



Date: February 14, 2020

To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *T. Modica*

From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police *R. Luna*

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Gun Violence Reduction Team (Prohibited Possessors)**

This memorandum provides an update on Police Department efforts as it relates to prohibited possessor enforcement.

In 2018, the Police Department temporarily reassigned four detectives in the Special Investigations Division and tasked them with reducing gun violence through proactive enforcement of state and federal firearms laws. The mission of the team is to work with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to address individuals who are legally prohibited from possessing a firearm.

The team works with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, the California Department of Justice, U.S. Marshalls, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to identify and arrest prohibited possessors, as well as individuals involved in the illegal sale or purchase of firearms. In addition, the team is working closely with the City Attorney's Office to establish a Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) program. This program would allow the City to petition the court for a civil court order prohibiting individuals that are determined to be unstable or unfit from possessing a firearm or ammunition.

In 2018, the team was responsible for the recovery of over 150 firearms. In 2019, 262 firearms were recovered, and 51 prohibited possessors were arrested. The team is currently staffed with an unbudgeted sergeant and four unbudgeted detectives. A budget enhancement would be required to fund the continued long-term operation of this team.

Addressing gun violence in the City is a priority and the Department will continue to look for methods and resources to impact violent crime overall. If you have any questions, please contact me, or my Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Byron Blair at (562) 570-7301.

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