

1 [Supporting California Senate Bill No. 281 (Wiener) - Agricultural District 1a: Firearm and
2 Ammunition Sales at the Cow Palace]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 281, Agricultural District 1a:**
4 **Firearm and Ammunition Sales at the Cow Palace, authored by Senator Scott Wiener**
5 **and principally coauthored by Assembly Members David Chiu and Phil Ting, which**
6 **promotes the general welfare and public safety by prohibiting the sale of firearms or**
7 **ammunition in the buildings that comprise the Cow Palace property.**

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9 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering passage of State
10 Senate Bill No. 281 (SB 281), which would prohibit the sale of firearms or ammunition from
11 the buildings that comprise the Cow Palace property in San Mateo County and the City and
12 County of San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, Every day, on average, 310 people are shot in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, 100 individuals are shot and killed every day, including 61 individuals who
15 tragically take their own life; and

16 WHEREAS, Gun violence impacts 21 children and youth every day; and

17 WHEREAS, Gun violence exacts a physical, emotional, and financial toll on survivors
18 and their families as well as the families of victims who lose their lives, and the effects of gun
19 violence are also felt by communities in the form of reduced investment from businesses and
20 entrepreneurs; and

21 WHEREAS, The last gun store in San Francisco, closed in September 2015, rather
22 than comply with the City's proposed gun violence prevention regulations; and

23 WHEREAS, The Cow Palace Board of Directors voted to stop holding gun shows or
24 gun sales events in April 2019, despite intense pressure from advocacy groups; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Cow Palace Board of Directors reconsidered, but ultimately kept, the
2 policy currently in place in November of 2019; and

3 WHEREAS, The Cow Palace is a highly profitable regional community event center,
4 with no debt and a balance sheet containing over \$4 million; and

5 WHEREAS, Gun violence also imposes significant costs on taxpayers and the local
6 governments tasked with addressing the issue; and

7 WHEREAS, Violent crime in San Francisco dropped significantly in 2019, and
8 homicides decreased by 11 percent, which means that 2019 had the lowest homicide rate
9 since 1961; and

10 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed the Vision Zero on Homicides and
11 Violent Crimes Plan, which calls for affirmative action to limit the causes of violence in San
12 Francisco, in December 2019; and

13 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed
14 Assembly Bill 893, which imposed a similar ban at the state-owned Del Mar Fairgrounds in
15 Del Mar, California; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 recognizes the legitimate threat to public health and safety that the sale of guns and
18 ammunition present to our community; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
20 Francisco supports SB 281, and urges the members of the State Assembly and Governor to
21 support it as well; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to
23 transmit copies of this Resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon
24 passage.

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