

PUBLIC COMMENTS
FOR
04/02/2020
City Council Special Meeting

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: LUTHER HENDERSON [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: -

2020 - NON AGENDA ITEM

**RE: PUBLIC COMMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 2, 2020
- NON AGENDA ITEM.**

To the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Culver City Council:

In light of the Chinese Wuhan Covid-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, and the swift decisive actions taken and are being taken presently by our national leadership, has the City Council of the City of Culver City sent President Donald J. Trump and his administration a letter of commendation for providing outstanding service to State, County, local governments, public and private businesses and institutions?

If the City Council has not yet sent an official letter to President Donald Trump, when will the City Council take action authorizing the Mayor and / or the City Manager to take the appropriate action?

An official letter of thanks for the outstanding leadership President Trump has demonstrated needs to be sent. All Americans need to recognize the superb job the Trump administration is doing during this health emergency.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration in this matter.

Dr. Luther L. Henderson, III

Former Chair – Culver City Cultural Affairs Commission 2001-2009
Culver City Resident

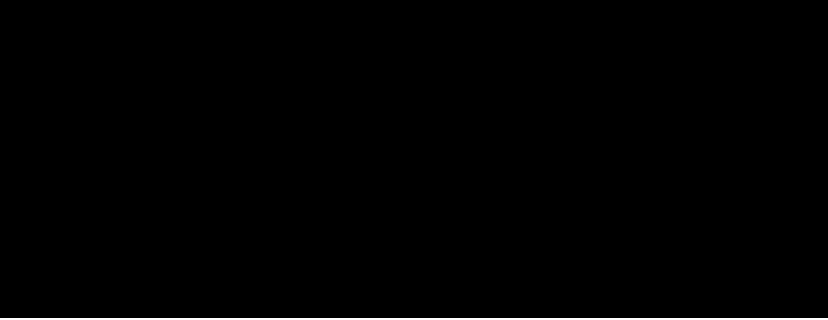
AND

Patricia G. Siever

Former Vice President – Culver City Board of Education 2009 - 2013

Former Vice President – Board of Governors – California Community
Colleges
Culver City Resident

Luther Henderson



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From: Prisca Gloor [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, M
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for informing and updating us about the Corona Virus and for changing some rules to our benefit, such as making parking restrictions more flexible.

In this time of crisis, illness, death and uncertain future, it is even more unfathomable that the purchase of the Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck is being considered.

Since the community meetings I have learned that since 1994, the LA County Sheriff's department has provided SWAT services to CCPD eight times and that for free! The Sheriff's SWAT teams are on standby 24/7/365.

I also learned that CCPD has not complained about the Sheriff's SWAT services, and that the CCPD is unable to show that there would have been less harm if the SWAT team had arrived earlier at the scene.

You want to spend so much money to militarize the police for a "service" that was needed eight times in 16 years. We got it for free and we did not complain – the Sheriff's department did a good job helping us.

Additionally, I really don't think a Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter -Attack Truck will be of that much help in a shooting. First, they won't be on the scene when the shooting starts and won't be most likely not be there until it ends. Secondly, the person inside the Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck still has to go outside to save the people. And – in case the shooting is still going on – the people trying to get into the Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck can still be shot.

In order to convince us to spend that money for the Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter -Attack Truck, the CCPC used the same cases for needing the Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck as they used for the drones. This undermines my trust tremendously; they told us about their need for drones while they already knew they want more military objects. Which military tool do they request next or have already done so?

The poorly written policy draft written by CCPD is not professional. They want to use the Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck during "illegal" demonstrations – while they are the ones who can declare the demonstration illegal. They can use the water cannon against us, or – maybe even worse – could it be that they already asked you for weapons to use in their Ballistic Engineered Armored Response Counter-Attack Truck since they are on a shopping spree for buying military objects?

I attended the budget meeting between CCPD and the council, and I did not hear the exact monetary requests of the police. Additionally, I wish my job evaluation meetings were that easy! I can present to my boss how great I am, and the boss agrees, gives me compliments, and is willing to give me everything I want. Is there not a third party who actually evaluates the job performance of the CCPD? (I recall that we asked for an oversight

committee and we did not get any response). And when will the exact dollar amounts be allocated to the CCPD? Was that budget meeting purposely done in a way, so we don't hear how much money they want for what? I learnt that CCPD consumes 35% of our budget, compared to 16% in Los Angeles and 29% for police AND fire department combined in Santa Monica. Why is that? Is it because we could not shake off our history of white supremacy and being a sundown town?

There are still many open questions and I am convinced that we need to change the culture and structure of our police. The answer of CCPC was evasive when asked about their involvement in the Culver City general plan. I hope that this dangerous and deadly crisis we are in right now will help us to refocus and show to us what is important in life.

Sincerely,

Prisca Gloor



Ferrel, Mimi

From: Adam Sydenham [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:49 PM
To: Clerk, City
Cc: Sahli-Wells, Meghan; Eriksson, Goran; Lee, Daniel; Small, Thomas; Fisch, Alex; Schwab, Carol; Nachbar, John; Leo Grifka; Colin Diaz
Subject: For General Comments or the Appropriate Agenda Item
Attachments: COVID 19 Proposals.pdf

Dear Elected Officials,

I am writing in response to the Emergency Hospitality Ordinance which was presented to and heard by Culver City Council last week. Having listened to the live stream I would like to take this opportunity to provide comment to some misinformation and inaccuracies.

