

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Councilmembers, My name is Jason Hoisington, Legislative Chair for the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the California Rifle and Pistol Association. I was present at the City Council meeting on September 2nd and gave public comment on Council File 26-1014. I was pleased to see the City Council move forward with the ordinance consideration for repealing LAMC 55.14 in light of recent litigation in *Lopez v. Los Angeles*. As I previously mentioned during my public comments, the City would have the impossible task of defending this section of the municipal code in court due to the lengthy case law and precedent set by the Ninth Circuit and Supreme Court. This section of the municipal code would never pass muster with the methodology prescribed by the landmark Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen*, bearing in mind that a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit ruled in *Nguyen v. Bonta* that the practically identical state law in Penal Code section 27535 was unconstitutional. Given that the State of California was unable to find a sufficient historical analogue to justify that law, I believe it becomes insurmountable for the City to justify LAMC 55.14. This means that the City would waste time and money on what would inevitably be a losing battle. Repealing LAMC 55.14 in its entirety saves the City resources that could be used elsewhere on other much needed programs instead of this lawsuit. Therefore, I respectfully encourage the City Council to once again vote yes and officially adopt the ordinance to repeal LAMC 55.14 at the City Council meeting on September 9th, as it is in the best interest of the City and the countless taxpayers who live in Los Angeles. City resources can be utilized elsewhere, and the constitutional rights of all Angelenos will be upheld. Thank you, Jason Hoisington Legislative Chair, CRPA SFV