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**Constituent Statements in Support of February 25, 2016 -
Rules & Legislation Committee**

**Item #8: "Adopt A Resolution Requesting President Obama Require Federal
Agents Not Leave Firearms Unsecured In Unattended Vehicles."**

From: Councilmember Kaplan

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**Allison Anderman | Staff Attorney
Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence**

"The Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence supports Councilmember Kaplan's resolution to encourage federal action to prevent firearms from being stolen from law enforcement vehicles. The theft of firearms from federal vehicles occurs too often and has led to tragic consequences in the Bay Area. The safe storage of firearms in vehicles should be required of all federal employees who carry guns as part of their employment. We applaud Councilmember Kaplan for taking what steps she can to address this serious issue."

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**Paula Hawthorn – Co-Chair Oakland/Alameda Chapter of the Brady Campaign
Michael Ubell – Newsletter editor for the Chair Oakland/Alameda Chapter of the Brady
Campaign**

"The Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence has a history of supporting safe storage of firearms. More than 250,000 guns are stolen in the United States every year and by definition they are then in the hands of criminals. Theft from vehicles is a problem on the rise in Oakland. As we have seen vehicles of federal agents are not immune to this problem and guns stolen from federal agent's vehicles have recently resulted in two deaths in Oakland and San Francisco.

We are volunteer leaders of the Oakland/Alameda County chapter of the Brady Campaign. We support this resolution because every gun kept out of the hands of criminals is one less gun that may be used to kill a citizen of Oakland. Federal employees should be instructed to secure their guns when they are unattended. This is just common sense."

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