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Governor Jerry Brown
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**SUBJECT: Opposition to Any Legislation Infringing on the
 Rights Established in the Second Amendment**

Honorable Governor Brown:

On February 5, 2013, the Lemoore City Council adopted Resolution No. 2013-01 acknowledging their support for the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and opposition to any action that would infringe upon such rights. During last night's Council Meeting, Council once again voiced its opinion and continues to support the rights of our citizenry. Many of the Bills awaiting your signature will criminalize and punish our law-abiding citizens, but will do nothing to stop violent criminals. **Therefore, we respectfully request that you VETO the following Bills:**

Senate Bills to OPPOSE	Assembly Bills to OPPOSE
SB 299 - Senator Mark DeSaulnier	AB 48 - Assembly Member Nancy Skinner
SB 374 - Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg	AB 169 - Assembly Member Roger Dickinson
SB 475 - Senator Mark Leno	AB 180 - Assembly Member Rob Bonta
SB 567 - Senator Hannah Beth Jackson	AB 231 - Assembly Member Philip Y. Ting
SB 683 - Senator Marty Block	AB 711 - Assembly Member Anthony Rendon
SB 755 - Senator Lois Wolk	AB 1213 - Assembly Member Richard Bloom

The purpose of the Second Amendment is to protect the right of the people to possess and carry firearms. This interpretation was established by two landmark Supreme Court decisions. In 2008, District of Columbia v. Heller, the Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess a firearm, unconnected to service in a militia, and to use that arm for traditionally lawful purposes, such as self-defense within the home. In 2010, McDonald v. Chicago, the Court ruled that the Second Amendment applies equally to the States and the Federal Government.

The Second Amendment was adopted on December 15, 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights and the original hand-written document, which is on display at the National Archives in Washington D.C., reads as follows:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Attached is Resolution No. 2013-01 of the City Council of the City of Lemoore, which supports the Second Amendment and the rights of our citizens to keep and bear firearms for the defense of life, liberty, and property as intended by the Founding Fathers of the United States of America, and which opposes any action that infringes upon the rights. **The City Council of the City of Lemoore implores you to VETO any legislation that infringes upon the rights established in the Second Amendment, and specifically, the Bills identified in this letter.**

Sincerely,

William M. Siegel Jr.
Mayor



Important CRPA Alert: 9/13/13

CONTACT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND URGE HIM TO VETO THESE KEY ANTI-GUN AND ANTI-HUNTING BILLS!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! The Legislature wrapped up their business on all bills for 2013 on September 12. The below-listed bills will be in the Governor's hands soon and could be signed any day. These bills present a serious threat to firearms owners, shooters, and sportsmen.

TAKE ACTION NOW! Your opinion matters and the power in numbers of the CRPA membership can make a difference! Take your final opportunity to voice your support or opposition directly to the Governor. Don't delay! Take action now and let the Governor hear your voice! Contact information for the Governor's office is included at the end of this alert. Don't forget to spread the word to fellow firearms owners and sportsmen; share this alert with anyone who can help. Click here to forward or print.

ASK THE GOVERNOR TO VETO THESE BILLS:

URGE A VETO ON [AB 48](#) ([Nancy Skinner, D](#))

Firearms: large-capacity magazines. Proposes to ban high-capacity magazines and kits that hold more than 10 rounds. This bill is now linked to SB 396.

URGE A VETO ON [AB 169](#) ([Roger Dickinson, D](#))

Unsafe handguns. The bill would limit individuals to selling/consigning a maximum of two used handguns per calendar year.

URGE A VETO ON [AB 180](#) ([Rob Bonta, D](#))

Registration and licensing of firearms: City of Oakland. Proposes to allow the City of Oakland, through an ordinance, to circumvent state preemption of firearms laws.

URGE A VETO ON [AB 231](#) ([Phillip Y. Ting, D](#))

Firearms: criminal storage. Proposes to make it a crime for a firearms owner to store a loaded firearm in a place where a child is likely to gain access.

URGE A VETO ON [AB 711](#) ([Anthony Rendon, D](#))

Hunting: nonlead ammunition. Proposes to require the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife with a firearm.

URGE A VETO ON [AB 1213](#) ([Richard Bloom, D](#))

Bobcat Protection Act of 2013. Proposes to establish a no-trapping zone around Joshua Tree National Park, as well as other areas to be specified by the Fish and Game Commission.

URGE A VETO ON [SB 299](#) ([Mark DeSaulnier, D](#))

Firearms: lost or stolen: reports. Proposes to require reporting a lost or stolen firearm to local law enforcement within 7 days from when the owner knew or reasonably should have known the firearm was lost or stolen.