I would like to lead by posing a few questions

1. What grounds and or evidence is there for the sudden concern in reference to Hotel cleanliness standards?
2. Was any field research completed? For example an outreach to Hoteliers to better understand standard operating procedures.
3. Why are Hotels being singled out? Why are these proposals not being applied to all commerce?
4. Should these mandates not be expected to be implemented by Cal-OSHA rather than City Council?
5. Are these proposals permanent or time restricted?

Suggestions that there are going concerns in reference to cleanliness could not be further from the truth. Both before and during the pandemic the PaliHotel Culver City has prided itself on maintaining a 5 star cleanliness rating on Trip Advisor. A feat which has been achieved through our not having mandated workloads but having a holistic approach to maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness. In response to the onset of Covid-19 we acted quickly at the start of March with measures that included but were not limited to the provision of disinfecting wipes to support our Housekeeping Associates in ensuring that they are able to disinfect 'high hand-use traffic' areas such as doorknobs, faucets, TV remotes and telephone handset to name a few. Standard operating procedure has always been for the Room Attendant to wash their hands as a final step to completing the guest room bathroom clean, the disinfecting wipes are also available for them to use on their hands as an added measure.

I would also like to comment on a specific statement made by Councilmember Lee suggesting that there is no "economic impact" by these proposed measures. There are in fact a number of significant costs which we at the Palihotel would have to absorb if the stated proposals are put into place as is, this number could be in the region of \$4,000 per month, a major additional expense for a boutique hotel with only 49 keys. More concerning, in addition to these tangible expenses is the undeniable added exposure to frivolous EPLI claims in relation to adding the proposed handwash breaks which can be in the tens of thousands of dollars or more, not to mention the payroll man hours that goes into defending them. Time which I am sure you would agree could be better spent in pursuing ways to drive more business through our city.

In closing, we at Palisociety, in partnership with Hotel Ownership; remain committed to further discussion and refining of these proposals to best position the City of Culver to recover quickly from both a labor and fiscal standpoint.

Cheers,



Adam Sydenham



EMERGENCY ACTION PROPOSALS FROM HOSPITALITY WORKERS RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRIS OUTBREAK

1. PREVENTION: HAND WASHING AND SICK DAYS

- Mandate that all Event Center and Hotel employers give employee an extra 15 minutes of break time every 4 hours for washing hands and sanitizing.
- In hotels, housekeepers should have an affirmative reduction in workload equivalent to 30 minutes of work (typically one “room credit”), and must not be penalized if they do not complete daily room cleaning quotas, so that they are able to perform thorough cleaning and have time to frequently wash their hands. Together, this means three legislative actions: A. Suspend room quotas for hotel housekeepers until further notice, B. mandate that all housekeepers be given a break after each room to wash their hands and disinfect, C. permanently reduce room quotas by 1 credit if the room quota is normally 16 or less, and by two credits if the room quota is more than 16.
- Event Center and Hotel employers should provide a minimum of 10 sick days per year to employees, which the Cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica already have (LA has 12 and Santa Monica has 9).

2. CONTROL LAYOFFS

- Protect workers with fair layoff and recall by seniority rights, so laid off workers are ensured a job when the crisis subsides. *See [Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.66.10 et seq.](#)*
- Adopt a “just cause” provision to prevent unscrupulous managers from trumping up reasons to fire workers. *See [Philadelphia Municipal Code Section 9-4700 et seq.](#)*
- Adopt worker retention to protect workers through bankruptcy and subcontracting. *See [Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 4.67.050](#); [Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 183.00 et seq.](#)*

3. TRAINING: CENTRALIZE PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING FOR HOSPITALITY WORKERS

- All housekeepers and cooks in Event Centers and Hotels should be trained on public health by a single non-profit authority not controlled by employers. A model is the “public housekeeping” training law adopted last year by the City of Santa Monica. *See Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.67.060*

4. ENFORCE AND STRENGTHEN SHORT TERM RENTAL LAW, WHICH WILL OUTLAW ILLEGAL HOTELS MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS

- Public safety measures in the hospitality industry are not meaningful if a significant part of our hotel units are being run through illegal, unregulated operators. This is especially true when short-term rental businesses occupy entire buildings or multiple units in a building and take over rent controlled units, which are often in larger, denser buildings.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: kelli estes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, A
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Public comment on Item A-1 agenda for 4-2

These changes to the residential eviction moratorium are overly broad and exceed the Governors COVID-19 EO. This should address the current “emergency” only where a renter is directly affected, and the renter should be encouraged (by this council) to work with and communicate with their landlord on how and when they can pay back.

I certainly hope the City Attorney has researched and determined these promises to tenants will stand in court.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ben Patterson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Public Comment for Meeting

Please select Culver City streets to close to automobiles. In a Safe at Home environment residents need safe streets to walk and bike on.

