

RESOLUTION NO. 16-068

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON,
CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1673 (AB 1673)
FIREARMS: UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER, AN ACT TO AMEND
SECTION 16520 OF THE PENAL CODE TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF A
FIREARM

WHEREAS, existing law, the *Gun Control Act of 1968*, defines what constitutes a “firearm” and currently allows for loopholes by not restricting the sale and purchase of elements used for the modification of a firearm; and

WHEREAS, existing law defines the term “firearm” as (A) any weapon including a starter gun which will, or is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of explosive; (B) the frame or receiver of any such weapon; (C) any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or (D) any destructive device; and

WHEREAS, most guns are purchased in gun stores and have identifying serial numbers. Pistols require serial numbers on the receiver referred to as a “frame” because it makes up a large portion of the weapon but semi-automatic rifles can have two receivers (upper and lower), the receiver is one piece of many and only the lower receiver requires a serial number; and

WHEREAS, if a receiver is made only to partial-completion, it is considered a “blank”, “casting”, or a “machined body” form and can currently be sold to convicted felons and the mentally ill online or at a gun store without a background check and can then be modified making the firearm functional and untraceable to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, some firearms in California are made with part-kits that contain many elements of a firearm. These elements can be legally assembled into a functional weapon without the individual in possession of the parts-kit undergoing a background check or a serial number being applied to the weapon, thus making it untraceable to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, AB 1673 amends Section 16520 of the Penal Code to expand the definition of a firearm and include “frame or receiver “blank,” “casting” or “machined body” that are designed and clearly identifiable as a component of a functional weapon, from which is expelled through a barrel, a projectile by the force of an explosion or other form of combustion”; and

WHEREAS, there are far too many responsible law-abiding citizens being victimized by the uncontrolled sales and purchases of firearms and firearm elements without regulations; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the definition of a “firearm” will potentially save the lives of many Californians by restricting the purchase of firearm elements to convicted felons and the mentally ill by requiring a background check prior to the purchase of these elements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the City of Carson, California, expressly support AB 1673 Firearms: Unfinished Frame or Receiver, and request a copy of this resolution be sent to Assembly Member Mike A. Gipson, the author of the bill.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 8th day of June 2016

MAYOR ALBERT ROBLES

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK DONESIA GAUSE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

