

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill 2888 (Ting) - Gun Violence Restraining Order]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill 2888, the Gun Violence**
4 **Restraining Order, authored by Assembly Member Phil Ting.**

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6 WHEREAS, Over the past decade more than 100,000 Americans have been killed by
7 gun violence; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2015 alone, there were more than 15,500 people killed or injured by
9 firearms in the United States, including almost 4,000 children under the age of 18; and

10 WHEREAS, From 2014 to 2017, there have been over 1,300 mass shootings (incidents
11 with four or more people killed or injured); and

12 WHEREAS, From 2000 to 2018, mass shootings have been on the rise, with the
13 majority of them occurring on school campuses and in the workplace; and

14 WHEREAS, In the United States, there are over 500 workplace homicides each year,
15 with firearms accounting for approximately 80% of those killings; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 60% of people in this country who die from guns die by suicide;
17 suicide is the second-most common cause of death for Americans between the ages of 15
18 and 34; and

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco has for decades been a national leader in both legislating
20 and defending in the courts bold policies against the proliferation of guns on our streets and
21 has been in favor of smart gun control restrictions, from our 1981 handgun control ordinance
22 to the 2013 bans on lethal ammunition and high capacity magazines, recognizing the
23 reasonable judgment that these types of ammunition and magazines pose a significant and
24 serious threat to the health of our residents; and

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1 WHEREAS, This year, on February 14, in Parkland, Florida, 17 people were killed and
2 17 more were injured at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas high school, all by firearms; the shooter
3 is a recent former student of the school, and there had been several warnings raised about his
4 potential for violence; this bill would provide school employees the opportunity to petition the
5 court for a gun violence restraining order in similar situations; and

6 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 2888 limits access to particularly deadly
7 weapons and addresses the need to limit access to firearms by someone who is exhibiting
8 signs of becoming a danger to themselves or others by amending existing law to enable an
9 employer, a coworker, or an employee of a high school or college to request a court to issue a
10 gun violence restraining order prohibiting a person from having in his/her custody or control,
11 owning, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm or ammunition; and

12 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 2888 strikes the right balance between
13 preserving constitutional rights and prioritizing the safety of our citizens; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares their support for
15 California State Assembly Bill 2888 and urges the Senate and Assembly to pass the bill; and,
16 be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
18 the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to Assembly Member Ting and our
19 City Lobbyist, with a request to take all actions necessary to achieve passage of this bill.
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