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**Ending Los Angeles County’s Practice of Firearm and Ammunition Auctions**

The Monterey Park mass shooting on January 21, 2023 was the 36th mass shooting incident in the nation that occurred within the first three weeks of the new year. We are averaging more than one mass shooting every single day in the United States— with two additional mass shootings occurring this week alone.

Unfortunately, Los Angeles County is not immune to this gun violence, which is why the Board of Supervisors (Board) addressed this epidemic through a series of motions and invested millions of dollars to prevent and intervene in gun violence. The Board has acted to address any loopholes involving gun possession and take all necessary steps to create and strengthen existing gun ordinances to keep our public safe from unnecessary gun-related violence.

However, we have recently learned that the Probation Department (Probation) is currently auctioning hundreds of semi-automatic pistols and ammunition no longer needed by Probation to firearms dealers. Such an auction directly compromises the

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Board's efforts to address the gun violence epidemic, is antithetical to the County's values, and is highly insensitive in the wake of the recent tragedy in our community. And although the Probation Department has halted this auction, simply put, the County should not be in the business of putting more guns out on the streets.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors make a finding, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and the need to take this action came to the attention of the Board of Supervisors subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting; and

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office and all County Departments, working with the Internal Services Department, to review if other firearm and ammunition sales are being auctioned and immediately rescind and halt the auction of any firearms and/or ammunition owned by County Departments, including the Probation Department.
2. Direct the Probation Oversight Commission and County Counsel, in collaboration with the Probation Department, to investigate the auction of the Probation Department's firearms and ammunition.
3. Direct the Internal Services Department to develop a policy to ban the sale of firearms and ammunition coupled with a plan to destroy any firearms and ammunition, including the firearms and ammunition that the Probation Department recently auctioned.
4. Direct the Chief Executive Office to coordinate the above directives and report back, in writing, in 30 days.

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