

RESOLUTION 2018-39
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ENCINITAS
IN SUPPORT OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, Gun violence in the United States, resulting in over 30,000 deaths annually and 80,000 non-fatal injuries, including homicides, suicides, and accidental shootings, is unacceptable and demands immediate attention and action;

WHEREAS, Senseless and tragic mass shootings at places such as schools, colleges, and universities; movie theatres; music festivals; hospitals and medical clinics; shopping malls; and religious institutions have highlighted the dangers of and clearly demonstrates that gun-related violence can occur any place at any time;

WHEREAS, Community violence, which is often gun violence that occurs in a community but does not directly impact a child, still negatively impacts learning, health, and behavior, interfering with the ability of students to succeed in school and in life;

WHEREAS, The crisis of gun violence in our country necessitates a sustained, coordinated, and collaborative effort involving entire communities, elected officials at every level of government, law enforcement, and the entire criminal justice system;

WHEREAS, The City of Encinitas is a seaside group of 5 communities of 65,000 along the north coast of San Diego County that has 3 public school districts, 8,000 small businesses, and thriving arts and recreational sectors, characterized by engaged citizens – individuals and families – who are deeply concerned about the safety and welfare of all our residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, We strive to use data to make informed decisions about public policy and must also look to the evidence about gun violence to make rational choices about the gun control policies needed to protect our children and their safety;

WHEREAS, Elected officials must commit to closing gaps in the current patchwork of regulation, including those gaps that enable felons, people convicted of domestic violence, children, those found to be a danger to themselves or others, and other prohibited persons to access firearms, and those that allow the trafficking of illegal guns;

WHEREAS, Since the Sandy Hook Massacre in 2012, where twenty 6- and 7-year-old children and six members of the school's staff were murdered by a single gunman using a semi-automatic handgun and semi-automatic rifle, there have been more than 200 school shootings nationwide with 138 people killed and another 300 people injured, shattering communities and leaving emotional scars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED That the City of Encinitas demands action from our State and Federal Representatives to adopt stricter controls governing the sale, transfer, possession, manufacturing, and distribution of all firearms, dangerous weapons, and ammunition; and

FURTHER, That those stricter controls include not only comprehensive and thorough background checks of all purchases of firearms, including curios and relics; dangerous weapons; and ammunition; and include the purchase of those items facilitated through the internet and at gun shows; but also an outright ban on semi-automatic firearms, high-capacity magazines, armor- piercing ammunition, bump stocks, and any other equipment, alteration, or modification that would increase a firearm's capacity for ammunition or rate of fire; as well as reasonable waiting periods and mandated training in the safe use of guns;

FURTHER, That we support the elimination of the Dickey Amendment and any other restrictions on the collection and compiling of data related to violence perpetrated with firearms, including research into the causes and consequences of gun violence, such as that research that was begun by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention but abruptly halted in 1996 when the Dickey Amendment was enacted;

FURTHER, That the City Council supports organized student and adult ally action to amplify students' voices and work toward creating a future where children are no longer murdered in schools, including such activities as walkouts, sit-ins, civics training, voter registration campaigns, and other acts of civil disobedience and peaceful protest;

FURTHER, That the City Council supports the City of Del Mar in their request to discontinue the gun shows that take place in their city at the state-run fairgrounds and that the City Council calls on the 22nd District Agricultural Association (DAA) to discontinue gun shows.

FURTHER, That the City Council of the City of Encinitas transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the State of California Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Attorney General, Secretary of State, Leaders of both parties in the State Senate and Leaders of both parties in the State Assembly, and that we demand those officials take immediate action to enact meaningful gun control legislation and prevent even one more child from being harmed by gunfire.

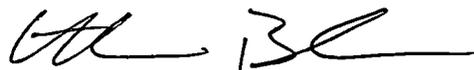
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of March 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes: Blakespear, Boerner Horvath, Kranz, Mosca

Nays: Muir

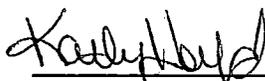
Absent:

Abstain



Catherine S. Blakespear, Mayor
City of Encinitas

ATTEST:



Kathy Hollywood, City Clerk