

RESOLUTION RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a major public health and safety issue, affecting one in four women and one in ten men; and

WHEREAS, the danger posed by domestic violence is further exacerbated by firearm access, and in addition to increasing the risk of gun violence, the possession of a firearm by abusers can prevent domestic violence victims from seeking the help they need; and

WHEREAS, preventing any dangerous individual from purchasing or possessing firearms is an essential first step in safeguarding the public safety and preventing the death of our loved ones; and

WHEREAS, existing California law prohibits the purchase or possession of firearms for individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes, including a life time prohibition for felony domestic violence convictions; and

WHEREAS, individuals subject to a protective or restraining order, including domestic violence protective orders, are also prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms and are required to relinquish any firearms in their possession during the duration of the order; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the California State Legislature is AB 36 (Gabriel) which expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to prohibit a person subject to a domestic violence protective order from owning, possessing, purchasing, or receiving a firearm for an additional three years after the domestic violence protective order has expired, unless the court finds the person to not be a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, this bill would enact preventative measures to further secure domestic violence victims and give them peace of mind to recover from the traumatic experience of domestic violence and associated legal processes; and

WHEREAS, the additional years would also serve to ensure that individuals who have been subject to domestic violence restraining orders have the time to rehabilitate and no longer present a threat to themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles must remain committed to exploring and support common sense domestic violence and gun safety regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 36 (Gabriel) which expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to prohibit a person subject to a domestic violence protective order from owning, possessing, purchasing, or receiving a firearm for an additional three years after the domestic violence protective order has expired, unless the court finds the person to not be a threat to public safety.

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