



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

March 16, 2016

The Honorable Miguel Santiago
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5191
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1674 (Santiago) – Firearms: assault weapons

Dear Assemblymember Santiago:

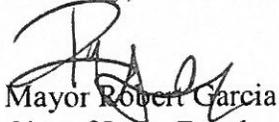
On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 1674 (Santiago). This bill would help prevent gun violence by capping the amount of firearms that may be purchased by a person at one per month – the same restriction currently in place for handguns. Long Beach supports strengthening gun control laws that promote public safety and reduce the number of firearms in California.

Over the past ten years, Californians have purchased more long guns than handguns, including 538,149 guns in 2013. In 2009, the Department of Justice (DOJ) entered 26,682 crime guns into the Automated Firearms Systems database, of which 11,500 were long guns. Further, long guns are a significant piece of the State's gun trafficking problem. The DOJ found in 2010 that half the illegal firearms recovered from prohibited persons are long guns. AB 1674 represents a sensible solution to gun trafficking in California.

Studies have shown that firearms sold in multiple purchases to the same buyer are frequently used in crime and that laws limiting multiple purchases help reduce gun trafficking. The Legislature enacted a law to limit the purchase of handguns to one per person per month in 1999. AB 1674 would impose similar limitations on the purchases of long guns. Long Beach is supportive of these changes to State law.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 1674.

Sincerely,


Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63rd District
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35th District
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District