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Summary: The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) OPPOSES Council File 22-0130, requiring the City Attorney to prepare a report on the feasibility of a gun owner liability insurance ordinance modeled on the City of San Jose's. Firearms are already strictly regulated with storage, transportation, and reporting requirements. Such an ordinance is a punitive policy which would adversely affect law-abiding citizens exercising a constitutional right, and will do nothing about criminals who are committing all the crimes. The comparison to automobile insurance is specious because driving is not a constitutional right. The San Jose ordinance is facing legal challenges, and the price and availability of such insurance is unknown. Fees would go to designated Non Profits, which is ripe for abuse.

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**COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Board of the Studio City Neighborhood Council (SCNC) opposes Council File 22-0130: Title Gun Violence / Economic Toll / Gun Owner Liability Insurance / City of San Jose. The City of Los Angeles and the State of CA already regulate magazine capacity, ammunition sales, storage and transport of firearms, reporting of stolen or lost firearms, the type of firearms that are California Compliant, as well as maintaining a database of prohibited possessors. Many of the bullet points in the San Jose ordinance are already regulated. The issues at hand are the yearly fees imposed upon owners of firearms, along with the obligation to purchase a specific type of gun liability insurance or face the prospect of having their firearms impounded. The San Jose ordinance is already facing legal challenges, and the insurance industry has yet to price and present the to be determined liability coverage. The legislation that Los Angeles seeks to model is punitive towards gun owners exercising a constitutional right that is unfavorably viewed by some lawmakers, rather than for a public good. The comparisons to automobiles/drivers are specious due to the fact that driving is not a constitutional right, that automobiles stored and used on private property need not be registered, licensed, insured, or comply with the Vehicle Code, and drivers need not be licensed and insured. An apples vs. oranges comparison. The San Jose ordinance claims to be in the interest of public safety, however it makes no mention of the actual criminals who are causing the latest surge of gun crime, the proliferation of so-called ghost guns, and tens of thousands of prohibited possessors, and the fact that the criminals committing these types of crimes do not

follow gun laws or the law in general. The City Council should table this matter, and seek to address the criminal aspects of so-called gun crime, and not the firearms purchased and held by law-abiding citizens in their homes. The San Jose ordinance exempts those with a CCW permit, when actually, these types of fees and insurance would make more sense as a condition of a CCW permit. The vagueness of the structure and purpose of the "Non Profit" to be established is ripe for abuse.



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