Prioritizing Gun Violence Prevention

WHEREAS YouTube, Parkland, Rancho Tehama, Sutherland Springs, Las Vegas, Orlando, Virginia Tech, Sandy Hook, Killeen, San Ysidro, Austin, San Bernardino, Fort Hood, Aurora, Columbine, Seal Beach, and Granada Hills; and

WHEREAS the firearm homicide rate is twenty times higher in the United States than the combined rates of twenty-two countries that are our peers in wealth and population, American children die as a result of gun violence roughly eleven times more often than children in other high-income countries, millions of guns are sold every year in "no questions asked" transactions, and experts estimate that forty percent of guns now sold in the United States are done so without a Brady background check; and

WHEREAS a New York Times poll conducted in June 2016 found that large majorities of Americans support actions to strengthen gun laws including: banning sales to those reported as dangerous by a mental health provider (87%), ensuring universal background checks (86%), licensing of owners (78%), registering guns nationally (70%), banning high capacity magazines (63%), and banning sales and ownership of semi-automatic guns (63%); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Democratic Party supports regulations including banning possession of semi-automatic and fully-automatic guns, banning possession of guns by those identified as dangerous to themselves or others, requiring background checks for all gun and ammunition sales, licensing gun owners, registering guns,, banning high capacity magazines or accumulations of large arsenals, requiring owners to carry insurance covering all damage caused by the guns they own regardless of who uses the guns, and providing government funding for scientific research into gun violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the President, the Governor, and all state and federal legislators representing Los Angeles County.

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- Assembly Member Laura Friedman
- Democratic Party of Ventura County
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- Stonewall Democratic Club
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