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REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 55.21 OF CHAPTER V OF
THE LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE ALL FIREARMS
LOCATED IN A RESIDENCE TO BE KEPT IN A LOCKED CONTAINER
OR DISABLED WITH A TRIGGER LOCK**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 14-1553

Honorable Members:

In 2015, the City Council adopted Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 55.21, making it a misdemeanor for a person within the City of Los Angeles to keep an unsecured handgun within a residence, unless the handgun was: (1) stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock approved by the California Department of Justice, or (2) carried on the person of the owner of the handgun or other authorized user, or (3) within close enough proximity and control that the owner or other authorized user can readily retrieve and use the handgun as if carried on the person.

On June 5, 2019, the City Council adopted a motion requesting our Office to prepare and transmit a draft ordinance to expand the reach of the safe storage ordinance to include all firearms. We now transmit the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality, amending LAMC Section 55.21 by replacing the term "handgun," wherever it appears in that section, with the term "firearm," thereby expanding the application of the ordinance from handguns to all firearms. The draft ordinance also adds a definition of the term "firearm" that is consistent with the California Penal Code's definition of that term.

Council Rule 38 Referral

Pursuant to Council Rule 38, a copy of the draft ordinance was sent to the Los Angeles Police Department and the Board of Police Commissioners with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council or its Committees when this matter is considered.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Soraya Kelly at (213) 978-2706. She or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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