Minor thoroughfares should be closed to traffic. I suggest Braddock from Overland to Ince. Washington from Overland to Venice. Thanks

Ben Patterson

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Sahli-Wells, Meghan
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Danielle Peretz
Cc: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Re: April 2nd Special Culver City Council Meeting - Adoption of Resolution Confirming Second Supplemental Public Order - Residential Eviction Moratorium (Agenda Item A-1)

Dear Danielle Peretz,

Thank you for your comments. I have copied our public comment email address so your remarks will be made part of the meeting tonight.

Best regards,
Meghan Sahli-Wells
Culver City Mayor

www.culvercity.org

From: Danielle Peretz <danielle@aagla.org>
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 5:22 PM
To: "Sahli-Wells, Meghan" <Meghan.Sahli-Wells@culvercity.org>, "Eriksson, Goran" <Goran.Eriksson@culvercity.org>, Alex Fisch <Alex.Fisch@culvercity.org>, "Lee, Daniel" <Daniel.Lee@culvercity.org>, "Small, Thomas" <Thomas.Small@culvercity.org>
Cc: Daniel Yukelson <dan@aagla.org>, Stacy Jo <stacy@aagla.org>, "Baker, Heather" <heather.baker@culvercity.org>, "Nachbar, John" <john.nachbar@culvercity.org>
Subject: April 2nd Special Culver City Council Meeting - Adoption of Resolution Confirming Second Supplemental Public Order - Residential Eviction Moratorium (Agenda Item A-1)

Good Afternoon, Hon. Mayor Sahli-Wells and Members of the Culver City Council;

Attached for your review and consideration is a letter submitted by the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA) regarding agenda item A-1 on tonight's Special City Council meeting agenda.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Danielle Leidner-Peretz
Director, Government Affairs & External Relations
Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles





"Great Apartments Start Here!"

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April 2, 2020
Via Electronic Mail

Hon. Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells, and
Members of the Culver City Council
Culver City Hall
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, California 90232

Re: Adoption of Resolution Confirming the March 27, 2020 Second Supplement to the Public Order Issued by the City Manager, as Director of Emergency Services, under City of Culver City Emergency Authority, Expanding the Residential Tenant Eviction Moratorium to Prohibit All Evictions of Residential Tenants Through May 31, 2020, Subject to Certain Limited Exceptions, Due to Coronavirus Respiratory Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic (Agenda Items A-1)

Dear Hon. Mayor Sahli-Wells and Members of the Culver City Council:

At tonight's Special City Council meeting, the Council will consider adoption of a resolution confirming the Second Supplement to the Public Order. As you consider adoption of the resolution, we urge the City Council to implement a more balanced approach. The residential eviction moratorium should be narrowly tailored to specifically address the financial impacts associated with the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in renter's loss of income and inability to pay rent in line with the Governor's Executive Order. The Council should not adopt broad-based, expansive limitations on other "just cause" evictions where there is no correlation to COVID-19. Further, the provision allowing the City to "order suspension of the eviction process" is unconstitutional and improper. It is over-reaching the City's authority by empowering the City to usurp the Judiciary and the Court's authority over evictions and related disputes.

The global Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has in an instant fundamentally changed all our lives and the future remains unknown and uncertain. As the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles (AAGLA) has repeatedly stated, the multifamily rental housing business, much like a multitude of industries, small businesses and the individuals whose livelihood are dependent upon those industries have, through no fault of their own, been detrimentally impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. AAGLA continues to urge the City Council to take a holistic and balanced approach in recognition of the detrimental impacts of COVID-19 on **both** the City's residents and businesses, all of whom need financial support during this most challenging time.



"Great Apartments Start Here!"

During the continuation of the pandemic, it is essential that we all work together to develop effective and balanced solutions that serve to assist all those impacted and prevent further economic instability. It is important to re-emphasize that eviction moratoriums will not replace a renter's lost wages or cover the cost of food, medical prescriptions and related essentials. It is critical that the City Council establish an emergency assistance fund to provide essential financial support to all impacted residents and businesses struggling during these uncertain and turbulent times. In addition, we urge the City to provide interim relief to housing providers by deferring or reducing certain city-imposed fees and expenses such as utility and trash hauling fees.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters. If you have any questions, please call me at (213) 384-4131; Ext. 309 or contact me via electronic mail at danielle@aagla.org.

Very truly yours,

Danielle Leidner-Peretz

Ferrel, Mimi

From: 2009 <2009 [REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Re: Revised Eviction Moratorium

Dear Council,

I sent an email earlier today requesting specific language to be added to the proposed revised Eviction Moratorium public order. Language proposed in this email is in addition to my earlier request.

I request adding additional language that is consistent with the Los Angeles County March 31st Executive Order:

Renter Notice Requirement:

The Order requires the renter to provide notice to the owner of their inability to pay rent, within seven (7) days after the date that rent is due, unless extenuating circumstances exist.

Repayment Period:

The Order provides renters with six (6) months following the termination of the Executive Order to pay the owner any amounts due. Renters and owners are encouraged to agree to a payment plan during the six (6) month period following the expiration of the Order.

