

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 24-16

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF "SAFETY FOR ALL ACT OF 2016" BALLOT INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, more than 117,000 Americans were killed or injured by guns in 2013, including nearly 7,500 minors, and 8,935 Californians; and,

WHEREAS, there have been at least 160 school shootings in America since the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December 2012; and,

WHEREAS, California has been a leader in adopting effective, common sense gun safety laws to save lives and increase public safety, but the state still has loopholes in its laws that allow too many dangerous individuals to obtain firearms and commit acts of violence; and,

WHEREAS, California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom introduced a 2016 ballot measure known as the "Safety for All Act of 2016," which is a package of common sense reforms to protect our families and communities from gun violence; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help keep ammunition from falling into dangerous hands by requiring ammunition sellers to be licensed, to conduct background checks on purchasers and employees, and to report records of ammunition sales and lost or stolen ammunition to law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would strengthen oversight of firearm dealers by requiring them to conduct employee background checks and report lost or stolen ammunition, as well as firearms; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help protect our city from mass shootings by making it illegal to possess the kinds of military-style, large-capacity ammunition magazines that enable mass killings, and by providing for the legal disposal of these magazines; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help enforce existing gun laws by implementing a clear process for those convicted of a felony or other firearm-prohibiting crime to relinquish their firearms after conviction; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative would help law enforcement break up gun trafficking rings and return lost or stolen firearms to their lawful owners by requiring individuals to notify law enforcement if their firearm has been lost or stolen; and,

WHEREAS, the initiative would ensure that California law enforcement shares crucial data with the FBI's Background Check System; and,

WHEREAS, recent public polls show the vast majority of Californians support all of these proposals to close loopholes and strengthen our state's gun safety laws; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential for the public safety of the people of Richmond to support effective and reasonable reforms to protect our community from gun violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby supports the "Safety for All Act" ballot initiative.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held March 1, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, McLaughlin, Myrick, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Martinez, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

TOM BUTT

Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER

City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 24-16**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on March 1, 2016.



Pamela Christian, Clerk of the City of Richmond