

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2917 (Zbur) - The Hate-Based Gun Violence
2 Prevention Act]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 2917, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, which authorizes a court, when considering**
5 **whether there exists grounds for granting a gun violence restraining order, to consider**
6 **evidence of stalking, evidence of animal cruelty, evidence of threats toward a person or**
7 **group based on a protected characteristic, and evidence of threats of violence or**
8 **destruction of property for the purpose of interfering with the free exercise of**
9 **constitutional rights.**

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11 WHEREAS, California’s gun violence restraining order (GVRO) program empowers
12 a judge to prohibit an individual from accessing firearms if that person poses a danger to
13 themselves or others; and

14 WHEREAS, California’s landmark GVRO legislation was used most often by law
15 enforcement officers to prevent firearm assault and homicide, and about 80% of GVROs
16 were used in cases of threatened interpersonal violence with the law cited as being used
17 for 58 threatened mass shootings; and

18 WHEREAS, Current law requires the civil court – when determining whether grounds
19 for a GVRO exist – to consider evidence of recent threats of violence or acts of violence by
20 the subject individual within the last 12 months, among other things; and

21 WHEREAS, Authored by Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur, Assembly Bill No.
22 2917 (AB 2917) strengthens California's nation-leading GVRO law by expanding what
23 courts can consider when adjudicating, specifically allowing judges to consider evidence of
24 stalking, cruelty to animals, political hate speech, destruction of property, and prior oral or
25 written threats of hate speech when deciding whether to grant a GVRO; and

1 WHEREAS, In recent years, California has witnessed a disturbing rise in hate
2 incidents, documented by the 2022 Hate Crime in California Report which reported a 20%
3 increase in hate motivated crime events from 2021 to 2022; and

4 WHEREAS, Gun violence is a national epidemic that affects the daily lives of all
5 Americans, including Californians as the state has an average of 3,299 people die and
6 9,787 people wounded in an average year, costing California \$41.9 billion and traumatizing
7 our communities; and

8 WHEREAS, 2024 marks 10 years since the Isla Vista killings that occurred near a
9 college campus and resulted in the death of six people and the wounding of fourteen others
10 at the hands of a dangerous individual who had clearly demonstrated a pattern of hate
11 speech toward women; and

12 WHEREAS, Mass shootings like the Isla Vista killings occur almost daily in 2024 and
13 underscore the necessity that we employ every policy change available to address the
14 senseless violence on our streets; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu has emphasized the necessity
16 of AB 2917 to ensure that City and County attorney offices have access to criminal history
17 information when seeking GVROs, further strengthening the process of preventing gun
18 violence; and

19 WHEREAS, AB 2917 has garnered support from key organizations and officials,
20 including Everytown for Gun Safety, the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, and
21 volunteers from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, highlighting its
22 importance in preventing hate-fueled violence and ensuring safer communities; now,
23 therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
2 supports Assembly Bill No. 2917; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board send a copy of this Resolution
4 to Governor Gavin Newsom, President pro-Tempore Mike McGuire, Speaker of the State
5 Assembly Robert Rivas, State Senator Scott Wiener, Assembly Member Matt Haney,
6 Assembly Member Phil Ting, and Assembly Member Rick Chavez Zbur.

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