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**Support for United States President Joseph R. Biden’s Executive Order on Reducing Gun Violence and Making Our Communities Safer**

Today is 80<sup>th</sup> day of the new year and the United States has experienced over 100 mass shootings. The United States leads the world in mass shootings and firearms has become the number one cause of death for children and teens. The epidemic of this country’s gun crisis is fatal and the trauma that follows is ceaseless.

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the City of Monterey Park located in the First District of Los Angeles County (County), the site of a tragic mass shooting that senselessly took 11 lives, United States President Joseph R. Biden issued a new Executive Order aimed at reducing gun violence, including community violence, domestic violence, suicide, and accidental shootings.

In the Executive Order, President Biden calls on Congress to take additional legislative action, including by banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines,

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requiring background checks for all gun sales, requiring safe storage of firearms, and expanding community violence intervention and prevention strategies.

His Executive Order directs Federal agencies to take the following actions:

- Develop a plan to clarify the definition of firearm dealers to increase compliance with federal background check requirements for gun sales;
- Keep guns out of dangerous hands encouraging the effective use of red flag laws, by partnering with law enforcement, health care providers, educators, and other community leaders;
- Strengthen efforts to hold the gun industry accountable, by issuing public reports analyzing how gun manufacturers market firearms to minors;
- Expand existing federal campaigns and other efforts to promote safe storage of firearms; and
- Develop a proposal to better support the recovery, mental health, and other needs of survivors and the families of victims of gun violence, first responders to incidents of gun violence; and communities affected by gun violence.

Supporting gun safety laws to keep our ten million plus residents safe from gun-related violence and harm are not new to County's Board of Supervisors (Board). In fact, just this year alone, it unanimously passed several motions to support five gun-safety-related bills introduced by State and Federal legislators. It also created two new County ordinances that prohibit the sale of .50 caliber firearms and ammunition with certain exceptions and the carrying or possession of firearms on County property with certain exceptions.

It is, therefore, incumbent on this Board to further support the efforts and actions on gun safety and to lend its unified support of President Biden's Executive Order.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Division branch (CEO-LAIR) to send a five-signature letter in support of President Joseph R. Biden's Executive Order on Reducing Gun Violence and Making Our Communities Safer, and to support legislation that is consistent with the Executive Order.
2. Direct County Counsel to review President Biden's Executive Order against previous actions of the Board and provide a report back, in writing, in 45 days, with recommendations on further actions the Board can take to align itself with President Biden's Executive Order, including but not limited to creating new or expanding existing County ordinances, among other actions.

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