

Communication from Public

Name: Ericka Kreutz
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 10:07 AM
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Name: Malinda Harrison

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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. This is the worst loophole for complete lack of gun control in our cities. I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal.

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Name: Lyn Owen

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Comments for Public Posting: In light of the increased number of crimes that committed using ghost guns, I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal. Stopping the spread violence and the use of ghost guns can start right here in Los Angeles.

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Name: Patricia Jones

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to you regarding the ghost gun ordinance that would prohibit buying, selling or possessing the frame of an unfinished gun unless it has a serial number — treating the unfinished firearm part just like a completed firearm. Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal.

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Name: lynne

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Name: Amy Smith

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Council - I'm writing to urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote in favor of this proposal. For the well-being of Los Angeles families and LA businesses we MUST do everything possible to keep our streets safe. PLEASE help us get back to normal as quickly as possible. In order to do that LA families must feel safe both in regards to the spread of Covid 19 and in the city's response to higher crime since the beginning of the pandemic. Stopping the spread of Ghost guns is an essential part of a much needed, broad range public safety campaign. Please help us get back to normal, safely. I urge a committee wide vote in favor of this ordinance. Thank you .

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Name: Renee

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 01:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why do ghost guns event exist!? Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal.

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Name: Margot Bennett for Women Against Gun Violence

Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 01:11 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Members of the Public Safety Committee: Women Against Gun Violence, a non profit gun violence prevention organization based in Los Angeles City and serving Los Angeles County and the State of California, encourages the members of the Los Angeles City Council Public Safety Committee to vote in support of the proposed Ghost Guns Ordinance. This ordinance will prohibit the possession, purchase, sale, receipt, or transport of Ghost Guns (a non-serialized unfinished firearm frame or receiver, or non-serialized firearm) subject to certain exceptions. The rise of ghost guns is a real and deadly threat. Across the nation and in our own neighborhoods, we have seen ghost guns used in mass shootings, school shootings, killings of law enforcement, community violence, and domestic violence. Los Angeles has long been the epicenter of the issue. LAPD Chief Michel Moore noted in a press conference on ghost gun manufacturer Polymer80 that nearly a third of all weapons recovered by law enforcement were ghost guns but that this figure is even higher in Los Angeles, with ghost guns constituting nearly 40 percent of recovered firearms. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has reported that ghost gun seizures increased by 50 percent last year. Los Angeles has an opportunity to continue its leadership role in preventing gun violence with innovative program solutions and common sense legislation like this proposed ghost gun ordinance. As Los Angeles goes, so goes California and many other jurisdictions throughout the country. We thank you in advance for recognizing the need to protect all our communities from gun violence and urge you to support this common sense ordinance prohibiting the possession, purchase, sale, receipt, or transport of Ghost Guns .

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Name: Julie K Sanford

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in favor of the ordinance which will prohibit the possession, purchase, sale, receipt, and transportation of non-serialized firearms & firearm parts within Los Angeles. Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal.

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Name: Amy Phillips

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a longtime Los Angeles resident and I am very concerned about ghost guns. Stopping the spread of ghost guns in California communities should be a top priority for our cities. I urge the full committee to vote in favor of this proposal. Thank you for your leadership. Amy Phillips

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Name: Sheila Goldberg
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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the Ghost Gun Ordinance. Los Angeles gun violence is increasing- we need you to do everything possible to make our community safer. How can you not do this? Sheila Goldberg
Board member of Women Against Gun Violence

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Name: Carmen Nava
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:44 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: We need to stop the wrong use of fire arms!

