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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 84415 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Noel Gallo

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 47(YEE) REGARDING ASSUALT WEAPONS WHICH SEEKS TO (1) REVISE THE STATEWIDE DEFINITION OF "ASSAULT WEAPON" TO INCLUDE ALL SEMIAUTO-MATIC PISTOLS AND SEMIAUTOMATIC CENTERFIRE RIFLES WHICH HAVE ENUMERATED FEATURES, BUT DO NOT HAVE A FIXED AMMUNI-TION MAGAZINE, AND (2) REQUIRE REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF ASSUALT WEAPONS FITTING THE REVISED DEFINITION.

WHEREAS, existing law generally prohibits, with certain exceptions, the possession, transfer or sale of an assault weapon; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, "assault weapon" means, among other things, a semiautomatic, center-fire rile or a semi-automatic pistol that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and has any one of specified attributes, including, for rifles, a thumbhole stock, and for pistols, a second handgrip; and

WHEREAS, SB 47 would revise provisions to include a semiautomatic, centerfire rifle or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any of those specified attributes; and

WHEREAS, SB 47 would also clarify existing law by defining "fixed magazine" to mean an ammunition feeding devise contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action and would give the California Department of Justice the authority to update and bring into compliance existing regulations; and

WHEREAS, SB 47 seeks to reestablish the original intent of the assault weapon ban by slowing down the process of easily reloading a firearm; and

WHEREAS, SB 47 will continue to make California the leader in gun control laws and will eliminate the ability of gun makers to manufacture assault weapons with a magazine locking device known as a "bullet button," which allows for the easy reloading of a weapon in a matter of seconds; and

WHEREAS, as of May 5, 2013, we have had 33 homicides in the City of Oakland, the majority by way of firearms; and

WHEREAS, so far this year Oakland has had 86 Aggravated Assaults involving a firearm, 2 Assaults on a police officer involving a firearm, 442 Robberies involving a firearm; and

WHEREAS, given the level of gun violence in our City and the presence of assault weapons in our community, it is in the City's best interest to support Senate Bill 47 to further refine the definition of an assault weapon and to require registration of such weapons; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Oakland City Council supports California Senate Bill 47 and encourages the California Legislature to accept it; 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 position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 4 2013 , 2013 PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN ~>>>

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