

# PUBLIC SAFETY

## MOTION

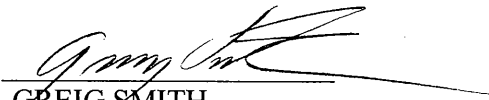
In December 2006, the City of Los Angeles passed an ordinance (No. 178010) requiring gun owners to report to police the loss or theft of a gun within a specified period of time. This law was intended to address the difficulties encountered by police when tracing guns and ammunition used in the commission of a crime. According to police, "straw" buyers often purchase weapons and pass them on to criminals, gang members, and others who cannot purchase them legally.

However, concerns have been expressed that despite the aforementioned ordinance, tracing a gun back to the original owner has been difficult because the gun owner can claim that the gun was disposed of in a trash receptacle. Clear regulations on how to properly dispose of guns and ammunition would eliminate this loophole.

The City of Los Angeles should prohibit the improper disposal of guns and ammunition. In addition, the Los Angeles Police Department should provide information to the public on how to properly dispose of unwanted guns and ammunition.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council: 1) Request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Police Department, to draft an ordinance that would prohibit the improper disposal of guns and ammunition; and 2) Instruct the Los Angeles Police Department to provide information to the public on how to properly dispose of unwanted guns and ammunition.

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