



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 19, 2018

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 2382 (Gipson): Firearms: Firearm Precursor Parts

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of Assembly Bill 2382 (Gipson). This bill would help reduce gun violence by requiring electronic background checks conducted by the Department of Justice for those purchasing firearm precursor parts. Long Beach supports strengthening gun control laws that promote public safety and ensure that prohibited possessors cannot own guns in California.

The State of California requires background checks before purchasing fully assembled firearms and purchases can only be made through licensed firearms dealers. However, firearms have also been assembled by purchasing and assembling individual firearm parts, which does not require a background check on the customer. By requiring background checks to be conducted for individuals purchasing firearm precursor parts, the State of California may be able to improve upon public safety measures.

AB 2382 strengthens California's gun control laws by expanding background checks from individuals purchasing fully assembled firearms to precursor parts as well. Expanding the necessity for background checks creates a safer environment statewide. The City of Long Beach supports legislation that ensures prohibited possessors cannot own firearms and aims to reduce the number of assault weapons in California. By limiting the firearm assembly capability of unlicensed individuals, AB 2382 takes a step in the right direction of public safety for everyone in Long Beach.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 2382 (Gipson) and urges a signature on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

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