



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR  
January 29, 2013

To: Honorable Members of the City Council  
From: Mayor Tom Bates  
Councilmember Jesse Arreguin  
Councilmember Darryl Moore  
Subject: Support of AB 48 which will regulate the sale of ammunition in the State of California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution supporting Assembly Bill (AB) 48 which will regulate the sale of ammunition in the State of California.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

BACKGROUND

In light of recent tragedies around the country such as the ones in Aurora, CO; Newton, CT; and Oikos University in Oakland, Assembly Member Nancy Skinner introduced AB 48 which would establish procedures and restrictions on the sale of ammunition comparable to those that currently cover gun sales. AB 48 bans kits that convert guns into illegal assault weapons, requires ammunition sellers to be licensed and to report ammunition sales to the Department of Justice. It also requires large ammo purchases made over a short time period to be reported to local law enforcement.

AB 48 would also require ammunition sellers to be licensed gun dealers and checks identification of ammunition purchasers. It would also prohibit the sale of large-capacity conversion kits, or “clip kits,” which allow weapons to hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition without reloading.

For full bill language, please visit the California Legislative Information website at: [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140AB48](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB48)

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. #####

SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 48 REGULATION OF THE SALE OF AMMUNITION  
IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Nancy Skinner introduced AB 48 in the California State Legislature which would regulate and tighten restriction on the sale of ammunition; and

WHEREAS, current law prohibits individuals convicted of felonies or violent misdemeanors or individuals who have been found to constitute a danger to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing ammunition; and

WHEREAS, current law also prohibits the possession of assault weapons and bullet feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammo; and

WHEREAS, AB 48 would require anyone in the state, prior to selling, transferring, or otherwise furnishing ammunition to an individual or business entity in this state or any other state to require proper identification, as prescribed, to be an authorized firearms dealer and to report the sales to the Department of Justice. An individual who fails to make the required report or who knowingly makes a report with false or fictitious information would be guilty of a misdemeanor; and

WHEREAS, the bill would require the department to alert local law enforcement entities in the community in which the purchaser resides if an individual purchaser who is not a peace officer obtains a large amount of rounds within a 5-day period; and

WHEREAS, in the wake of numerous violent gun-related shootings around the country, it is imperative that the Berkeley City Council take a stand against gun violence and the harm it does to our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council does hereby support AB 48 which would regulate the sale of ammunition in the State of California