

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill 221 (Wiener) - Ban on Gun Shows at the Cow Palace]

2 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 221 (SB 221), authored by**
3 **Senator Scott Wiener, prohibiting the sale of firearms and ammunition at the state-**
4 **owned Cow Palace in Daly City; implementation would begin January 1, 2020.**
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6 WHEREAS, Gun shows are currently hosted at the California state-owned property
7 Cow Palace, located in Daly City; and

8 WHEREAS, The Cow Palace hosts gun shows several times a year, most recently in
9 April of 2018 and, prospectively, June of 2018; and

10 WHEREAS, On four previous occasions, the California Legislature has attempted to
11 end the Cow Palace gun shows, the most recent being in 2013, which Governor Brown
12 vetoed, and on two previous occasions attempted to ban gun shows statewide; and

13 WHEREAS, Local municipalities lack the jurisdictional power to force the Cow Palace
14 to end the gun shows, thus, a loophole exists that must be closed; and

15 WHEREAS, The governing bodies of San Francisco, Daly City, and San Mateo County
16 have continuously voiced their opposition to the gun shows being held at the Cow Palace
17 fairgrounds, and, San Francisco, specifically, does not allow gun shops to exist within its
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Cow Palace straddles San Mateo and San Francisco counties, but the
20 communities in the immediate vicinity (e.g., Sunnydale-Valesco, Visitacion Valley, Bayview
21 Hunters Point) are some of the communities experiencing some of the highest levels of gun
22 violence in San Francisco; and

23 WHEREAS, Despite the uptick in the number of mass gun-violence in our country,
24 guns continue to be sold in publicly owned venues statewide, California elected officials must
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1 take a stand against gun violence and do everything that they can to decrease the number of
2 guns on our streets; and

3 WHEREAS, The Cow Palace gun shows are antithetical to the expressed wishes and
4 desires of the communities who live in the area and who bear the burden of gun violence; and

5 WHEREAS, The gun shows at the Cow Palace fairgrounds, generally, take place five-
6 times a year, each for two-days at a time, totaling ten-days each year on any given calendar
7 year, despite explicit and protracted opposition from local community members; and

8 WHEREAS, Studies show that at least 40% of children in high-violence urban areas
9 have witnessed a shooting; and

10 WHEREAS, Seven children and teens (age 19 or under) are killed with guns in the
11 United States on an average day; and

12 WHEREAS, Children and teens in the United States are seventeen-times more likely to
13 die from gun violence than their peers in other high-income countries; and

14 WHEREAS, If approved, California State Senate Bill No. 221 (SB 221) would not go
15 into effect until January 1, 2020, so as to not negatively impact any existing contracts that the
16 Cow Palace may have; and

17 WHEREAS, If approved, SB 221 would put in place a statute governing the sale of
18 guns and ammunition at the Cow Palace fairgrounds, gun shows would be categorically
19 banned from the Cow Palace fairgrounds; and

20 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco will continue to actively push for
21 common-sense solutions that help keep San Franciscans safe and decrease our country's
22 gun violence epidemic;

23 WHEREAS, If approved, SB 221 does exempt gun buyback programs run by law
24 enforcement; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco supports SB-221 for the reasons stated herein; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
4 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the State
5 Legislature and the City Lobbyist upon passage.

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