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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

2009 APR -8 PM 4:56 RESOLUTION No. 81936 C.M.S.

Introduced by Council President Brunner, Councilmember Reid and Councilmember Brooks

## A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA AND CONGRESS TO REINSTITUTE AND MAKE PERMANENT A BAN ON THE SALE OF ASSAULT WEAPONS, IN LIGHT OF THE MARCH 21, 2009 SHOOTING DEATHS OF FOUR OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recently suffered a tragic loss of life when four members of the Oakland Police Department were gunned down by a civilian with a hand gun and an assault weapon; and

WHEREAS, assault weapons pose a danger not only to members of the Oakland Police Department but to the larger Oakland community that is affected by gun violence and is victimized by the deadly consequences that stem from the possession and usage of these particularly dangerous firearms, and

WHEREAS, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, a federal law of the United States that included Title XI, Subtitle A, Federal Assault Weapons Ban was passed by Congress on September 13, 1994 and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton the same day; and

WHEREAS, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 expired in 2004 under the Bush Administration; and

WHEREAS, although the State of California currently bans assault weapons, the illegal transport of these weapons to California from neighboring states and foreign countries continues to be a serious threat to public safety for Oakland residents, and

WHEREAS, President Obama plans to seek reinstatement of the assault weapons ban in order to stem the violence in our nation's cities and to cut down on the flow of weapons going across the border into Mexico; and

WHEREAS, assault weapons and semiautomatic rifles included in the ban refer to firearms having features that appear useful in military and criminal applications but unnecessary in shooting sports or self-defense that have been developed from fully-automatic firearms into semi-automatic civilian-legal versions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland supports efforts to curb access to guns, especially assault weapons, to minimize the violence in our neighborhoods: now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council encourages President Barack Obama and Congress to reinstitute and make permanent a ban on the sale of assault weapons.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 21 2009, 20\_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES - 0

ABSENT - Brooks - 1

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California