



The City of San Diego
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2018

22nd District Agricultural Association
Attn: Board of Directors
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd.
Del Mar, CA 92014

RE: Discontinuation of Gun Shows at Del Mar Fairgrounds

Honorable Board Members,

As Councilmembers of the City of San Diego, we are writing to urge you to discontinue the occurrence of gun shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. We share a firm belief that the State of California should neither help to promote nor help to facilitate the sale of firearms.

Data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDCP) suggest there are 96 lives lost nationally to firearms each day. The CDC also estimates more than 200 people are injured daily by firearms. Gun-related devastation has found its way into our neighborhoods, movie theaters, concerts, and even our schools. Additionally, a plethora of academic studies confirm that the number of guns within a community correlates to higher rates of firearm homicide.

We recognize the right for citizens to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. However, in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the United States Supreme Court ruled "the right to bear arms is *not unlimited*," and federal and state governments may enact reasonable regulations to protect public safety. As strong advocates of public safety, we believe it reasonably necessary to remove the State from involvement in activity that would increase the number of guns within our communities. Therefore, we strongly suggest the Board discontinue gun shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

We appreciate your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Bry".

Barbara Bry
Council President Pro Tem
San Diego City Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher Ward".

Christopher Ward
Councilmember
San Diego City Council