

RESOLUTION NO. 49-13

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE LIFE (LIFESAVING INTELLIGENT FIREARMS ENFORCEMENT) ACT BILLS

WHEREAS, the Federal government has failed to pass national legislation to strengthen gun control laws, California has the responsibility to protect Californians and the opportunity to lead the nation by passing stricter gun control legislation at the State;

WHEREAS, crime and violence prevention are two of the City of Richmond's highest priorities. Over the past several years, the Richmond Police Department and community partners have become more and more effective addressing gang violence and driving down violent crime. The City has strategically focused on the most active shooters, doing good neighborhood policing, participating in the Ceasefire program, and building stronger relationships with community groups--including the faith community. As a result, since 2006 Richmond has reduced its crime rates by more than 20 percent and this past year, Richmond reported only 18 homicides, a ten year low.

WHEREAS, Richmond's crime and violence statistics have improved, these numbers are still too high. We need stronger gun control legislation to further reduce gun violence and protect the community at the State and Federal Governments as the City legally cannot enact firearm regulations (under California law 53071 GC) at the local level;

WHEREAS, the 2013 California Senate LIFE (Lifesaving Intelligent Firearms Enforcement) Act Bills including:

[SB 47 \(Yee\)](#) Strengthens CA's assault weapons ban by closing the bullet button loophole that allows for easily exchangeable magazines.

[SB 53 \(De Leon\)](#) Requires a background check and a permit to purchase ammunition.

[SB 140 \(Leno\)](#) Appropriates \$24 million to disarm prohibited persons known to be in possession of firearms. *(signed)*

[SB 374 \(Steinberg\)](#) Simplifies and strengthens California's assault weapons law by prohibiting future sale of long guns with exchangeable ammunition magazines that enable rapid reload.

[SB 396 \(Hancock\)](#) Bans possession of large capacity (greater than 10 rounds) ammunition magazines.

[SB 567 \(Jackson\)](#) Bans rifled bore shotguns with high capacity revolving ammunition cylinders.

[SB 683 \(Block\)](#) Expands the Handgun Safety Certificate program to include all firearms.

[SB 755 \(Wolk\)](#) Expands the list of misdemeanor categories that carry a ten year prohibition from firearm possession.

Will further tighten gun control and safety laws in California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond does hereby encourage the legislature to move forward expeditiously in hearing the California LIFE (Lifesaving Intelligent Firearms Enforcement) Act Bills in their entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we direct staff to work with our Assemblymember Nancy Skinner to bring forward a similar bill for the City of Richmond as AB 180, which addresses firearms licensing and registration at the local level for the City of Oakland that is stricter than current state regulations.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on June 4, 2013, by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Butt, Rogers, Vice Mayor Boozé, and Mayor McLaughlin.
- NOES: None.
- ABSTENTIONS: None.
- ABSENT: Councilmember Myrick.

DIANE HOLMES
 CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
 (SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
 Mayor

Approved as to form:

BRUCE GOODMILLER
 City Attorney

State of California }
 County of Contra Costa } : ss.
 City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 49-13, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 4, 2013.