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[Supporting California Senate Bill No. 281 (Wiener) - Agricultural District 1a: Firearm and Ammunition Sales at the Cow Palace]

Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 281, Agricultural District 1a: Firearm and Ammunition Sales at the Cow Palace, authored by Senator Scott Wiener and principally coauthored by Assembly Members David Chiu and Phil Ting, which promotes the general welfare and public safety by prohibiting the sale of firearms or ammunition in the buildings that comprise the Cow Palace property.

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering passage of State Senate Bill No. 281 (SB 281), which would prohibit the sale of firearms or ammunition from the buildings that comprise the Cow Palace property in San Mateo County and the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Every day, on average, 310 people are shot in the United States; and WHEREAS, 100 individuals are shot and killed every day, including 61 individuals who tragically take their own life; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence impacts 21 children and youth every day; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence exacts a physical, emotional, and financial toll on survivors and their families as well as the families of victims who lose their lives, and the effects of gun violence are also felt by communities in the form of reduced investment from businesses and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, The last gun store in San Francisco, closed in September 2015, rather than comply with the City's proposed gun violence prevention regulations; and

WHEREAS, The Cow Palace Board of Directors voted to stop holding gun shows or gun sales events in April 2019, despite intense pressure from advocacy groups; and

WHEREAS, The Cow Palace Board of Directors reconsidered, but ultimately kept, the policy currently in place in November of 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Cow Palace is a highly profitable regional community event center, with no debt and a balance sheet containing over \$4 million; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence also imposes significant costs on taxpayers and the local governments tasked with addressing the issue; and

WHEREAS, Violent crime in San Francisco dropped significantly in 2019, and homicides decreased by 11 percent, which means that 2019 had the lowest homicide rate since 1961; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors passed the Vision Zero on Homicides and Violent Crimes Plan, which calls for affirmative action to limit the causes of violence in San Francisco, in December 2019; and

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed Assembly Bill 893, which imposed a similar ban at the state-owned Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar, California; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco recognizes the legitimate threat to public health and safety that the sale of guns and ammunition present to our community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports SB 281, and urges the members of the State Assembly and Governor to support it as well; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.

AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 6, 2020

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 11, 2019

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 28, 2019

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 20, 2019

SENATE BILL

No. 281

Introduced by Senator Wiener
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Chiu and Ting)
(Coauthor: Senator Hill)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Berman and Mullin)

February 13, 2019

An act to add Section 4133 to the Food and Agricultural Code, and to add and repeal Title 7.7 (commencing with Section 67490) of the Government Code, relating to the Cow Palace Authority, and making an appropriation therefor. An act to add Section 4132 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agricultural districts.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 281, as amended, Wiener. Cow Palace Authority. Agricultural District 1a: firearm and ammunition sales at the Cow Palace.

Existing law generally regulates the transfer of firearms and divides the state into agricultural districts. District Ia is the County of San Mateo and the City and County of San Francisco. A violation of the statutes governing agricultural districts is generally a misdemeanor.

This bill would, on and after January 1, 2021, prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace located in District 1a, as specified, and would thereby make a violation of that prohibition a misdemeanor. The bill would exclude from its provisions a gun buy-back event held by a law enforcement agency.

Corrected 1-6-20—See last page.

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By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(1) Existing law authorizes 2 or more public agencies, by agreement, to form a joint powers authority to exercise any power common to the contracting parties, as specified. Existing law authorizes the agreement to set forth the manner by which the joint powers authority will be governed.

Existing law divides the state into district agricultural associations for the purposes of, among other things, holding fairs and expositions exhibiting all of the industries and industrial enterprises, resources, and products of every kind or nature of the state with a view toward improving, exploiting, encouraging, and stimulating those industries. Existing law provides that the 1-A District Agricultural Association governs the agricultural district that encompasses the County of San Mateo and the City and County of San Francisco.

This bill, the Cow Palace Authority Act, would establish the Cow Palace Authority (hereafter "the authority") for the purpose of managing, developing, or disposing of the real property known as the Cow Palace. The bill would establish the governing board of the authority, comprised of members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Daly City, the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, and the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo. The bill would grant the board the power to exercise various duties, including the power to accept and receive grants, incur indebtedness, and raise revenue, subject to applicable voter approval requirements and other specified election procedures, as provided. The bill would also require the board to convene a Cow Palace Advisory Committee to assist and advise the board in carrying out its functions, as specified. The bill would further require the board of the authority to provide for regular audits of the authority and annual financial reports.

