

1 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1594 (Ting, Gipson, and Ward) -
2 Firearms: Civil Suit]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 1594, introduced by**
4 **Assembly Members Phil Ting, Mike Gipson, and Christopher Ward on January 3,**
5 **2022, that would specify that a gun industry member has created or maintained a**
6 **public nuisance if their failure to follow federal, state, or local law caused injury or**
7 **death or if the gun industry member engaged in unfair business practices.**

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Black Americans are disproportionately impacted by gun violence,
18 experiencing 10 times the gun homicides, 18 times the gun assault injuries, and nearly
19 3 times the fatal police shootings of white Americans; and

20 WHEREAS, Almost every industry in the United States can be held liable for the
21 harm their products cause, and the gun industry is not held to the same standard; and

22 WHEREAS, The Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA) shields
23 gun producers and dealers from civil liability when their products are used to commit
24 crimes, when those companies break state law; and

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1 WHEREAS, Existing law defines a public nuisance and provides that a public
2 nuisance may be remedied by an indictment or information, a civil action, or abatement;
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4 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 1594 empowers local and state governments and
5 Californians to sue those responsible for the manufacturing, sale, distribution and
6 marketing that contribute to conditions that endanger the health or safety of others or
7 engaging in unfair business practices; and

8 WHEREAS, The threat of civil litigation aims to compel the gun industry to take
9 every step possible to prevent illegal sales and theft to reduce gun violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The bill is co-sponsored by the California Attorney General and the
11 Brady Campaign; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports Assembly
13 Bill No. 1594; and, be it

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

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