

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, as violent crime continues to increase, the prevalence of firearm use has continued to put California residents and police officers at excessive risk of bodily harm; and

WHEREAS, the availability of firearms has also had disturbing implications for the domestic abuse and mental health crises across the nation; and

WHEREAS, gun violence has led to the death of approximately 38,000 people nationwide and 2,200 in California, not including the scores that have sustained life changing injuries from firearms; and

WHEREAS, as the rate of gun homicides continues to climb at a historic, and alarming rate, a comprehensive response is needed; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Legislature is AB 1594 (Ting – Gipson – Ward), AB 1621 (Gipson), AB 2571 (Bauer – Kahan) which would enact several firearm regulations to safeguard California residents and hold firearm manufacturers liable for irresponsible and negligent practices; and

WHEREAS, AB 1594 would allow individuals and the California Attorney General to sue firearm manufacturers and retailers for injury and death caused by non-compliance with regulations or unfair business practices; and

WHEREAS, AB 1621 would seek to restrict unserialized firearms or “ghost guns” by bringing the State into compliance with a new proposed federal rule which would regulate gun kits and “80 percent retrievers” as fully functional firearms; and

WHEREAS, AB 2571 would restrict the marketing or advertising of certain weapons, such as semi-automatic weapons or higher caliber firearms, to children; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles recorded over 352 homicides in 2021, a 12 percent increase over the previous year, making these protections more necessary and urgent than ever to protect the health, welfare, and safety of Los Angeles residents;

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 2021-2022 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1594 (Ting – Gipson – Ward) which would allow firearm manufacturers and retailers to be sued for non-compliance with regulations and unfair business practices; AB 1621 (Gipson) which would enact additional ghost gun regulations; and AB 2571 (Bauer – Kahan) which would restrict marketing certain firearms to minors.

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