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Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2022 2:20 PM
To: City Council DL <citycouncil@burbankca.gov>
Subject: Support for Urgency Ordinance - Moratorium on New Firearms Dealer Licenses

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Dear Mayor Talamantes and Cit Council Members,

Thank you very much for your work exploring the urgency ordinance establishing a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses for firearms dealers.

I fully support the staff recommendation that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

I respectfully make 3 additional requests:

* I request that the City Council adopt an ordinance prohibiting the purchase or sale of parts of firearms that lack serial numbers and enabling prosecution, to the full extent of the law, for violators, as soon as possible.

<https://myburbank.com/burbank-man-arrested-with-large-cache-of-ghost-guns-at-residence/>

* I request that the City Council request audit results from the ATF, through Public Disclosure Request, for all firearms dealers/retailers in Burbank. Similarly, I request that the City Council request inspection outcomes for all firearms dealers/retailers in Burbank from the California Department of Justice through the Public Records Act. I support the City Council adopting its own Burbank firearms retailer audit and inspection program as well, regardless of the cost.

* I request that the City Council and staff also study ordinances regarding signage and murals for firearms dealers/retailers. For example, is there a sign larger or more prominent for any business on Magnolia Blvd. than the sign for the new location of Gun World?

I respectfully ask the following questions:

- * What is required to make the urgency ordinance permanent, and what is the potential timeline?
- * How do we make sure such an ordinance is enforced? (We have zoning laws about the amount of liquor licenses that can be issued, and yet it wasn't until Whole Foods applied for a liquor license that I learned that Burbank has granted licenses that exceed what is supposed to be allotted throughout the city, sometimes with the help of CUPs.)
- * How many additional firearms license requests are pending and in progress? How many will be permitted despite the urgency ordinance?

It is disappointing that 6 firearms licenses have been issued in Burbank since 2017. Current Council Members who have served for many years and city staff who have worked here for many years, have long known that firearms retailers are allowed by-right in all commercial zones that allow general retail uses. Yet there doesn't seem to have been any initiative to address the increase in requests for licenses until residents applied more pressure. Firearms retailers certainly knew that the zoning here was as permissive as it gets in LA County. Still, I am hopeful and encouraged by the recent work on this ordinance.

Thank you and kind regards,
Julie D'Angelo

From: [Peter Berg](#)
To: [City Council DL](#)
Subject: Support of the Actions on July 26th meeting
Date: Saturday, August 06, 2022 8:30:59 AM

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Dear members of the Burbank City Council,

I want to thank you for your actions during the Public Hearing on July 26th. I think the pause on new gun store permits was a very good idea. I support the idea of listening to options from staff and taking actions to change our ordinances regarding gun stores in Burbank. I do feel we have too many and I would like there to be no new ones. I would also support these other options:

-Imposing new taxes on the sales of Guns and Ammunition in the City of Burbank. With those funds going to help the Police Department enact new gun safety programs and to supply funding for new gun safety policies in our city.

-Expanding buffer zones. I am very upset to learn how many gun stores are able to operate so close to schools, places of worship and other sensitive areas. The fact that the new expanded Gun World store could open so close to Roosevelt Elementary school... just puts a sick feeling in my stomach. I know gun stores do not directly cause shootings.. but they do make many of our residents and students feel unsafe, and I feel that is reason enough to limit their number and how close they can be to schools. I think they should be at least 2500 feet away from schools, and places of worship.

-I do feel we should not allow any new gun stores to open in our city, or for existing ones to expand. Also as existing stores close, new ones would not be allowed. I don't like the idea that it's so easy for a gun store to open in Burbank and we are a haven for them. While I'm sure most customers to these stores are not buying the guns to commit crimes.. I'm sure there are also some who do have those plans. I don't believe our city should make it so easy to get these powerful weapons.. that's not in line with the goals of our great city in my opinion.

-I would not support any gun shows being allowed to operate in our city. I have heard stories about people being able to buy guns at these shows.. and possibly get around some of the strong laws we have in place at existing established gun retailers.

-I very much support the idea of not allowing people to purchase or own ghost guns.. or to make guns at home using 3D printers and other technologies like that. That is just wrong and we should do all we can legally to stop that.

-I support the idea of doing surprise inspections of gun stores.. to make sure they are following all existing laws regarding their operation.

-I think a gun buy back program is a fine idea.. but I more strongly support these other ideas.. to help

Well I do thank you for taking this next step. I think it is very important and I will be eager to see what options our city can look at, to help reduce gun violence. I think we can take steps to reduce gun violence and it's on all of us to step up and find ways to make our city and communities safer.

Thank you so much,
Peter Berg