URGE A VETO ON [SB 374](#) ([Darrell Steinberg, D](#))

Firearms: assault weapons. Proposes to ban the sale of centerfire semi-auto rifles with any detachable magazine and rifles with fixed or tubular magazines over 10 rounds.

URGE A VETO ON [SB 475](#) ([Mark Leno, D](#))

Agricultural District 1-A: firearm sales at the Cow Palace. Proposes to allow the County of San Mateo and County and the City of San Francisco to ban gun shows at the Cow Palace facility.

URGE A VETO ON [SB 567](#) ([Hannah-Beth Jackson, D](#))

Firearms: shotguns. Proposes to revise the definition of a shotgun to delete the requirement that it be intended to be fired from the shoulder, and would clarify that the projectile may be fired through either a rifled bore or a smooth bore.

URGE A VETO ON [SB 683](#) ([Marty Block, D](#))

Firearms: firearm safety certificate. Proposes to require any person receiving a firearm to possess a valid firearms safety certificate, excluding licensed hunters purchasing rifles and shotguns.

URGE A VETO ON [SB 755](#) ([Lois Wolk, D](#))

Firearms: prohibited persons. Proposes to expand the list of misdemeanor convictions prohibiting firearms possession.

Don't forget to spread the word to fellow firearms owners and sportsmen; SHARE THIS ALERT with anyone who can help our cause.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact Governor Jerry Brown at (916) 445-2841 or Fax (916) 558-3160, or contact him through his website [here](#).

Note: Some of these bills may not yet have been added to the Governor's website, so please keep up the phone calls on these until they appear.

Mailing address:

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Important Note: On the Governor's email page; be sure to scroll down and select the appropriate bill number under the "Please Choose Your Subject" tab. After you press continue you will be able to write your email. At the top of this page will be a Pro or Con stance, be sure to mark you stance!

Take action now and let the Governor hear your voice!

[Click to see the recap of bills you defeated!](#)

ACT NOW! HELP STOP THESE ANTI-GUN AND ANTI-HUNTING BILL!



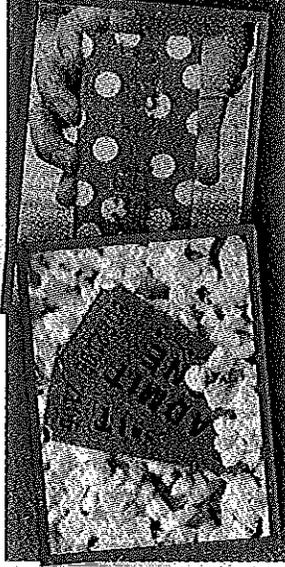
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**Area leaders respond
to new legislation being
considered this week**

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HANFORD — A flood of gun control bills are making their way through the state Legislature this week, and local residents are taking notice.

As lawmakers prepare to adjourn for the year, around 400 bills are being fast-tracked through the Democrat-controlled state Senate and Assembly. More than two dozen of those were introduced in the

wake of the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.

They cover a wide range of fire-arms-related issues, from improper gun storage to banning people convicted of drug, alcohol and gang offenses from owning guns for a decade.

Area conservatives and gun enthusiasts are not happy.

"We have plenty of laws at the moment," said Todd Cotta, owner of the Kings Gun Center. "We don't need to restrict the good people of this state any further. This is nothing more than another grab for the guaranteed rights of Americans."

One controversial bill is SB 374, which would classify any rifle with a detachable magazine that can hold

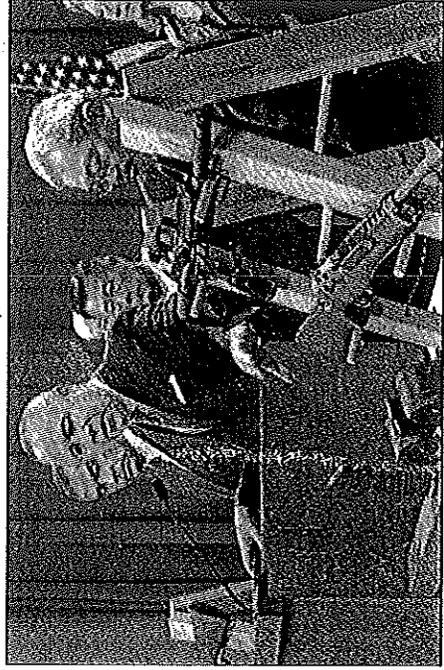
"I believe the Second Amendment was put into the Constitution to protect us from tyranny. Anything the government does to restrict our ability to carry guns is tyrannical. I believe the Second Amendment should be the First Amendment."