This bill would require the Director of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Food and Agriculture, on or before January 1, 2021, to enter into negotiations to sell, at fair market value, upon those terms and conditions, and subject to those reservations and

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exceptions that the director determines are in the best interest of the state, the real property known as the Cow Palace to the authority. The bill would require the director, if the director determines that the transfer of the Cow Palace is not in the best interest of the state, to submit a report to the Legislature explaining the reasons supporting this determination. This bill would make findings and declarations that this transfer constitutes a public purpose. This bill would authorize the authority to, among other things, enter into contracts or agreements for the development of the property for affordable and market-rate mixed-use housing and establish minimum local zoning standards, including, but not limited to, standards for height, density, parking, and floor area ratio, that apply to a project on the property that are different from those adopted by any other affected local jurisdiction. By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would establish a state-mandated local program.

If the authority receives the Cow Palace, this bill would require a return filed with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) to report gross receipts for sales and use tax purposes to segregate the gross receipts of the seller and the sales price of the property on a line or a separate return as prescribed by the CDTFA when the place of sale in this state or for use in this state is on or within the Cow Palace. The bill would require the CDTFA to report the amount of the total gross receipts segregated on the returns filed pursuant to these provisions to the Department of Finance on or before November 1 of each year. The bill would require the CDTFA to estimate the total gross receipts segregated for the 2020-21 fiscal year by January 31, 2020, based on the 3rd quarter of 2019, and would require that an amount equal to \% of 1\% of this estimated amount be included in the Governor's revised budget in May 2020 for allocation to fairs, as described. The bill would require the CDTFA to reconcile this first-year estimate with actual return data from the full 2020-21 fiscal year, and to then adjust this figure as appropriate as the amount to be reported to the Department of Finance on November 1, 2021.

The bill would require that an amount equal to ¾ of 1% of the total amount of gross receipts reported to the Department of Finance be included in the next annual Governor's Budget for the Department of Food and Agriculture for allocation to fairs, as described. The bill would require, upon the enactment of the Budget Act, that this amount be transferred by the Controller to the Fair and Exposition Fund, which is continuously appropriated, and would allocate these moneys to

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state-designated fairs for specified fair projects and subject to certain conditions. The bill would require the CDTFA to be paid the actual cost for administering those provisions, as specified.

By creating a new source of general fund revenue to be deposited into a continuously appropriated fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

(2) Existing law generally regulates the transfer of firearms. A violation of the statutes governing agricultural districts is generally a misdemeanor.

Existing law provides that it is an offense to bring or possess, among other things, a firearm within any state or local public building. Among other exceptions, existing law provides an exception for guns brought to a gun show conducted pursuant to specified provisions of law, including the Gun Show Enforcement and Security Act of 2000. A violation of this provision is a felony.

Existing law, the Gun Show Enforcement and Security Act of 2000, generally regulates gun shows and requires all firearms transfers at a gun show or event to be in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. A violation of the act is a misdemeanor or infraction, as specified.

This bill, on and after January 1, 2020, would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition on any property owned, occupied, operated, or controlled by, the 1-A District Agricultural Association or other state agency, for district or association purposes, or by the authority, except as provided in any contract entered into by the 1-A District Agricultural Association on or before December 31, 2019. The bill would exclude from its provisions a gun buy-back event held by a law enforcement agency. A violation of these prohibitions could be a felony, misdemeanor, or infraction pursuant to the provisions described above.

(3) This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Daly City, and the County of San Matco.

The provisions of the bill would remain in effect until January 1, 2120.

By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(4) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

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With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>-majority. Appropriation: <del>yes-no.</del> Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 4132 is added to the Food and 2 Agricultural Code, to read:
- 4132. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, no officer, employee, operator, or any lessee of District 1a, as defined in Section 3853, may contract for, authorize, or allow the sale of any firearm or ammunition on the property or in the buildings that comprise the Cow Palace property in San Mateo County and the City and County of San Francisco or any successor or additional property owned, leased, or otherwise occupied or operated by the district. 9
- 10 (b) For purposes of this section:
- (1) The definition of "firearm" means the term as included in 11 Section 12001 of the Penal Code. 12
- (2) The term "ammunition" includes assembled ammunition 13 14 for use in a firearm and components of ammunition, including 15 smokeless and black powder, and any projectile capable of being fired from a firearm with deadly consequence.
- (c) This section does not apply to a gun buy-back event held by 17 18 a law enforcement agency.
  - (d) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2021.
- 20 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to 21
- Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
- the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school 22
- district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or 24 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
- for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
- the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
- the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIIIB of the California
- Constitution.

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All matter omitted in this version of the bill appears in the bill as amended in the Senate, April 11, 2019. (JR11)

CORRECTIONS:

Heading-Last amended date.

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## **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

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