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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR REBECCA KAPLAN

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LITIGATION, BROUGHT BY SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHESA BOUDIN, AGAINST GHOST GUN MANUFACTURERS TO FIGHT AGAINST THE INCREASING VIOLENCE AND DEATH THAT THESE UNTRACEABLE GUNS HAVE CAUSED IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2021, San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin filed a civil lawsuit in San Francisco Superior Court against three "ghost gun" manufacturers; and

**WHEREAS**, the lawsuit seeks a court order that would bar the companies from shipping their products in California; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an upward trend of gun violence in Oakland since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and especially over recent months; and

**WHEREAS**, illegal gun dealers and users are supplied by the ease of purchasing and assembly of ghost guns and their lack of traceability; and

**WHEREAS**, "Ghost Guns" are increasingly being sold, bought, and used in California, and, according to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), account for 30% of guns recovered in California in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, "Ghost Gun" manufacturers do not follow gun safety regulations such as marking their product with a serial number, background checks, or requiring a user to have a gun license; and

**WHEREAS**, "Ghost Guns", once assembled, looks, feels, and functions like a traditional gun, whether a handgun or assault weapon; and

**WHEREAS**, the entire system of gun safety laws and regulations are undermined by "ghost gun" manufacturing companies, who are profiting from the violence and harm in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect public safety it is vitally important that such “ghost guns” be controlled and regulated no less fully than other types of guns, as they are no less of a threat to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the City of Oakland support the fight to stop the sale and distribution of unregulated firearms that have caused death and trauma in our City; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council declares its support for San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin’s lawsuit against "ghost gun" manufacturers to fight against the increasing violence and death that these untraceable guns have caused in the city of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –  
ABSENT –  
ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California