



Written Communications
Item # 11 Name Schwartz

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Chula Vista City Council Members:

San Diego County Gun Owners opposes the proposed resolution requesting urgent action on "Gun Safety Legislation" for the following reasons:

1. None of the requested legislation addresses gun safety. Gun safety has to do with the proper and safe handling of firearms and we are proponents of the 4, universal safety rules which are - treat every gun as if it were loaded, keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot, never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy, and know your target and what is beyond your target.
2. You are calling for banning "assault weapons" which is not a standard firearms industry term with any meaningful definition. There have been a number of attempts to create a legal definition of "assault weapon", but without having a standard, accepted, and meaningful definition of what you are trying to ban, your request lacks meaning.
3. If the meaning of "assault weapon" mirrors the often re-defined California definition, the July 2004 U.S. Justice Department study authored by Christopher Koper on the impact of gun violence as a result of the federal ban assault weapon ban showed that there was no impact on crime due to the ban.
4. Banning magazines that hold over 10 rounds of ammunition is dangerous because it prevents people in high stress situations, like fighting for their life against an attack, from carrying the amount of ammunition the firearms was designed to carry and enough ammunition to give them the best chance of defending their life.
5. Regarding background checks on all transfers; it is already illegal to sell a firearm to anyone who is prohibited from owning a firearm. Every state has the ability to facilitate a background check for firearms sellers who do not know if the firearms buyer is legally prohibited from buying a firearm.

Sincerely,

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