



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 26, 2022

The Honorable Mike Gipson
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 8110
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5610
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Philip Y. Ting
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8230
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RE: Support for AB 1621 (Gipson, Muratsuchi, and Ting)—Unserialized firearms

Dear Assemblymembers Gipson, Muratsuchi, and Ting:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), I write to support AB 1621. On April 12, 2022, the Long Beach City Council unanimously voted to support this legislation to stem the increase in crimes related to ghost guns.

AB 1621 would redefine ghost guns as a firearm precursor and consider them firearms for the purposes of regulating their possession, sale, and transfer. The bill would also prohibit the manufacturing or assembling of an unserialized firearm, requiring certain timelines for people in possession of unserialized firearms to have them identified within the State system for tracking and safety purposes.

Ghost guns have become a public safety concern in Long Beach and nationwide. In Long Beach in 2021, over 150 crimes were committed with ghost guns and 17 percent of firearms seized were confirmed to be ghost guns. These weapons are sold directly to customers online throughout the country and do not require background checks for purchase.

The safety and wellbeing of our community is of the utmost importance. The City supports legislation that promotes regulation of ghost guns and enhanced penalties for manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors of illegal firearms. In an effort to help prevent crimes, AB 1621 will track the possession, sale, and transfer of ghost guns.

For these reasons, the City supports AB 1621.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District