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**Implementing a New Process to Require Firearms Dealers to Certify Compliance with
Applicable Laws and Regulations when Contracting with LA County**

On July 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisor (Board) directed the Internal Services Department (ISD) and other relevant County Departments to report back to the Board on a process that would require firearm vendors seeking to sell firearms to Los Angeles County (County) to certify under penalty of perjury that they are in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local firearms laws and regulations and that they have not been cited for repeated or serious violations. When the County contracts with firearm dealers to purchase firearms for their public safety departments, it is essential to ensure that those dealers are in compliance with the law and in good standing with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) as part of the County's commitment to public safety and the reduction in gun trafficking and gun-related crimes.

In collaboration with County Counsel, ISD outlined a proposed process for firearm dealers in the October 4, 2024 report back to the Board that will require dealers/vendors to attach a Certification of Compliance with their bid submission. In the Certification of Compliance, the dealers will certify under penalty of perjury the following:

1. They are in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local firearm laws and regulations;

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2. They have not been cited for any serious violations of such regulations in the current and prior three calendar years and have not been cited for any violation in the current and prior calendar year period; and
3. They will provide notification within thirty days of receiving a citation for any violation of such laws and regulations.

To ensure that the process is being enforced, County Departments who plan on purchase firearms must review all bid submissions for such certification compliance, and if a firearm dealer/vendor is unable or unwilling to certify compliance, or bids received do not include the Certification of Compliance, they will be disqualified and therefore will not be awarded. This new process and certification would be able to be implemented immediately upon passing of this motion.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Internal Services Department to adopt and implement the process outlined in the October 4, 2024, report back entitled "Report Back on Requiring Firearms Vendors to be in Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations" for all firearm dealers/vendors seeking to sell firearms to Los Angeles County Departments.

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A "serious violation" is defined as: 1) Transferring a firearm to a prohibited person; 2) Failing to conduct a required background check; 3) Falsifying records; 4) Failing to respond to a trace request; 5) Refusing to allow an inspection by federal, state, or local government agencies; or 6) a willful violation of the Gun Control Act of 1968, Public Law 90-618, Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 44, Section 101.