



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 30, 2016

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for Senate Bill 894 (Jackson) – Firearms: lost or stolen: reports**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Senate Bill 894 (Jackson). This bill would require firearm owners to report lost or stolen firearms within five days of the time they knew, or reasonably should have known, that the firearm had been lost or stolen.

Long Beach supports strengthening gun control laws that promote public safety by stemming the flow of guns to prohibited persons, such as gang members and criminals or minors. When a crime gun is traced by law enforcement to the last known purchasers, that person may falsely claim that the gun was lost or stolen to hide his or her involvement in the crime or in gun trafficking. The lack of a reporting requirement enables individuals, who purchase guns legally and sell them to prohibited persons, to shield their criminal activity and continue to sell guns illegally. SB 894 would provide a tool for law enforcement to detect firearms trafficking and charge criminals who engage in such activity. This reporting requirement would also assist in the prosecution of individuals who falsely claim that a crime gun traced to them was lost or stolen.

SB 894 would ensure that those who purchase firearms are held accountable for them and stolen firearms are not sold and recirculated in our local communities. Law enforcement's early awareness of lost and stolen guns would enhance their ability to recover those guns and reduce gun violence in our neighborhoods. Long Beach supports this improvement to public safety in California.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports SB 894 and respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 894 (Jackson).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", written over a blue line.

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District