Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 281, authored by Senator Scott Wiener, prohibiting the sales of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace in Daly City and requiring the formation of the Cow Palace Joint Powers Authority to develop the property; implementation would begin January 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, Gun shows are currently hosted at the California state-owned property Cow Palace, located in Daly City; and

WHEREAS, The Cow Palace hosts gun shows several times a year, most recently in April of 2018 and, prospectively, June of 2018; and

WHEREAS, On five previous occasions, the California Legislature has attempted to end the Cow Palace gun shows, the most recent being in 2018, which Governor Brown vetoed, and on two previous occasions the Legislature attempted to ban gun shows statewide; and

WHEREAS, Local municipalities lack the jurisdictional power to force the Cow Palace to end the gun shows, thus, a loophole exists that must be closed; and

WHEREAS, The governing bodies of San Francisco, Daly City, and San Mateo County have continuously voiced their opposition to the gun shows being held at the Cow Palace fairgrounds, and, San Francisco, specifically, does not allow gun shops to exist within its communities; and

WHEREAS, Despite an increase in deaths from gun violence after years of decline, guns continue to be sold in publicly owned venues statewide, California elected officials must take a stand against gun violence and do everything that they can to decrease the number of guns on our streets; and
WHEREAS, The Cow Palace gun shows are against the expressed wishes of the communities who live in the area and who bear the burden of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, The gun shows at the Cow Palace fairgrounds typically take place five times a year, each for two-days at a time, totaling ten-days each year on any given calendar year, despite explicit and protracted opposition from local community members; and

WHEREAS, Over 100 Americans were killed every day due to gun violence in 2017, and hundreds more were injured; and

WHEREAS, Children and teens in the United States are 17 times more likely to die from gun violence than their peers in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, If approved, California State Senate Bill No. 281 (SB 281) would put in place a statute governing the sale of guns and ammunition at the Cow Palace fairgrounds, gun shows would be categorically banned from the Cow Palace fairgrounds; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco needs to create more housing at all income levels for its residents to ensure that families and working people can continue to live in our city; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco will continue to push for common-sense solutions that help keep San Franciscans safe and decrease our country’s gun violence epidemic; and

WHEREAS, If approved, SB 281 excludes gun buyback programs run by law enforcement, which are a proven way to take guns off our streets; and, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 281 for the reasons stated herein; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.
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March 05, 2019 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

March 12, 2019 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/12/2019 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

3/22/2019
Date Approved