Taken together, this request along with my prior request, addresses all of my concerns with the proposed revised Eviction Moratorium order.

See my earlier request below.

Thank You,
Dennis Page
[REDACTED]

On Apr 2, 2020, at 7:47 PM, 2009 <[2009](#) [REDACTED]> wrote:

Subject: A-1. [20-882](#) CC - ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE MARCH 27, 2020 SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER ISSUED BY THE CITY MANAGER, AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, UNDER CITY OF CULVER CITY EMERGENCY AUTHORITY, EXPANDING THE RESIDENTIAL TENANT EVICTION MORATORIUM TO PROHIBIT ALL EVICTIONS OF RESIDENTIAL TENANTS THROUGH MAY 31, 2020, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, DUE TO CORONAVIRUS RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

Dear Council,

As a long-time owner of residential rental property in Culver City, I am writing about the subject supplement regarding the Eviction Moratorium public order.

After much thought, discussions with various individuals and organizations, and reviews of other city and state COVID-19 eviction moratoriums, I suggest the following.

Please add language to the order that states, "Nothing in this order shall be construed to abrogate the obligation to pay or right to receive payment due under a lease."

Thank You,
Dennis Page



Ferrel, Mimi

From: Meg and Steve [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Clerk, City
Subject: Re A-1: Revise eviction moratorium to limit specifically to pandemic-related cases

My name is Meg Sullivan and I'm an ethical housing provider in the Arts District.

Like other housing providers, I, of course, would work with tenants whose experiences as a result of the pandemic prevent them from paying rent. In an emergency like this, we all know that we have to make sacrifices for situations that stem from the emergency itself.

However, it makes no sense at all to pause the need to pay rent without some sort of nexus to the pandemic, as the latest supplement to the city's eviction moratorium would do. The newest guidelines are far too broad. They basically give carte blanche to any tenant who can claim any inability to pay for whatever reason -- even apparently reasons that predate the pandemic.

The room for abuse is just too great. And the potential detriment to my operations and the livelihoods of local vendors and service providers that I support is too high.

Throughout the crisis, I will still have the need to meet all kinds of financial obligations, especially the building's mortgage but also taxes and utilities. Additionally, I employ local service providers who now more than ever rely on income from me.

If rent payments are deferred, I will have trouble meeting those obligations, and that will leave me with no choice but to cut back essential services, which will have a ripple effect not just for my tenants but also for these vendors and service providers.

It's one thing if those sacrifices are the tragic and unavoidable consequences of the pandemic but quite another if they have to be made because the city has unwittingly given a free pass to anyone.

The city needs to take a more balanced approach. Instead of enacting this overly broad ordinance, provide help to affected residents and business alike through the establishment of emergency financial assistance with clearly defined standards.

Thanks in advance,
Meg Sullivan

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Lisa Jackson-Faniel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:07 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: firearms are a nonessential

There is no need to open stores that sell firearms/weapons during the shutdown due to the Coronavirus they are not essential items. The individuals that need weapons already have them others don't need them.
Not clear why this is a issue are there people planning to shoot the virus with their weapon?

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Cheryl D [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:28 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Fwd: Agenda for the April 2, 2020 Special City Council Meeting is Now Available!

Dear Council Members,

To the point that a gun store ever be considered a necessary business when gyms, dentist offices, libraries (offering Internet connectivity), and more are closed, and ONLY businesses that sell food and/or drug stores are open, I can find no argument possible that a need for guns or ammo falls into such a category.

Apart from that, during this time of heightened anxiety, job loss and financial strain, and when all children are home from school this is just purely a bad idea from a health and safety standard.

The long line around the local gun store the minute there was no toilet paper on the shelves is concerning at best, and proves the very panicky nature of many gun owners. In fact, I would maintain that every one of those customer's records who flocked to the store should be pulled to cross-check the last time they cleared a background check.

Please continue to keep us safe...even if it is from ourselves.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Difatta

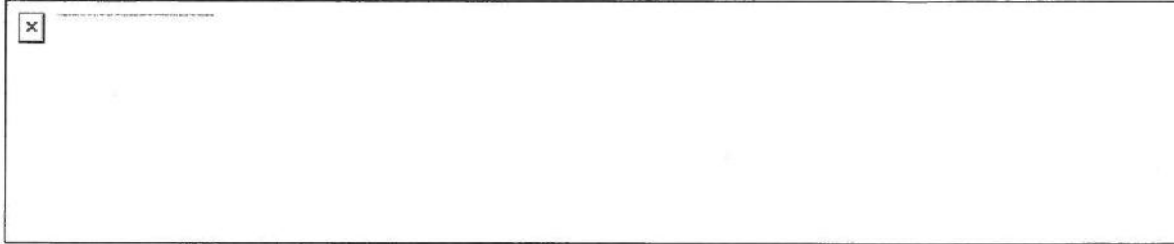
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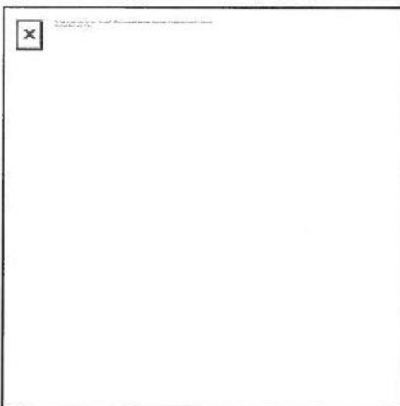
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Date: Wed, Apr 1, 2020 at 8:13 PM

Subject: Agenda for the April 2, 2020 Special City Council Meeting is Now Available!

