

Communication from Public

Name: Sonal Khemani

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 08:36 PM

Council File No: 21-0899

Comments for Public Posting: Ghost guns are proliferating in Los Angeles. The ability for criminals to be able to order guns and assemble them without serial numbers, registration and tracking also poses a problem for our law enforcement officers. More and more weapons recovered from crime scenes are found to be ghost guns. I am a practicing pediatric ICU physician here in Los Angeles. I have been in the unfortunate position of taking care of children who have been impacted by gun violence, some who have died as a result of a criminal act. I am appalled that minors, felons, domestic abusers can possibly purchase components of weapons on line and use simple tools to turn them into a functioning weapons. 2021 this far has seen spikes in both gun violence and suicide. Not regulating ghost guns will continue to exacerbate these societal problems and may in fact make them worse. The DEA and our state legislature is considering regulating ghost guns as well, but as a measure of safety and devotion to the public good, the City of Los Angeles should also take steps to regulate these potentially harmful and possibly criminal guns.

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Name: Neve O'Brien

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello council members, my name is Neve O'Brien. I am a 17-year-old senior at Marlborough School and a member of TeamENOUGH LA. Ghost guns are untraceable, easy to buy and assemble, and bypass all laws that prevent criminals and minors from purchasing guns. They made up 41% of crime guns in LA in 2020, and this number is predicted to go up if we don't implement legislation against these weapons soon. Ghost guns make the job of law enforcement more difficult. Their accessibility is unfair to responsible gun owners. San Diego and San Francisco recently approved a ghost gun ordinance, and if this motion is passed, the ordinance can be adapted to serve the specific needs and existing laws of Los Angeles. Though my school and neighborhood are very safe, this is not the case for the majority of kids in LA, who aren't protected by multiple layers of privilege. Their lives are put in danger every day by the unchecked flow of weapons to their communities. As schools and other public spaces open back up this fall, I urge you to keep in mind the associated risks. If we take action against ghost guns, we have an opportunity to decrease those risks before more harm is done. Thank you for listening.

Communication from Public

Name: Bonnie Louise Weaver

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 06:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I'm thankful for the leadership of Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian on this issue, and urge the full council to vote in favor of this proposal. Im not sure if its been known in the past whether the senseless deaths across our state were endured by ghost guns or not i only know this. Its sensible to come to a conclusion that without demands through laws and with the abundance of ghost guns floating through our communities the more likely they will be in the hands of children, addicts and mentally estranged individuals taking lives of innocent bystanders. I am a concerned mother of a 30 yr old daughter in whom ive estranged because of her lifestyle choices one in which carrying with drugs(and we know how that can be a deadly combination). Who knows whether ior not it is a ghost . Whats the purpose of background checks if theres not going to be a federal law against unmarked guns? It makes no sense whatsoever!! Please do your part to keep us all safe including the ones whom arent innocent.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 07:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion to draft an ordinance banning the sale, possession, purchase, receipt, and transfer of ghost guns in Los Angeles City.

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Name: Kelly Henderson

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 05:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I write in support of the motion by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian to request the City Attorney's Office to work with the Council to develop an ordinance addressing the proliferation of ghost guns in Los Angeles. I live in Councilmember Koretz's district and am a member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I am very worried about the spread of ghost guns because they are popular with white supremacist groups. We need to close the the loophole that is currently allowing people to avoid background checks and waiting periods. I urge the Council to study the issue with an eye toward regulation.

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Name: Annette Hill

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 06:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Ghost guns are responsible for a high number of senseless shootings in Los Angeles and all over California. Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I'm thankful for the leadership of Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian on this issue, and urge the full council to vote in favor of this proposal. As a survivor of gun violence, I beg you to vote YES on this issue. Thank you for listening.

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Name: Jonah Berman

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 06:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council, my name is Jonah Berman and I am a rising senior at Palisades Charter High School here in LA. I'm also a member of Team Enough Los Angeles. I would like to thank Council members for bringing such an important issue up. Luckily for us all, the state of California has extraordinarily comprehensive and effective gun laws - in fact, California is ranked number #1 in gun safety across the United States by Giffords. However, these laws mean absolutely nothing if ghost guns continue to run rampant. As you may know, ghost guns are firearms that are assembled in pieces. They are easy to purchase and bypass all background checks and safety regulations. Ghost guns are undoubtedly the most gaping loophole in gun legislation in the state and possibly the country. I've been back at school for only a few weeks since we were shut down because of the pandemic, and along with the excitement of seeing my friends again comes the anxiety of a possible shooting. The knowledge that any of my classmates in distress could easily access a ghost gun only adds to that fear. Los Angeles now has the opportunity to be a pioneer in attacking the ghost gun issue. Please, I urge you to make our city safer and support this motion.

