[Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 28 (Gabriel) - The Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Act]

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 28, introduced by Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel, the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Act, which would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to impose a tax on firearms and ammunition sales to fund measures to protect against gun violence.

WHEREAS, While California communities are torn apart by the devastating impacts of gun violence, the firearm industry continues to reap record profits; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 would impose a modest excise tax on firearms and ammunition sales to fund gun violence prevention programs, including funding for life-saving community-based violence intervention and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, As survivors, families, communities, and taxpayers we all pay the enormous costs associated with gun violence, whether we own a firearm or not; and

WHEREAS, Every year, gun violence costs the United States \$557 billion and costs California \$41.9 billion, \$1.1 billion of which is paid by taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Residents of communities impacted by gun violence experience lower property values, fewer business startups, and loss of jobs; and

WHEREAS, While Californians bear the burden of tragic and costly gun violence, the gun industry continues to reap historic profits; and

WHEREAS, In California, gun sales surged during the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing 56% from 2019 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, While the surge in gun sales slowed during the second year of the pandemic, sales are still significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, The number of known firearm owners recorded in California Department of Justice records increased by over 20% between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 would allow the state to collect a small percentage of the revenue from gun and ammunition sales and direct money to vitally important programs focused on violence prevention, healing, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 would establish the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Fund, supported by a modest surtax on firearm industry profits, to make long-term investments in a variety of important initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Fund would support programs that prevent gun violence, protect and heal survivors, improve implementation and coordination of gun violence prevention activities, solve more murders and shootings, and promote justice and equal access to safety for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, One of the programs that will be supported by California State Assembly Bill No. 28 is the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program, which fund cities and community-based organizations that provide violence intervention and prevention services to the communities hardest-hit by gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Life-saving programs such as CalVIP need sustained, long-term funding streams to continue their work from year to year; and

WHEREAS, 43,000 Americans lose their lives to gun violence annually—an average of more than 116 per day; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 is supported by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Brady: United Against Gun Violence, and Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California State Assembly Bill No. 28; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco's State Legislative Delegation and to the City Lobbyist.



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Resolution

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March 21, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/21/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

03/28/2023

London N. Breed Mayor

Date Approved

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

03/28/2023

Date