To: [REDACTED]



Special City Council Meeting



MEETING DETAILS:

When

Thursday, April 2, 2020

8:00 PM

Where

Mike Balkman Council Chambers

9770 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232

See below for information on how to participate remotely.

The Special Meeting will take place via teleconference.

To combat the spread of COVID-19, the City issued a "[Safer at Home](#)" emergency order on March 20, 2020, ordering all residents of the City of Culver City to stay inside their residences and to immediately limit all movement outside of their homes beyond what is absolutely necessary to take care of essential needs. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a Revised Order on March 21, 2020 which prohibits all public and private group events and gatherings and requires all persons to remain in their homes (except as otherwise provided in the Order for essential activities). The Governor of California issued Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which waived certain Brown Act meeting requirements, including any requirements to make a physical meeting location available to the public; and, most recently, the March 19, 2020 Executive Order N-33-22, which ordered all residents to stay at home.

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[Click here to view the agenda when available and to watch the live stream which will begin at 8:00PM on the meeting date.](#)

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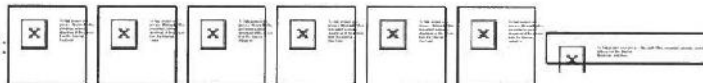
If you would like to make a comment for placement in the record, please email public.comment@culvercity.org. At this meeting, comments received via email will be read aloud into the record.

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Maria Angeles <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:42 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Ammunition's Stores NOT Essential

Hi,

I wanted to ensure I got my thoughts on ammunitions stores in for your meeting on Thursday, April 2. They are not essential and should be ordered to closed. Citizens do not need guns in their homes, this only decreases the safety of the neighborhood.

-Maria Angeles
Culver City resident

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: r sergeant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun sales

Not essential
Potentially dangerous
Should only be available for first responders

RS

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Rita Griffin [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City

I hardly think arming people is going to help with the current pandemic we are currently in. Of course you should close the gun dealers

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Nathan Dana Aldrich <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Cc: Kenya at Studio 41
Subject: GUNS are NOT essential here...or anywhere!

Dear Councilmembers,

Living near the gun stores Martim B. Redding and Modern Warrior Gunsmithing is nerve-wracking enough. The thought of PANICKY gun buyers lining up in Culver City is even more frightening and none of my neighbors even know that this vote is happening.! I found out on via the NRA itself! PLEASE help ensure the thousands of non-gun owning citizens safety and keep the gun sales non-essential.

Sincerely,

ND Aldrich
14 year resident

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: saintlo amso <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms and ammunition retailers

Firearm and ammunition retailers are not essential. Should remain closed.

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Alexandra Brownfield [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:23 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearm retailers are NOT essential!

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Sam Landau <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers ARE essential!

To the City Council of Culver City,

As a lifelong resident of Culver City, as well as 2nd Amendment supporter and advocate, I strongly urge you all to consider Firearms Retailers an 'Essential Business'. As stated in the United States Constitution, the 2nd Amendment is written 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."

By labeling this as an Unessential Business, you are indirectly infringing on the common citizens' right to bear arms by prohibiting such access to retailers, or Federal Firearms Licensees.

Thank you for your time and I hope you take this into consideration when formulating a decision.

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Kind Regards,

-Sam Landau

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Dean Magistrale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Public comment on Gun stores and Covid-19

I am writing to ask the Council to stand up and support the community's 2nd amendments rights and allow firearm retailers to operate during this covid-19 crisis, my understanding is that retailers in the city have offered to do new business by appointment only and respecting social distancing guidelines.

The federal government has classified firearm retailers as essential along with the county reversing their unlawful and unjust order I implore the City to do what is lawful and correct and stand aside from this lawful commerce.

Sincerely Dean Magistrale
NRA, CRPA member

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Kimberly Bartscheck [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:12 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: April 2 meeting re: gun stores and essential businesses

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you as a resident of Los Angeles for over 20 years, a trained gun owner and someone who also works in a local Culver City area business. As a taxpayer, I want you to know that gun shops are indeed a critical infrastructure and JUST as important as food and medical care. The ability to exercise my Second Amendment right and protect myself during the time of this Covid-19 crisis, is important, as well as my family, my home, property and my business. Perhaps even more important to have this ability than any other time in our lifetimes previously.

Therefore, I urge you to please find in favor of keeping Martin B retting and other gun/ammo businesses open because they are essential businesses that help to maintain the safety and welfare of all of us.

I appreciate your time your attention and look forward to continuing to frequent my local Martin Retting store in Culver City, should I choose to (as well as others in the Los Angeles area).

