

RESOLUTION

Resolution to Support the Council of the City of San Diego Ordinance to Ban “Ghost Guns”

WHEREAS, San Diego is experiencing a rise in detection and seizure of firearms lacking serial numbers or other identifying markings, commonly known as “ghost guns”; which are constructed using unfinished firearm parts, including unfinished frames or receivers, which contain the operating parts of the firing mechanism; and

WHEREAS, “ghost gun” kits are widely available for purchase, circumventing the background check process, allowing individuals who are prohibited from possessing or purchasing firearms due to criminal history, restraining orders, or mental illness to easily obtain them -- and the majority of “ghost guns” recovered by the San Diego Police Department are seized from individuals prohibited from legally possessing or purchasing firearms; and

WHEREAS, “ghost guns” have been linked to multiple shootings in San Diego between 2018 and 2021, and the San Diego Police Department recovered 211 ghost guns in calendar year 2020, and has recovered 233 “ghost guns” through mid-July 2021; and

WHEREAS, federal law does not fully regulate “ghost gun” kits or parts; and the Congress of the United States has not, expressly or by implication, preempted additional regulation of firearms by state and local authorities; and state law regulates some, but not all, aspects of “ghost gun” kits or parts; and state law provisions regulating the sale and purchase of firearm precursor parts do not become effective until July 1, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the California Democratic Party supports the Council of the City of San Diego in their passing of the Eliminate Non-serialized Untraceable Firearms (E.N.U.F.) Ordinance with the aim of curbing the proliferation of “ghost guns” fueling gun violence in the City of San Diego.

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