

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 28 (Gabriel) - The Gun Violence Prevention,
2 Healing, and Recovery Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 28, introduced by Assembly**
4 **Member Jesse Gabriel, the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Act, which**
5 **would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to impose a tax on firearms**
6 **and ammunition sales to fund measures to protect against gun violence.**

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8 WHEREAS, While California communities are torn apart by the devastating impacts of
9 gun violence, the firearm industry continues to reap record profits; and

10 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 would impose a modest excise tax
11 on firearms and ammunition sales to fund gun violence prevention programs, including
12 funding for life-saving community-based violence intervention and prevention programs; and

13 WHEREAS, As survivors, families, communities, and taxpayers we all pay the
14 enormous costs associated with gun violence, whether we own a firearm or not; and

15 WHEREAS, Every year, gun violence costs the United States \$557 billion and costs
16 California \$41.9 billion, \$1.1 billion of which is paid by taxpayers; and

17 WHEREAS, Residents of communities impacted by gun violence experience lower
18 property values, fewer business startups, and loss of jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, While Californians bear the burden of tragic and costly gun violence, the
20 gun industry continues to reap historic profits; and

21 WHEREAS, In California, gun sales surged during the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing
22 56% from 2019 to 2020; and

23 WHEREAS, While the surge in gun sales slowed during the second year of the
24 pandemic, sales are still significantly higher than pre-pandemic levels; and

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1 WHEREAS, The number of known firearm owners recorded in California Department of
2 Justice records increased by over 20% between January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2022; and

3 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 would allow the state to collect a
4 small percentage of the revenue from gun and ammunition sales and direct money to vitally
5 important programs focused on violence prevention, healing, and recovery; and

6 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 would establish the Gun Violence
7 Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Fund, supported by a modest surtax on firearm industry
8 profits, to make long-term investments in a variety of important initiatives; and

9 WHEREAS, The Fund would support programs that prevent gun violence, protect and
10 heal survivors, improve implementation and coordination of gun violence prevention activities,
11 solve more murders and shootings, and promote justice and equal access to safety for all
12 Californians; and

13 WHEREAS, One of the programs that will be supported by California State Assembly
14 Bill No. 28 is the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grant program,
15 which fund cities and community-based organizations that provide violence intervention and
16 prevention services to the communities hardest-hit by gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, Life-saving programs such as CalVIP need sustained, long-term funding
18 streams to continue their work from year to year; and

19 WHEREAS, 43,000 Americans lose their lives to gun violence annually—an average of
20 more than 116 per day; and

21 WHEREAS, California State Assembly Bill No. 28 is supported by Moms Demand
22 Action for Gun Sense in America, Brady: United Against Gun Violence, and Giffords: Courage
23 to Fight Gun Violence; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports California State Assembly Bill No.
25 28; and, be it

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

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