— Prudence Eiland, chairman of the Central Committee of the Republican Party of Kings County

more than 10 rounds as an assault weapon. This would ban their sale or purchase in California, while requir-

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Deluge of gun control bills sparks outcry



Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, second from left, glances at a pair of semi-automatic rifles as he discusses a package of proposed gun control laws at a Capitol news conference in Sacramento. AP file photo

Gun control

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ing existing owners to register the firearms with the state.

"The law doesn't make sense," Cotta said. "I can carry thirty 10-round magazines in my backpack, but if one of those magazines contains 11 rounds, then suddenly it's against the law."

Kings County Sheriff Dave Robinson called many of the bills "ridiculous."

"They are trying to criminalize guns people use for hunting, without any supporting information that shows the impact they have on crime or public safety," Robinson said. "They are categorizing some hunting rifles as automatic weapons just because of the trigger mechanisms or the magazine capacity used."

Hanford police Chief Carlos Mestas has concerns about criminals gaining access to high-capacity weapons, but says the 10-bullet limit is too restrictive.

"I support the Second Amendment and believe everyone should have the right to bear arms. But when our Founding Fathers

wrote the Constitution, they didn't have assault-type rifles and RPGs," he said. "It concerns me to think about criminals getting their hands on high-capacity firearms and using them against officers or in crowded areas."

Mestas believes a little regulation is a good thing. He compares it to driving: It's okay for people to drive, but there need to be speed limits to keep everyone safe.

Prudence Eiland disagrees. As chairman of the Central Committee of the Republican Party of Kings County, she feels that any government regulation of firearms is too much.

"I believe the Second Amendment was put into the Constitution to protect us from tyranny," she said. "Anything the government does to restrict our ability to carry guns is tyrannical. I believe the Second Amendment should be the First Amendment."

Another bill, AB 711, would bar hunters from using lead-based ammunition. Proponents say the bullets are toxic and a threat to California wildlife.

"There is no link between hunting bullets and contamination in California's forests," Cotta said. "There's no real evidence at

all. The point is they just want to stop people from hunting altogether. This is just the next step in accomplishing that."

Supporters have rallied behind AB 231, which makes it a misdemeanor crime to store a loaded firearm where a child can gain access to it. Critics argue that there are existing laws which regulate the proper storage of a gun.

But Avenal Police Chief Jack Amoroso has a different take.

"I can't even imagine how I'd feel if one of my grandchildren injured themselves with my gun," he said. "Adults need to be responsible and take care of their weapons, but do we really need to throw someone in jail who has experienced that kind of tragedy? It's a difficult issue."

Still, he believes the Legislature is significantly overregulating the weapons law in California.

"This is a significant overreaction to people who shouldn't have weapons who choose to use them improperly," Amoroso said. "We have appropriate laws on the books that, if properly enforced, are more than adequate to protect the citizens of this state."

Cotta said the new laws, if passed, will do more than just

complicate things.

"They are incrementally removing the Second Amendment rights of Americans," he said. "They are trying to take away what has been guaranteed to us. Many people who come in to my store tell me they want to leave California. It'll be interesting to see what happens here when all the good people are gone."

Attempts to reach the Kings County Democratic Party for comment were unsuccessful on Wednesday.

"All of the horrific shootings we've seen seem to happen in gun-free zones," Eiland said. "They happen in our schools, in post offices, on planes. It's a simple equation. When the bad guys have guns and the good guys don't, the bad guys win."

"Many of us are just standing by to see if they make it through the Assembly and the Senate," Robinson said. "With the Democrats controlling the majority vote on both sides, we plan to write the governor and ask him to veto some of them."

The reporter can be reached at 583-2425 and jjohnson@HanfordSentinel.com. Follow him on Twitter @JoeJHS.

Firearms bills under consideration this week

■ **AB 48:** Bans possession of any clip which holds more than 10 rounds.

■ **AB 231:** Makes it a misdemeanor to store a loaded firearm where a child can gain access to it.

■ **AB 711:** Bars hunters from using lead-based ammunition.

■ **AB 131:** Extends a firearms ban from six months to five years for any person who has made a serious threat of violence to a psychotherapist.

■ **SB 299:** Requires gun owners to notify authorities within seven days of finding their weapons missing. Those who file false reports could be subjected to fines.

■ **SB 374:** Classifies any rifle with a detachable magazine that can hold more than 10 rounds as an assault weapon.

■ **SB 683:** Anyone purchasing or receiving a firearm would have to have a valid firearm safety certificate.