

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

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;  
3 and

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.



City and County of San Francisco

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Tails
Resolution

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February 01, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/1/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

02/11/2022

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Date