

Need for Stronger Gun Control Legislation ...

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The Compton tragedy also comes as California and other states continue to navigate legal challenges to their authority to regulate firearms.

A recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Wolford v. Lopez* invalidated portions of a Hawaii law prohibiting people with concealed-carry permits from bringing firearms onto private property that is open to the public without the owner's consent.

Some advocates worry the ruling could weaken states' ability to enact gun safety legislation.

Gipson is among those expressing concern.

"Because of the Supreme Court's decision to strike down protections in *Wolford v. Lopez* and rule against Hawaii's common-senselaws, a pattern continues where the U.S. federal government cannot guarantee us the most basic protections," Gipson told CBM.

Throughout his legislative career, Gipson has championed firearm regulations aimed at creating safer communities. He was among the first California lawmakers to pursue ghost gun regulation through Assembly Bill (AB) 879.

Currently, Gipson is working to pass AB 2339, the Accuracy in Mental Health Reporting Act. The bill would ensure that "prohibited

persons are accurately identified in a timely fashion" and reported to the California Department of Justice to restrict their access to firearms.

The measure has garnered strong support, including from California Attorney General Rob Bonta.

While Gipson believes state legislation can reduce gun violence, he argues that meaningful progress also requires stronger federal action.

"Just doing just the basics, like background checks, putting age limits, red flag warnings—the list just goes on and on. If they would just take just the basics, we can decrease a lot of gun violence," said Gipson.

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and election deniers beholden to Trump."

The EAC was created in response to widespread concerns about election administration following the 2000 presidential election. The agency distributes federal election funds, develops voluntary voting system guidelines, certifies voting equipment, and provides best practices and technical assistance to election officials nationwide.

Under federal law, commissioners are nominated by the president, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and may serve up to two four-year terms. The statute also specifies that commissioners remain in office after their terms expire until their successors have been appointed and have taken office.

The Trump administration has not publicly detailed the legal basis for the dismissals. The removal of the Democratic commissioners leaves the EAC without a quorum or leadership as election officials across the country continue preparations for the November 2026 midterm elections.

CORRECTIONS

Oakland Dance Legend Reginald Ray-Savage, 67



Photo by Howard Epstein.

On June 17, *The Post* published an obituary of renowned teacher, dancer choreographer Reginald Ray-Savage. Ray Savage began his collaboration with photographer Mark Kitaoka in

2012 not 2016. His survivors are his beloved life and artistic partner Alison Hurley; brothers Lynn and Quintin Ray; mother-in-law Janet Hurley; sisters-in-law Sabine Hurley and Annette Ray; brother-in-Law Christophe Dominguez; nieces Mila and Lena Rose Dominguez-Hurley, and countless chosen family and friends."

The Post regrets the errors.

On June 24, The San Francisco Post published a story about the Equity in Infrastructure project incorrectly naming writer Calvin Naito as an EIP employee. He is employed by Meriwether & Williams Insurance Services. The Post regrets the error.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The **Independent Watchdog Committee** reviews Alameda County Transportation Commission 2000 Measure B expenditures and 2014 Measure BB expenditures and performance measures. The IWC invites the public to comment on its **Draft 24th Annual Report to the Public** at a public hearing on **Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** Check the Alameda CTC website using the link listed below for the location of the public hearing. The draft report is available on the Alameda CTC website at <https://www.alamedactc.org/news-publications/annualreports>. For more information, please call 510.208.7400.

NOTICE AND DIGEST

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF ORDINANCE NO. 12187 C.M.S. ("SALARY ORDINANCE") TO: (A) ADD THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS TECHNICIAN (CONF); AND (B) ADD THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS ANALYST, ASSISTANT; AND (C) ADD THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE AND LABOR RELATIONS ANALYST; AND (D) ADD THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF EXEMPT LIMITED DURATION EMPLOYEE (80-HOUR); AND (E) AMEND THE SALARY OF THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND (F) AMEND THE SALARY OF THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND (G) AMEND THE SALARY OF THE FULL-TIME CLASSIFICATION OF FIRE MARSHAL (SWORN).

This ordinance authorizes changes to the City's Classification Plan as shown in the City's Salary Schedule to add new classifications and amend existing salary rates. New classifications are being created to align with operational and service delivery needs. This applies to the Human Resources Management Department's Employee and Labor Relations Technician, Employee and Labor Relations Analyst, Assistant, and Employee and Labor Relations Analyst and the citywide Exempt Limited Duration Employee (80-hour) classifications. Additionally, the pay rates for the Deputy Chief of Fire Department, Assistant Chief of Fire Department, and Fire Marshal (Sworn) are being modified to replace a 15% administrative assignment premium pay that is currently a compensable retirement calculation factor for sworn line staff but not sworn management staff.

Notice of Publication

This Ordinance was introduced at the City Council meeting, Tuesday evening, **July 7, 2026**, and passed to print **8 Ayes**. Final adoption has been scheduled for the City Council meeting Tuesday evening **July 21, 2026, 3:30 P.M.**, at One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Council Chamber, 3rd floor, Oakland, California, and via Teleconference.

Three full copies are available for use and examination by the public in the Office of the City Clerk at One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 1st floor, Oakland, California.

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