Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 221 (SB 221), authored by Senator Scott Wiener, prohibiting the sale of firearms and ammunition at the state-owned Cow Palace in Daly City; 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 four previous occasions, the California Legislature has attempted to end the Cow Palace gun shows, the most recent being in 2013, which Governor Brown vetoed, and on two previous occasions 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 exists within its communities; and

WHEREAS, Cow Palace straddles San Mateo and San Francisco counties, but the communities in the immediate vicinity (e.g., Sunnydale-Valesco, Visitacion Valley, Bayview Hunters Point) are some of the communities experiencing some of the highest levels of gun violence in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Despite the uptick in the number of mass gun-violence in our country, 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 antithetical to the expressed wishes and desires 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, generally, 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, Studies show that at least 40% of children in high-violence urban areas have witnessed a shooting; and

WHEREAS, Seven children and teens (age 19 or under) are killed with guns in the United States on an average day; and

WHEREAS, Children and teens in the United States are seventeen-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. 221 (SB 221) would not go into effect until January 1, 2020, so as to not negatively impact any existing contracts that the Cow Palace may have; and

WHEREAS, If approved, SB 221 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, The City and County of San Francisco will continue to actively push for common-sense solutions that help keep San Franciscans safe and decrease our country’s gun violence epidemic;

WHEREAS, If approved, SB 221 does exempt gun buyback programs run by law enforcement; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB-221 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.

Supervisors Safai, Stefani, Breed, Ronen

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June 05, 2018 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Breed, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy, Stefani, Tang and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/5/2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

6/14/2018