Sincerely,
K.C. Sterling Bartscheck

Sent from K.C.'s iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Scott Barrows <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:48 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Cc: scott.barrows@usa.net
Subject: Refer to Martin B. Retting Inc. / Culver City Council

Culver City Council,

I'm asking that you allow Martin B Retting to remain open as this business is essential to the community. As a 30 year Los Angeles homeowner, Martin B Retting provides services, firearms and ammunition that offer some comfort to my family for safety during this Pandemic. I and others have come to rely on this business as they put security and the needs of the individual first during and after the sale. Please continue to permit the community to exercise our 2nd Amendment Right during this crisis and have access to the means of protecting our families. As a licensed gun owner, I'm asking that you support us and keep Martin B Retting open. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Scott K. Barrows, Sr.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Joe <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:41 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearm stores

I will make this simple. Keep the gun stores open for citizens to at least purchase ammunition!

Joe
Joe Zimmerman
LA, CA
Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Marco Subias - [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: A Modest Firearms Proposal

Those who buy firearms from licensed dealers are exercising a Constitutional right upheld by both the Supreme Court and the Department of Homeland Security. How many people have been shot with guns bought from Culver City's licensed dealers since California's quarantine started?

Slipping and falling in the shower is a far more risky. Do you think outlawing showers for the duration of the pandemic might not be advisable? Think of the hospital resources that this could save. To be clear, this second paragraph is not to be taken seriously. Please put away your eager lawmaking pens.

Marco Subias

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Daniel Bohning [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Our Second Amendment

Vote to protect our Second Amendment!

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bill Delaney [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:55 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Critical infrastructure status of firearms retailers

To whom it may concern:

I have lived in Culver City for over 15 years. I believe we are blessed to have a Police Department and City Council that really care about their residents. CCPD, with arguably some of the best response times, cannot be everywhere at once. We have been dealing with an influx of homeless, mentally ill, and opportunistic, drug addicted criminals who have no regard for laws. We are all in this together. Please give residents the peace of mind knowing that their 2nd Amendment rights will not be infringed by the shuttering of firearm and ammunition retailers during this ongoing pandemic. Please classify them as the "essential businesses" that they are.

Thank You,
William C. Delaney

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Tim McMurray [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:45 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: 2nd Amendment

Culver City needs to look at a MAP. Are you In the USA or NOT? Gun Stores and Gun Ranges are essential to providing USA citizens with the tools to exercise their fundamental Right to Bear Arms. The Bill of Rights insures a right to bear arms to individuals who are law abiding citizens. Our Constitution states that these rights shall not be infringed. Please be sure to not eliminate legitimate Businesses to be able to service law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms. This is not a right Culver City or any other state or municipality has the authority to ignore, regardless of their personal preferences. The law of OUR land says the fundamental rights of law abiding people shall not be INFRINGED.

Thank you for honoring our US Bill of Rights. You have no right to deny me my Constitutional rights.

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Mac1 Airgun Distributors
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Randall Werner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms

It's our constitutional right. Ergo, you can't take it away. All constitutional rights are always essential no matter what's going on in the world. They are, after all, the foundation of our country. Life, LIBERTY and the pursuit of happiness are our God given rights. They weren't given by government, they can't be taken away by government. The right to bear arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. So I must ask, why are you even having this meeting? If you continue to pursue to take away our God given rights, then you may as well take down the American flag.

Signed,

A non gun owner, yet.

But the more you talk about restricting them, the more I'm thinking about getting one

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Trace Eubanks [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: The right to protect our families

Dear Council,

Please please allow your public citizens the options of purchasing a firearm or ammunition to protect their families should civil unrest occur. I worked the LA riots in 1994 and it was devastating to people who could not protect themselves. Police and Fire were completely overwhelmed and this occurrence was only in a small portion of the city. Remember, there's a reason nothing ever attacks porcupine. Please allow people to protect themselves.

Thank you

Respectfully
Trace Eubanks
Retired LACO Fire Depart.

Trace Eubanks
[REDACTED]

This email may have been composed on a mobile device using voice messaging. Please excuse any grammar or spelling errors.

Ferrel, Mimi

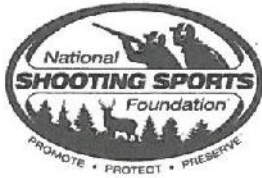
From: Michael Findlay [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Public Comment: Action Item A-2
Attachments: NSSF (Findlay) Ltr National Critical Infrastructure Indust... (Culver_City).pdf

To Whom It May Concern:

Please add this to the public comments for this evenings city council meeting.

Sincerely,

Michael "Mike" Findlay
[REDACTED]



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Michael Findlay

Director,

Government Relations - State Affairs

April 2nd, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells
Council Chambers
9770 Culver Blvd.
Culver City, CA 90231

Dear Mayor Sahli-Wells:

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is America's trade association for the firearm, ammunition, hunting and recreational shooting sports industry. Our over 9,000 member companies include federally licensed manufacturers, distributors and retailers of firearms and ammunition products. On behalf of our members nationwide, I am writing to thank you for your leadership and the ongoing efforts of your agency to combat the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

I am respectfully requesting that your city adopt the Resolution Confirming Third Supplement to Public Order Issued on April 1, 2020 by the Director of Emergency Services, Allowing Firearms Retailers to Conduct Business, Including New Sales and Transfers, During the COVID-19 Local Emergency, Consistent With U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Advisory Guidance and the Los Angeles County Positions Regarding Firearms Retailers.

