

RESOLUTION NO. 20-087

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE SUPPORT OF THE  
UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS ACT AND THE UNDETECTABLE  
FIREARMS MODERNIZATION ACT INTRODUCED BY SENATOR  
RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN,  
SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS AND 12 OTHER US SENATORS**

WHEREAS, Reports indicate that the public health and economic crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have spurred an increase in demand for and sale of these untraceable weapons.; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, a teenager from Connecticut was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison for making and selling guns, including selling four AR-15 style rifles he built using parts purchased on the internet to an undercover federal agent; and

WHEREAS, in California, where the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) says 30 percent of all guns recovered by agents in the state are un-serialized, a 16-year-old fatally shot two high school students in the Saugus High School in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson, 64<sup>th</sup> District, introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 879 in 2019 relating to ghost guns and state background checks for firearm frames and receivers; and

WHEREAS, AB 879 sought to improve public safety by protecting the rights of gun owners while preventing criminals and those who should not otherwise possess a firearm from gaining access, and;

WHEREAS, Approved by Governor Gavin Newsom, AB 879 requires a state background check for individuals seeking to purchase firearm frames and receivers by requiring the Department of Justice to electronically approve the purchase or transfer of firearm parts through a licensed vendor; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Untraceable Firearms Act would include ghost guns and their core building blocks – unfinished frames and receivers – and the gun-making kits used to build them in the definition of “firearm” under federal law. In doing so, online gun kit manufacturers and distributors would be required to comply with the same federal regulations that govern the production and distribution of completed firearms. This includes a requirement that sellers have a manufacturer’s license and put a serial number on the frame or receiver included in each kit, and that purchasers undergo a background check.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of Carson, California, hereby supports The Untraceable Firearms Act and The Undetectable Firearms Modernization Act introduced by Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris and 12 other US Senators.

**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

ATTEST:

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Donesia L. Gause, MMC City Clerk

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Albert Robles, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

