

Date: August 6, 2013

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
Councilmember Gary DeLong, Third District *GD*
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DA*

Subject: Prohibited Possessors

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request the City Manager to report back to the City Council within 30 days on the Police Department's current efforts to address prohibited possessors of firearms in Long Beach, and the feasibility and cost of utilizing one-time revenues for the Police Department to target the illegal gun possession by these potentially dangerous individuals.

BACKGROUND:

According to the California Department of Justice, nearly 20,000 Californians possess firearms that are prohibited from having them due to criminal convictions, mental illness or being the subject of domestic violence restraining orders. These individuals are in possession of approximately 39,000 guns, including about 1,670 assault weapons.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) maintains the Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS), an on-line database that cross-references persons who possess a gun and who, subsequent to possession of that gun, are legally prohibited from possessing a gun. According to the DOJ, about half of the persons on the APPS list are prohibited due to criminal history, about 30% are due to mental health status, and about 20% are due to active restraining orders.

Law enforcement agencies have access to APPS and are able to identify persons who are prohibited from possessing a gun, and they have the legal authority to confiscate those guns.

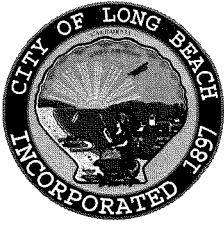
According to press reports, the City of Los Angeles has a list of 3,000 prohibited possessors, which they target with a 20-officer gun unit.

The State of California has allocated an additional \$24 million this year in SB 140 (Leno) to the Department of Justice to target prohibited possessors. However, this money is going to increase enforcement operations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Fresno and Riverside.

The public safety of Long Beach will benefit from a focused effort to remove firearms from the possession of potentially dangerous individuals with a criminal or mental illness history.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is unknown at this time.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: August 2, 2013

To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk

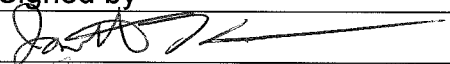
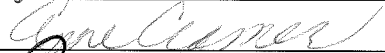

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Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District

Subject: Request to Add Co-Authors and Make Revision to Recommended Action for Item R-18 on Council Agenda of August 6, 2013

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that co-authors be added to Agenda Item R-18 and that the following revision be made to the recommended action, (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon).

The agenda title/recommendation for this item is revised to read as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
8	Al Austin	
3	GARY DELONG	
6	Dee Andrews	

CC: Office of the Mayor