The firearm and ammunition industry is proud to provide the U.S. military and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to carry out their vital national security and public safety missions. While we are facing a different kind of war in combatting an unprecedented public health crisis, it is imperative that we maintain a strong national defense and maintain public order.

As you are aware, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) oversees the country's National Infrastructure Protection Plan (the "Plan")¹. This Plan outlines how government and private sector participants in the critical infrastructure community work together to manage risks and achieve security and resilience outcomes. The Plan identifies 16 different critical infrastructure sectors, including Defense Industrial Base (DIB)² and Emergency Services Sector (ESS)³. **Firearm retailers, manufacturers and ranges have been classified as essential by DHS.**

¹ National Infrastructure Protection Plan, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Retrieved March 19, 2020 from <https://www.cisa.gov/national-infrastructure-protection-plan>

² National Infrastructure Protection Plan, 2010 Defense Industrial Base Sector-Specific Plan, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Retrieved March 19, 2020 from <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/nipp-ssp-defense-industrial-base-2010-508.pdf>

³ Emergency Services Sector-Specific Plan, An Annex to the National Infrastructure Protection Plan, 2015. Retrieved March 19, 2020 from <https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/nipp-ssp-emergency-services-2015-508.pdf>

Defense Industrial Base

The United States military acquires virtually all its small arms from domestic commercial firearm manufacturers. All handgun ammunition used by the U.S. military is sourced from commercial ammunition manufacturers. The U.S. military also purchases rifle ammunition directly from domestic commercial ammunition manufacturers. The federal government recognizes the importance of ammunition and firearm manufacturing in times of crisis.

We believe federally licensed firearm and ammunition manufacturers, and their employees, are clearly part of the Defense Industrial Base.

Manufacturers cannot remain operational if they are unable to secure necessary raw material and component parts in order to produce finished products for the military, law enforcement and commercial market. Therefore, it is vital that the supply chain upon which our industry relies, including the ability to transport materials, parts and finished products, must also be designated as critical infrastructure industry.

Emergency Services Sector – Public Safety

According to DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), “The mission of the Emergency Services Sector (ESS) is to save lives, protect property and the environment, assist communities impacted by disasters, and aid recovery during emergencies.” Law enforcement is one of the five distinct disciplines composing the ESS sector that encompasses a wide range of emergency response functions and roles.

Members of our industry provide federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies with the firearms and ammunition products they use to protect our communities and keep the peace. While large law enforcement agencies typically obtain the firearms, ammunition and related products directly from the manufacturer, most law enforcement agencies and their officers obtain firearms and ammunition from their local federally licensed firearms retailer. Our industry primarily functions on a traditional two-step distribution system whereby retailers generally acquire firearms from federally licensed wholesale distributors. In addition, many law enforcement officers supplement their income by working at firearm retailers.

We have seen in the past that law enforcement has turned to firearm retailers in times of civil unrest, such as when during the Los Angeles riots in 1992 local law enforcement went to retailers to obtain more effective firearms in order to restore the peace and protect residents and local businesses.

We cannot expect law enforcement to do its job of serving, protecting, and defending our communities without making sure they have access to the tools they need and which our industry provides. Our industry’s manufacturers, distributors and retailers are a vital part of the Emergency Services Sector.

Second Amendment – The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

Food, water, shelter and adequate medical care are paramount for survival, but so too is the ability for an individual to defend his or herself, their family, as well as their home, business and property.

The firearm and ammunition industry is essential for law-abiding Americans to exercise their Second Amendment right to acquire a firearm and ammunition for personal protection and home defense. Right now, across America, tens of thousands of our fellow citizens are lining up at their local federally licensed firearm retailer to purchase firearms (after an industry-supported background check) and ammunition to protect themselves and family during this uncertain time. Law enforcement resources will be taxed and stressed thin if this pandemic continues to spread. Americans increasingly understand that they cannot always rely on law enforcement to be there in a time of need. They have a duty to be responsible for their own safety. The Second Amendment protects each law-abiding American's God-given right to self-defense. And, the lawful commerce in firearms and ammunition products is constitutionally protected. Without our industry, the right to keep and bear arms would be a mere illusion.

Unfortunately, as with past major disasters like Hurricane Katrina, a growing number of jurisdictions are ordering federally licensed firearm retailers to close their stores as "non-essential" businesses. For example, the Santa Clara and Contra Costa counties and the City of San Jose in California have all ordered firearm retailers to close. Just last night, Athens-Clarke County in Georgia passed an ordinance that requires firearm retailers to close as "non-essential" businesses.

The line of customers outside of firearm retailers across America is testament to the fact that Americans believe the ability to exercise their constitutional rights protected by the Second Amendment is essential. Law abiding citizens owning firearms for their own protection assists law enforcement and aids in keeping the peace.

