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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Urging County Health Officials to Assess Public Health Impacts from Panic Buying Weapons]
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3	Resolution urging county health officials from the six Bay Area counties, Alameda,
4	Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara to evaluate the public
5	health threat of panic buying weapons and to warn Americans of the danger of panic
6	buying weapons.
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8	WHEREAS, The global pandemic known as the COVID-19 crisis, has created a rush
9	on gun stores for weapons and ammunition; and
10	WHEREAS, The NRA has induced such panic buying by engaging in reckless fear-
11	mongering, using this national crisis as an excuse to grow corporate profits and scare more
12	people into buying guns; and
13	WHEREAS, More guns do not keep Americans safe because in reality, nearly 400
14	million civilian-owned guns in America have not stopped 40,000 annual gun deaths and
15	thousands of gun injuries; and
16	WHEREAS, Multiple studies have concluded that where there are more guns, there are
17	more gun deaths and more guns do not stop more crimes; and
18	WHEREAS, More guns in homes during these precarious times compounds the risks of
19	death and serious injury likely to further increase our hospital loads; and
20	WHEREAS, The enormous negative economic impacts are a major driver of suicides
21	and domestic violence; and
22	WHEREAS, With many people forced to stay home with their abusers, domestic
23	violence situations can become even more dangerous; and
24	WHEREAS, Cities across the country are already seeing dramatic spikes in domestic
25	violence calls, including a 33% increase of calls on the San Francisco domestic violence

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1 hotline from March 1 to March 25, 2020; in March alone, from March 1 to March 10, 2020, and 2 March 11 to March 25, 2020, the calls to the domestic violence hotline more than doubled; 3 and 4 WHEREAS, When a firearm is present in a domestic violence situation, women are five 5 times more likely to be killed; and 6 WHEREAS, In the United States, 4.6 million children live in homes with unlocked and 7 loaded guns and an average of eight children are killed by unintentional shootings every day; 8 and 9 WHEREAS, Firearm injury is the second leading cause of death for American children 10 and young adults; and WHEREAS, More guns in our home during a time when millions of school children are 11 12 home due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home orders will result in more unintentional gun deaths 13 and injuries; and 14 WHEREAS, Trauma surgeons across the country have stated that panic buying of guns and ammunition will fill the hospital beds with gunshot victims from unintentional 15 16 shootings, suicides and homicides during a time when hospital beds are critically necessary 17 for COVID-19 patients; and 18 WHEREAS, Panic purchases of guns and ammunition during the national emergency will result in more lives lost; and 19 20 WHEREAS, We are seeing reports of spikes in calls to domestic violence and suicide 21 hotlines all across the country, a trend that is appearing worldwide as we continue to fight this 22 global pandemic; and 23 WHEREAS, A run on gun stores poses a public health risk if new buyers aren't 24 properly trained, new guns aren't stored properly and background checks aren't completed; 25 and

1	WHEREAS, Short of deeming whether a gun store is an essential business or not,
2	these public health risks cannot be ignored and must be properly addressed whether deemed
3	essential or non-essential; now, therefore, be it
4	RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges that county health
5	officials from the six Bay Area counties, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San
6	Mateo and Santa Clara, evaluate the public health threat of panic buying firearms; and, be it
7	FURTHER RESOLVED, That county health officials should be warning Americans
8	about the danger of panic buying weapons.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

	Time stamp or meeting date
I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):	
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3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.	
4. Request for letter beginning :"Supervisor	inquiries"
5. City Attorney Request.	
6. Call File No. from Committee.	
7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).	
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10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on	
Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded	to the following:
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The text is listed:	
Resolution urging state and federal emergency funding for Caltrain to remain operate budget declines due to COVID-19; and affirming the role that Caltrain plays in transactivities.	0 1
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