, the provisions of the ordinance relating to unfinished frames and unfinished receivers do not apply to Firearm Precursor Parts Vendors licensed pursuant to California law, nor to

lawful transactions processed by such vendors. Additionally, the draft ordinance contains exceptions for, and does not apply to, certain specified types of firearms, including antique firearms, curios and relics, and firearms that have been rendered permanently inoperable.

The draft ordinance also contains a provision delaying the enactment of two subdivisions, to provide persons who are currently in possession of non-serialized firearms, unfinished frames, or unfinished receivers with a grace period to either dispose of such items or get them properly serialized. Similarly, the draft ordinance contains a provision allowing opportunities for individuals who are found to be in possession of two or fewer such items to comply with the ordinance without penalties.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Los Angeles Police Department and the Board of Police Commissioners with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Soraya Kelly at (213) 978-2706. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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