

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1621 (Gipson, Muratsuchi and Ting) -
2 Firearms: Unserialized Firearms]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1621, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Members Mike Gipson, Al Muratsuchi, and Phil Ting on January 10,**
5 **2022, which would require that ghost gun parts and kits cannot be sold in the**
6 **state until they are treated as firearms under federal law, the parts must be sold**
7 **with a serial number, and the buyer must undergo a background check.**

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9 WHEREAS, Almost 40,000 lives are lost to gun violence every year, for an
10 average of 100 people shot and killed in the United States every day; and

11 WHEREAS, Everyday 316 people are shot in the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens in
13 the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by gun violence,
15 experiencing ten times more gun homicides than White Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco is not immune to the national gun violence epidemic,
17 as our communities have seen a dramatic increase in gun violence within the past year;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, California currently permits vendors to sell disassembled ghost gun
20 kits, with the condition that purchasers obtain serial numbers from the California
21 Department of Justice within ten days of assembly; and

22 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, ghost gun seizures increased by over 2,700%
23 between 2016 and 2020; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ghost guns represent a substantial increase in the proportion of all
2 guns seized, in 2016, they were less than 1% of all firearms seized and in 2020, ghost
3 guns represented over 16% of all firearms seized in San Francisco; and

4 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 1621 would ensure that ghost gun
5 parts and kits cannot be sold in the state until they're treated as firearms under federal
6 law, and that the parts be sold with a serial number, and that the buyer undergo a
7 background check; and

8 WHEREAS, On April 11, 2022, President Biden released an executive action to
9 require background checks for those purchasing ghost gun kits, and that new and
10 existing kits be marked with serial numbers by manufacturers; and

11 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill 1621 is supported by the Brady
12 Campaign and Everytown for Gun Safety; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed Ordinance 210540, that amends
14 the Police Code to prohibit any person other than a licensed manufacturer or importer
15 from possessing, selling, offering for sale, transferring, purchasing, transporting,
16 receiving, or manufacturing an unfinished firearm frame or receiver that has not been
17 imprinted with a serial number, subject to certain exceptions; and prohibiting any person
18 from manufacturing or assembling a firearm that has not been imprinted with a serial
19 number, subject to certain exceptions; and

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has supported gun violence prevention
21 state bills frequently in the past, including California State Assembly Bill No. 1594 (Ting,
22 Gipson, and Ward) on February 11, 2022, and California State Assembly Bill No. 2888
23 (Ting) on May 1, 2018, and California State Assembly Bill Nos. 1664, 1673, 1674, 1695,
24 and 2607 on June 14, 2016; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California State Assembly
2 Bill No. 1621; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk
4 of the Board of Supervisors to transmit a copy of this Resolution to San Francisco's
5 State Legislative Delegation and to the City Lobbyist.

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