Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1621, introduced by Assembly Members Mike Gipson, Al Muratsuchi, and Phil Ting on January 10, 2022, which would require that ghost gun parts and kits cannot be sold in the state until they are treated as firearms under federal law, the parts must be sold with a serial number, and the buyer must undergo a background check.

WHEREAS, Almost 40,000 lives are lost to gun violence every year, for an average of 100 people shot and killed in the United States every day; and

WHEREAS, Everyday 316 people are shot in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by gun violence, experiencing ten times more gun homicides than White Americans; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to the national gun violence epidemic, as our communities have seen a dramatic increase in gun violence within the past year; and

WHEREAS, California currently permits vendors to sell disassembled ghost gun kits, with the condition that purchasers obtain serial numbers from the California Department of Justice within ten days of assembly; and

WHEREAS, In San Francisco, ghost gun seizures increased by over 2,700% between 2016 and 2020; and
WHEREAS, Ghost guns represent a substantial increase in the proportion of all
guns seized, in 2016, they were less than 1% of all firearms seized and in 2020, ghost
guns represented over 16% of all firearms seized in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 1621 would ensure that ghost gun
parts and kits cannot be sold in the state until they’re treated as firearms under federal
law, and that the parts be sold with a serial number, and that the buyer undergo a
background check; and

WHEREAS, On April 11, 2022, President Biden released an executive action to
require background checks for those purchasing ghost gun kits, and that new and
existing kits be marked with serial numbers by manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 1621 is supported by the Brady
Campaign and Everytown for Gun Safety; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 210540, that amends
the Police Code to prohibit any person other than a licensed manufacturer or importer
from possessing, selling, offering for sale, transferring, purchasing, transporting,
receiving, or manufacturing an unfinished firearm frame or receiver that has not been
imprinted with a serial number, subject to certain exceptions; and prohibiting any person
from manufacturing or assembling a firearm that has not been imprinted with a serial
number, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has supported gun violence prevention
state bills frequently in the past, including California State Assembly Bill No. 1594 (Ting,
Gipson, and Ward) on February 11, 2022, and California State Assembly Bill No. 2888
(Ting) on May 1, 2018, and California State Assembly Bill Nos. 1664, 1673, 1674, 1695,
and 2607 on June 14, 2016; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California State Assembly
Bill No. 1621; 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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April 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton
   Excused: 1 - Melgar

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/19/2022 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
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