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Enhancing Gun Regulation in Los Angeles County

On June 14, 2022, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion directing the County Counsel to provide a confidential report back on options that the County could pursue locally to enhance gun regulations. Shortly afterwards, on June 23, 2022, the Supreme Court struck down New York’s concealed carry law in the landmark *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (Bruen) case. The majority opinion in this case changed the landscape of gun violence prevention and gun regulations in the nation.

County Counsel presented their confidential report back to the Board on August 15, detailing various gun regulation options and analyzing their viability in light of the recent *Bruen* ruling. They presented four options for local regulations that the Board could implement within unincorporated LA County that would likely be permissible in the current legal landscape: banning the sale of .50 caliber handguns; establishing a buffer zone between gun and/or ammunition dealers and sensitive areas; prohibiting carrying firearms on all County property; and enhancing regulations for firearm and ammunition dealers.

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These regulations could all be pursued locally by the County by enacting and/or amending ordinances in the County Code.

Additionally, the report back looked into ways to prohibit people on the No-Fly List from purchasing guns. It was determined that this type of regulation would only be effective if implemented at either the federal or state level, but the County could advocate for such changes through our legislative team.

Gun violence continues to plague our communities and more Americans purchased guns in 2020 than any other year on record. Too many of our residents have already been victims of gun violence, either directly or indirectly, and too many others are afraid that they will become victims in the future. Preventing gun violence requires a multi-pronged approach that includes community-based violence intervention, like the Trauma Prevention Initiative run out of the County's Office of Violence Prevention and reducing the number and types of guns on the streets. Implementing common sense gun regulations at a local level is necessary to protect our residents and keep our public spaces safe for the community. The Board should move forward immediately with implementing the feasible options presented in the confidential August 15, 2022, report back from County Counsel.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel to do the following:

- 1) Draft the following ordinances and report back with the proposed language in 90 days:
 - a) An ordinance banning the sale of .50 caliber handguns and ammunition in unincorporated Los Angeles County;

- b) An ordinance implementing zoning regulations with a buffer zone between gun and/or ammunition dealers and sensitive areas (e.g., schools, day cares, parks) in unincorporated Los Angeles County; and
 - c) An ordinance prohibiting carrying/possession of firearms on all Los Angeles County property.
- 2) Draft the following amendments to the County Code, in consultation with Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC) as needed, and report back with the proposed language in 90 days:
- a) Requires ammunition dealers to obtain a Los Angeles County business license and to comply with the same operational requirements applicable to licensed gun dealers;
 - b) Restricts minors' presence in gun and ammunition stores and requires corresponding signage to be posted at entrance;
 - c) Requires firearms and ammunition dealers to submit annual sales reports to the licensing agency;
 - d) Requires firearms and ammunition dealers to maintain a fingerprint log;
 - e) Requires firearms and ammunition dealers to maintain and report inventory in real-time on a weekly basis at a minimum;
 - f) Requires firearms and ammunition dealers to install and maintain security cameras;
 - g) Requires firearms and ammunition dealers to provide purchasers a letter regarding gun owner responsibilities and gun laws along with options for nearby gun safety classes; and
 - h) Update all references to the California Penal Code in Los Angeles County Code sections 7.46.010 and 7.46.030

WE, FURTHER MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations branch to advocate in support of federal and state legislation that would prohibit persons who are on the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigations' No Fly List from purchasing or possessing a firearm.

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