



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 30, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1673 (Gipson) – Firearms: unfinished frame or receiver

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 1673 (Gipson). This bill would expand the definition of firearm to include “frame or receiver blank,” “casting” or “machined body” that is designed and clearly identifiable as a component of a functional firearm, which would prevent prohibited possessors from gaining access to partial-completion forms of firearms.

Current State law requires background checks and retention of transfer records, but does not prohibit the purchase of partial-completion receivers, which may be modified into functioning firearms untraceable to law enforcement. Further, the requirements concerning background checks or a serial number have been circumvented through the creation and marketing of partial-completion receivers and frames. AB 1673 represents a sensible solution to align partial-completion forms of firearms with State law.

The change to State law would require background checks for the purchase of “frame blanks,” “receivers,” “castings,” and “machined bodies” and require mandatory serial number applications, thereby closing a loophole. Long Beach is supportive of these changes to State law that further strengthen gun control laws by ensuring prohibited possessors cannot own guns.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1673 and respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 1673 (Gipson).

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District