



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 5
File #: 18-425

Board Meeting Date: 6/5/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor David J. Canepa, District 5
Supervisor Dave Pine, District 1

Subject: Resolution in support of Senate Bill 221 which calls for a ban of gun shows at the Cow Palace in Daly City.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution in support of Senate Bill 221, urging the State to take appropriate action to ban all gun shows at the Cow Palace in Daly City.

BACKGROUND:

On Dec. 16, 2003, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution urging the State to take appropriate action to ban all gun shows at the Cow Palace. The board also unanimously approved a similar resolution in 2009. The State has yet to cease allowing gun shows at the Cow Palace, however. The latest effort to ban such shows is through SB 221, introduced in the State Senate in May.

DISCUSSION:

Gun-related violence jeopardizes national security and directly threatens the lives of innocent youth and adults in San Mateo County. In 2016, more than 38,511 people died of firearms-related injuries in the United States - about 61 percent from suicide and 35 percent by homicide. Firearm-related injuries claimed the lives of 1,918 California children and young adults between 2013 and 2015, according to Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health at Stanford. The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors cannot restrict gun shows at the Cow Palace since it is owned by the California Department of Agriculture's Division of Fairs and Expositions. Gun shows at the Cow Palace and other California State Agricultural Districts promote and proliferate firearms throughout the State. SB 221 calls for a ban of the shows after a current contract expires with a vendor in 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no fiscal impact to the County.