



Senator Scott Wiener, 11th Senate District

Senate Bill 221 – Ban on Gun Shows at the Cow Palace

SUMMARY

SB 221 would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the state-owned Cow Palace in Daly City, and would begin implementation in 2020.

BACKGROUND/EXISTING LAW

Gun shows are currently hosted at California state-owned property where guns can be bought and sold. These events are open to the public. Existing law regulates the transfer of firearms.

PROBLEM

Recently, our nation has experienced numerous accounts of mass gun violence. Withstanding these tragic events, guns continue to be sold in publicly owned venues statewide.

The state-owned Cow Palace, in Daly City hosts gun shows a several times a year, most recently in April of 2018. At that event, a group of high school students protested the gun show in hopes of ending gun sales in their community.

Additionally, the governing bodies of San Francisco, Daly City, and San Mateo County have continuously voiced their opposition to the gun shows being held at the Cow Palace Fairgrounds. In fact, both the City of San Francisco and Daly City do not allow gun shops to exist within their communities. The loophole exists at the state-owned Cow Palace where the local community holds no jurisdiction.

In addition, these densely populated cities experience a high level of crime and violence causing residing citizens to feel unsafe in their respective cities. Gun shows continue to exacerbate the level of access to firearms that these communities already experience.

SOLUTION

SB 221 would put in place a statute governing the sale of guns and ammunition at the Cow Palace fairgrounds. Under SB 221, gun shows will be banned from the Cow Palace fairgrounds.

If approved, SB 221 would not go into effect until January 1, 2020, so as not to impact any existing contracts that the Cow Palace currently has. Additionally there is an exemption for gun buyback programs run by law enforcement, which are essential programs for removing guns from the community.

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