

1 [Supporting California State Senate Bill No. 281 (Wiener) - Cow Palace Joint Powers
2 Authority]

3 **Resolution supporting California State Senate Bill No. 281, authored by Senator Scott
4 Wiener, prohibiting the sales of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace in Daly City
5 and requiring the formation of the Cow Palace Joint Powers Authority to develop the
6 property; implementation would begin January 1, 2020.**

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8 WHEREAS, Gun shows are currently hosted at the California state-owned property
9 Cow Palace, located in Daly City; and

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

12 WHEREAS, On five previous occasions, the California Legislature has attempted to
13 end the Cow Palace gun shows, the most recent being in 2018, which Governor Brown
14 vetoed, and on two previous occasions the Legislature attempted to ban gun shows
15 statewide; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Despite an increase in deaths from gun violence after years of decline,
23 guns continue to be sold in publicly owned venues statewide, California elected officials must
24 take a stand against gun violence and do everything that they can to decrease the number of
25 guns on our streets; and

1 WHEREAS, The Cow Palace gun shows are against the expressed wishes of the
2 communities who live in the area and who bear the burden of gun violence; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Over 100 Americans were killed every day due to gun violence in 2017,
7 and hundreds more were injured; and

8 WHEREAS, Children and teens in the United States are 17 times more likely to die
9 from gun violence than their peers in other high-income countries; and

10 WHEREAS, If approved, California State Senate Bill No. 281 (SB 281) would put in
11 place a statute governing the sale of guns and ammunition at the Cow Palace fairgrounds,
12 gun shows would be categorically banned from the Cow Palace fairgrounds; and

13 WHEREAS, San Francisco needs to create more housing at all income levels for its
14 residents to ensure that families and working people can continue to live in our city; and

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

18 WHEREAS, If approved, SB 281 excludes gun buyback programs run by law
19 enforcement, which are a proven way to take guns off our streets; and, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 supports SB 281 for the reasons stated herein; and, be it

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

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