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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. 82052 C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY BILL
#962 (AB 962 DELEON), WHICH IMPOSES NEW REGULATIONS OVER
THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF HANDGUN AMMUNITION IN THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Oakland (hereinafter “City”) to eliminate handgun violence; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enhance the Oakland Police Department’s (hereinafter “OPD”) ability to investigate and prosecute handgun related crimes; and

WHEREAS, easy accessibility to handgun ammunition has a direct correlation to gun violence and criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the program created by Assembly Bill #962 provides for the comprehensive regulation of all handgun ammunition sales and transfers; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill #962 provides local law enforcement additional investigative resources to address firearms and gang related crimes at no cost to the City; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Sacramento and Los Angeles have enacted local ordinances similar to Assembly Bill #962 and have seen a significant reduction in handgun related crimes and violence; and

WHEREAS, a review of Sacramento’s 2008 ammunition purchaser records by the Sacramento Police Department recently revealed that over 150 prohibited persons purchased handgun ammunition within the year in their City alone; and

WHEREAS, it is easier in California to purchase handgun ammunition than it is to purchase a package of cigarettes or allergy medication; and

WHEREAS, it is no secret that handgun ammunition is ending up in the hands of violent criminals and gang members across California; and

WHEREAS, the program created by Assembly Bill #962 would cut off the dangerously easy access to handgun ammunition and will ensure that handgun ammunition will not be sold to criminals, gang members, and children; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill #962’s regulatory changes will prevent gang members and violent offenders from readily accessing handgun ammunition thereby contributing to a dramatic decline in gun violence, especially in urban cities such as Oakland; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2009, the Honorable Ronald V. Dellums, Mayor of Oakland, sent a letter of support for Assembly Bill #962 to the bill’s author and sponsor, Assembly Member Kevin De Leon,; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the City previously adopted Oakland Municipal Code Chapter 9.20, AMMUNITION SALES REGISTRATION, to regulate the sale and transfer of handgun ammunition within Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council expresses its strong support for the passage of Assembly Bill #962; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City’s legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above positions in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 2 2009 , 20

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, ~~REID~~, and
PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 7

NOES- 0

ABSENT- Reid - 1

ABSTENTION- 0

ATTEST



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City of Oakland, California