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Name: Elizabeth B Preminger
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 11:13 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop the spread of ghost guns in California! I favor this proposal. Beth Preminger

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Name: Bridget McCarthy

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Public Safety Committee Hearing on Ghost Guns 11/3/21 As a long-time member of Brady United, I implore the City Council to pass an ordinance banning ghost guns and to ensure that such ordinance is enforced equitably. Ghost guns undermine all existing gun laws and manufacturers market them in that manner. They are completely untraceable firearms without serial numbers, and the parts for them can be purchased without a Brady background check because they have not been regulated as firearms. The purchaser, who may be a minor, domestic abuser and/or a criminal prohibited from owning a firearm, can then build a fully functional firearm in minutes with tools kept at home. The number of ghost guns recovered in California is increasing exponentially. Ghost guns have been used in mass shootings, the murder of police officers, community violence and domestic violence. The dramatic rise of ghost guns thus presents a deadly threat to our security. The City Council and other state and federal government agencies must take meaningful action now to stop the manufacture, sale, distribution and use of ghost guns. Thank you.

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Name: Valerie Richards
Date Submitted: 11/02/2021 02:44 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers: Please stop the continued spread and use of ghost guns in California. Ghost guns allow people to obtain guns through a back channel. Haven't enough people died by the proliferation of guns? Please pass the proposal initiated by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian. Thank you, Valerie Richards

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Name: Norman A. Dupont

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the City Council's consideration (at its Public Safety Committee) of the draft ordinance aimed at ghost guns--i.e., those manufactured in such a way as to avoid registration or identifying marks. The U.S. Department of Justice has recently proposed a rule to limit a loophole allowing such guns. The DOJ's press release can be found at:
<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-proposes-new-regulation-update-firearm-definitions>. The Public Safety Committee should vote in favor of a simple provision that will enhance just that--public safety.
Norman A. Dupont Board Member, Women Against Gun Violence

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Name: Michael Chaskes
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a 30-year resident of the City of Los Angeles, and a supporter of the Brady United campaign against gun violence. I strongly support an ordinance to ban ghost guns, and also feel that such an ordinance must be enforced equitably, without targeting or harming communities already bearing the brunt of gun violence. These unregulated and untraceable guns are easily accessible by exactly the people who are prohibited from possessing conventionally-made firearms. Moreover, the number of ghost guns recovered here in Los Angeles is increasing exponentially. We have seen ghost guns used in mass shootings, school shootings, killings of law enforcement, community violence, and domestic violence. Ghost guns are a risk to the general public and law enforcement officers alike, and it's time to take meaningful action against them. Thank you.

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Name: Neve O'Brien

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles high school senior and a member of TeamENOUGH LA, a youth organization dedicated to ending gun violence, I would like to voice my enthusiastic support for this ordinance. Ghost guns have been rising exponentially, making up 41% of crime guns in LA in 2020. They flow unregulated into underserved communities, exacerbating violence and crime, and the sellers of these untraceable firearms go unpunished. Furthermore, kids younger than me can buy these easy to assemble kits online without any background checks or restrictions. The kits are easier to put together than many kids' toys; the only unfinished part is the receiver. Increased underage access to guns will lead to more accidental gun deaths, school shootings, and suicides. All the progress that California has made so far in gun safety policy could be rendered obsolete if we allow the sale of ghost guns to continue to rise. Ghost guns bypass microstamping technology, mandatory background checks, waiting periods, firearm registration, proper training, and other requirements. We cannot allow this gaping loophole in our legal system to go unaddressed, or the problem will become much more difficult to solve over time. The city of LA must commit now to stopping the spread of ghost guns. This ordinance was modeled off of similar policies in San Diego and San Francisco. It has been tailored to the specific needs of Los Angeles, and I believe that it is a thoughtful, effective, and necessary piece of legislation. TeamENOUGH and Brady have been working for months to support this ordinance, and our research has only led us to advocate for it more ardently. However, most of my knowledge comes not from my activism work but from simply being a teenager. I have witnessed my friends and other peers make bad decisions and experience intense emotions. Now I must live with the knowledge that any teenager could purchase a firearm and instantly turn one of these harmless mistakes or rough patches into a fatal, irreversible act of violence. Ghost guns pose a massive threat to Los Angeles communities, and this ordinance can put an end to it.