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Name: Lael Johnson

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 04:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. As a Moms Demand Action volunteer, we must as a community, get a handle on increasing gun violence, especially in underserved communities. I'm thankful for the leadership of Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian on this issue, and urge the full council to vote in favor of this proposal.

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Name: Sarah Evans

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 05:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Sarah Violet Evans. I was born and raised in LA, am currently a constituent of Councilmember Bonin in District 11, and I am the advisor for LA Team Enough, the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence's youth led initiative. Today, these students—who fight tirelessly to prevent gun violence in our community—are here to discuss the necessity Ghost Gun Ordinance. A legal loophole allows individuals—even those deemed unfit—to easily go online and purchase a kit that can quickly be turned into a deadly weapon. You simply order it from a computer with no background check necessary. The students you hear from fear going back to school, movie theaters, and public spaces in general because of these guns. What if they end up like Samir Zawahri, Christopher Zawahri, Debra Lynn Fine, Margarita Gomez, Carlos Navarro Franco, or Marcela Dia Franco who were murdered in the 2013 Santa Monica College Shooting? Or like Gracie Anne Muehlberg and Dominic Blackwell who were murdered in the 2019 Saugus High School shooting? Both of these shootings were done with ghost guns. May they all rest in peace. In 2020, LA county police found 813 ghost guns. Think of how many they did not find. This is our responsibility. San Diego and San Francisco have approved these ordinances, and it's crucial that LA follows suit. I know these phenomenal students will shed more light on this issue. On behalf of Team Enough, I'd like to thank Councilmember Koretz and Councilmember Krekorian, who have supported gun violence prevention efforts for many years and often have led the charge for legislation that saves lives. We hope today, LA can be a leader in preventing the sale of dangerous weapons which have senselessly taken the lives of many LA residents.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 12:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a victim of gun violence, I believe stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I'm thankful for the leadership of Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian on this issue, and urge the full council to vote in favor of this proposal.

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Name: Laura Abbasi

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 12:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi, I'm writing as an advocate in the gun safety movement, an organizer with California Moms Demand Action, and as a survivor of gun violence to urge you to regulate ghost guns. No one should feel the pain my family has suffered from losing a loved one to guns. Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. Thirty percent of guns recovered by ATF in California are unserialized, according to a 2019 report. One official cited an even higher recovery rate at the local level, stating that forty-one percent of ATF's cases in Los Angeles involved a ghost gun. I'm thankful for the leadership of Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian on this issue, and urge the full council to vote in favor of this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Matthew Emert

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Name: Priscilla Jourden

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the full council to vote in favor of the proposal to stop the spread in California by regulating ghost guns. I cannot comprehend the allowances for the creation of this gun! I thank council members Koretz and Krekorian for their leadership in this matter. I will track appropriate progress in this dire situation.

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Name: M. Yamamoto

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Name: Nikki Mark

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Comments for Public Posting: Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities is a no-brainer and should be a priority. I support Council Members Koretz and Krekorian on this measure and urge our city council to vote in favor of it. Thank you.

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Name: Kim Cary

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Name: Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels

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Comments for Public Posting: Several years ago when I was still the act of rabbi of congregation Beth Shir shalom in Santa Monica, Santa Monica college and it's environs were terrorized by an individual who had bought pieces for his gun online. Around the same time I gave a sermon about the attempted assassination of President Ronald Regan and we searched the explosive bullets that were used in that attack. Naïvely I thought that they would not be available anymore but when I went online within seconds I was able to buy them and I was told how efficient they would be in doing damage to another human body. With your vote you have the chance to truly turn swords into plowshares and make truth out of lies. Please do your moral duty. Thank you.

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Name: Kik

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Name: Rev. Sandie Richards

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Name: Mary Kopp

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion to draft an ordinance banning the sale, possession, purchase, receipt, and transfer of ghost guns in Los Angeles City.

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Name: Board Member WAGV

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Name: Women Against Gun Violence

Date Submitted: 08/30/2021 09:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Women Against Gun Violence, a nonprofit gun violence prevention organization serving Los Angeles and California for almost 30 years, strongly supports this motion to draft an ordinance banning the sale, possession, purchase, receipt, and transfer of ghost guns in Los Angeles City.