

1 [Supporting AB 1607]
2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO
3 APPROVE ASSEMBLY BILL 1607 REGARDING HANDGUN LICENSING AND
4 REGISTRATION.

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6 WHEREAS, The United States is one of only two countries that does not have a
7 firearm licensing system; and,

8 WHEREAS, In a study of more than 25 developed countries, the United States had the
9 highest rate of gun-related violence; and,

10 WHEREAS, Even though licensing and registration are required for all motor vehicles,
11 guns, which are equally dangerous, do not have the same requirement; and,

12 WHEREAS, Without licensing and registration, people are allowed to buy guns without
13 proving that they know how to use them intelligently, safely, and legally; and,

14 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering Assembly Bill
15 1607, regarding handgun licensing and registration, which was introduced by Assembly
16 Member Shelley; and,

17 WHEREAS, AB 1607 will require any person wishing to purchase a pistol, revolver, or
18 concealable firearm to get a personal license issued by the Department of Justice,
19 demonstrate proficiency in the safe handling of handguns, perform a shooting proficiency
20 demonstration, and complete a written test prescribed by the Department of Justice; and,

21 WHEREAS, AB 1607 will require each licensee to register every handgun owned with
22 the Department of Justice within one year of receiving the license and to re-register the
23 gun(s) annually; and,

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1 WHEREAS, AB 1607 will require handgun sellers to sell handguns only to individuals
2 who produce a valid license and to check with the Department of Justice regarding the validity
3 of the license; and,

4 WHEREAS, AB 1607 will make it an infraction to possess an unregistered handgun in
5 one's home; and,

6 WHEREAS, AB 1607 will make it a misdemeanor to possess an unregistered handgun
7 in public; and,

8 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1607 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
9 File No. 000048 ; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 endorses Assembly Bill 1607 and urges the Legislature and Governor to approve this
12 legislation; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
14 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from San Francisco in the
15 State Legislature, as well as Governor Davis, with a request they take all action necessary to
16 achieve the objectives of this resolution.



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Resolution

File Number: 000048

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve Assembly Bill 1607 regarding handgun licensing and registration.

January 18, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Newsom, Yaki

Absent: 5 - Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 18, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Jean Lum
Acting Clerk of the Board

JAN 21 2000

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.