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Gun Violence Prevention Initiatives

The safety of residents is one of the foremost responsibilities of Los Angeles County (County). Recent incidents of mass gun violence throughout the nation within public spaces have resulted in tragedy and notably impacted the quality of life of residents in those communities. While the County has not been struck by incidents similar to those occurring in Oregon and Connecticut, various communities are consistently plagued by individual incidents involving firearms.

Residents of the County should be safe within their homes, schools, businesses, and places of employment. Consequently, the County government must be proactive in advancing the reduction of gun violence as functions of its role in promoting public health, public safety and as an employer. Accomplishment of this fundamental task requires that the County assess and develop comprehensive strategies that address gun violence. These strategies should reflect a holistic approach that considers the underlying causes of gun violence as well as the importance of prevention and

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education in reducing gun violence.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1) Request that the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) conduct a survey of each of the 80 public school districts within the County to determine whether they are in compliance with their mandated school safety plan.

2) Request that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in collaboration with the Sheriff's Department and the Internal Services Department (ISD) conduct a safety assessment of all County facilities within the next 90 days and make recommendations to the Board as required. Further direct the CEO to report back on the protocols for each county facility in the event of a security breach involving a firearm and make recommendations to the Board as required, including any improvements to the training of County employees.

3) Direct the CEO, in consultation with the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CCJCC) to convene a task force comprised of the relevant law enforcement, public health, and mental health entities to identify and recommend strategies aimed at reducing incidents of gun violence in Los Angeles County, including:

- efforts targeting the stigma associated with mental illness and mental health treatment;
- enhanced enforcement of existing laws regulating the possession, sale and purchase of high caliber, high capacity weapons; and

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- make recommendations to the Board on the development of and revisions to existing laws and regulations governing the sale, purchase, transfer and possession of firearms and ammunition.
- 4) Direct the County's legislative advocates to notify the Board of proposed federal and state legislation regarding the regulation of firearms and ammunition.
- 5) Provide a written report back to the Board within 90 days.

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