



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
23.		Favor	Kathy Cady	<p>Victims Unite LA is a coalition of agencies and individuals dedicated to empowering crime victims and their families who have been impacted by crimes committed in Los Angeles County. We promote putting the needs of crime victims first. victimsunitela.org/</p> <p>On May 21, 2024, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed June 2024 as “Gun Violence Awareness Month” and June 7, 2024 as “Gun Violence Awareness Day.” Today, the Board moves to approve filing an Amicus brief supporting the proposition that ghost guns are firearms for purposes of the Federal Gun Control Act and are subject to existing rules and regulations related to background checks, serialization, record-keeping, and licensing requirements; and further to authorize County Counsel, to file or join amicus curiae briefs in other cases in support of gun control laws.</p> <p>What the resident of Los Angeles County need is to have existing laws enforced. There are multiple gun laws on the books which provide steeper penalties when guns are used in crimes. These gun allegations ensure that criminals who use guns when they commit crimes will face steeper penalties. It is a crime for a person convicted of a felony to possess a gun. When gang members who are convicted felons illegally possess guns, it is only a matter of time before someone is shot.</p> <p>The current policy of the District Attorney’s Office mandates that defendants convicted of this crime be given probation. The man who murdered El Mone Police Corporal Michael Paredes and Officer Joseph Santana had recently been convicted of being a felon in possession of a gun but was given probation and therefore out of custody because of this misguided policy. When the community and victims learn that gun allegations will never be filed based on a policy, they realize the government is not protecting them and they are forced to protect themselves. This leads to an increase in people requesting their own gun permits. Criminals are empowered to use guns because they know they will not receive more time when they use firearms. In recognition of Gun Violence Awareness Month and Day, we ask that the Board demand that the District Attorney follow and enforce existing laws that penalize gun use.</p>
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		Oppose	Jorge Lara	
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