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Further Alignment with United States President Joseph R. Biden’s Executive Order on Reducing Gun Violence and Making Our Communities Safer

Today is the 136th day of 2023 and the United States has experienced over 200 mass shootings. The United States continues to lead the world in mass shootings resulting in firearms as the number one cause of death for children and teens.

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, United States President Joseph R. Biden announced that he was issuing an Executive Order on gun control as an additional tool to keep Americans safe from gun-related violence and harm, when he visited the City of Monterey Park, the site of a tragic mass shooting that senselessly took 11 lives and injured nine people.

President Biden’s Executive Order¹ directs federal agencies to:

- Increase the number of background checks by ensuring that all background checks required by law are conducted before firearm purchases, moving the U.S.

¹ <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/03/14/fact-sheet-president-biden-announces-new-actions-to-reduce-gun-violence-and-make-our-communities-safer/>

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as close to universal background checks as possible without additional legislation.

- Improve public awareness and increase appropriate use of extreme risk protection (“red flag”) orders and safe storage of firearms.
- Address the loss or theft of firearms during shipping.
- Provide the public and policymakers with more information regarding federally licensed firearms dealers who are violating the law.
- Further firearm and public safety practices through the Department of Defense’s acquisition of firearms.
- Help catch shooters by accelerating federal law enforcement’s reporting of ballistics data.
- Accelerate and intensify implementation of the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA).
- Improve federal support for the recovery, mental health, and other needs of survivors of gun violence, families of victims and survivors of gun violence, first responders to gun violence, and communities affected by gun violence.
- Advance congressional efforts to prevent the proliferation of firearms undetectable by metal detectors including but not limited to modernizing and making permanent the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988.

President Biden is also “encouraging the independent Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to issue a public report analyzing how gun manufacturers market firearms to minors and how such manufacturers market firearms to all civilians, including through the use of military imagery.”²

Since the beginning of this year, the Los Angeles County’s Board of Supervisors (Board), put forward over 10 motions related to gun safety that supported State and Federal bills and created new County ordinances, including gun dealer licensing

² Id.

amendments that aligns with President Biden's Executive Order. On March 21, 2023, the Board directed County Counsel to report back on further actions the Board could take to align itself with the President's Executive Order.

Per the report back's recommendations, the Board should take actions to support and align itself with President Biden's Executive Order to address gun violence.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct County Counsel to join as amicus curiae in any appellate briefing defending California Assembly Bill 2571, which prohibits the firearm industry from advertising or marketing any firearm-related product in a manner that is designed, intended, or reasonably appears to be attractive to minors.
2. Direct the Treasurer and Tax Collector to publicly post the names and addresses of gun dealers in unincorporated Los Angeles County who have had their County business license revoked or suspended.
3. Direct CEO-LAIR to support relevant federal legislation to modernize and make permanent the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 and any federal legislation prohibiting the marketing of firearms to minors.
4. Direct County Communications to work with relevant Departments to develop public awareness campaigns regarding safe storage laws that stress the importance for all gun owners to store firearms responsibly and securely even where no children or prohibited persons who could access them.
5. Direct the Department of Mental Health to work with the LA County Sheriff's Department, LA County's Fire Department, and other relevant Departments to

support the recovery, mental health, and other needs of first responders to incidents of gun violence.

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