Further, the psychological impact of having firearm retailers and manufacturers shuttered should not be underestimated. Americans are concerned that in this time of crisis, they will not be able to protect themselves, their families or their property. Ordering the shuttering of retailers will only serve to fuel this fear unnecessarily. The firearm and ammunition industry is present in every community. We know first-hand the importance of ensuring that families are able to focus on what's important right now: following government guidance to help stop the spread of this deadly virus. The last thing an American should be worrying about is how to make sure they are physically safe. Even for those who are not purchasing firearms or ammunition right now, allowing these essential businesses to remain open, while abiding by the important social-distancing guidelines, demonstrates that Americans are not going to be deprived of their right to bear arms.

In addition, shooting ranges, both public and private, are also essential to public safety and the exercise of the Second Amendment. Shooting ranges are where firearm safety education is taught especially to new and inexperienced gun owners. It is also where law enforcement officers typically train to be proficient with their duty weapon. And, members of the military also frequent shooting ranges to train before they deploy to defend our nation.

Economic Impact

Our industry contributes to our nation's economic well-being. In 2019, the firearm and ammunition industry was responsible for \$60 billion in total economic activity, employing as many as 150,707 people in the U.S. and generating an additional 181,501 jobs in supplier and ancillary industries.

Whether it is providing firearms or ammunition to military, law enforcement, and law-abiding citizens or ensuring that they have access to shooting ranges for training, the firearm industry is a critical component of our nation's security, public safety, and economic well-being. We must remain open for business. By including our industry among our nation's critical infrastructure industries, you can help ensure that we are able to do so.

We appreciate your support for the men and women who proudly wear our nation's uniform, our nation's law enforcement and first responders, as well as protecting our constitutional right to keep and bear arms and supporting the very industry that helps make that right a reality for tens of millions of Americans. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

NSSF will be working during this crisis to ensure that we can support you and your team with information on these key issues on behalf of our members. Please feel free to have your team contact me anytime during this crisis on my direct line 719-440-9937. Thank you for your service in this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Michael A Findlay

Michael "Finn" Findlay

Director of Government Relations – State Affairs
National Shooting Sports Foundation



CC:

Vice Mayor Göran Eriksson

Council Member Alex Fisch

Council Member Daniel Lee

Council Member Thomas Small

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Hannah Jannol [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Retting gun store

Hi,

I am a resident of Culver City and I am a supporter of Retting gun store. In these times, they are absolutely an essential business. I feel that during these times there might be crime and I do not feel safe without my family being able to purchase self-defense items. Please keep Retting open as an essential service. Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,
Hannah

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Leo Grizzaffi <leograzzaffi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Support Resolution A-2

Categories: Green category

Members of the City Council.

I am now 85 years old, and a retired attorney and past appointed hearing officer for the Los Angeles County Superior court. During the last 70 plus years of living in the Los Angeles South Bay area, I have witnessed several major community wide problems that have resulted in that the individual was left with the responsibility and necessity to provide protection for himself and his family. During these events this necessity was a result of the fact that the individual citizen was denied the protection of his dully elected officials and the services of local police protection. This protection and service was in most cases withheld or out rightly withdrawn by elected officials for self serving political reasons.

It was therefore necessary for the individual, home owner and business man to be prepared on his own to protect himself, his family, his neighbor or property.

I therefore truly believe and support the fact that the majority of us who are law abiding, responsible citizens of our community must not be denied the means of protecting these God given rights and responsibilities in the name of political correctness.

Please support the passage this evening of resolution A-2. The passage of this resolution insures that the average person has the means, support and ability to prevent himself from becoming a victim who thereafter is just a statistic on a political score board.

Respectfully,

Leo L. Grizzaffi, Esq. rtd

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Nancy M-R [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:04 PM
To: public.comment@culvercity.org.
Subject: Please vote YES on the adoption of Resolution A-2

4/2/2020

To the Culver City, California City Council:

Please vote YES on the adoption of Resolution A-2 which would align the city with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) guidance designating firearm retailers as "essential."

Don't deny your citizens the ability to purchase firearms, and don't deny them the right to defend themselves, their families, their homes. As a woman I can tell you that it doesn't feel good to be isolated from those who could give help in an emergency. There's no one around to help! People are shut up in their homes and aren't anxious to give help even if they knew something was wrong. Firearms retailers being open IS essential!

Most sincerely,
Nancy Merrell-Robertson



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Thomas Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Public Comment Culver City Meeting

Categories: Green category

To whom it may concern,

The **Second Amendment (Amendment II)** to the United States Constitution protects the individual right to keep and bear arms.

This is kind of a no brainer. There is no condition where a virus or any other circumstance takes away this Constitutional Law and Freedom.

People are worried and scared. They should at this time more than ever be able to protect themselves inside of their home and or personal property.

That right should not be taken away by anybody for any reason.

Best regards,
Thomas Smith

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Evan Caplicki [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: April 2, 2020 Culver City Council Meeting Item A-2

Categories: Green category

I am writing in support of the resolution confirming the Third Supplement to Public Order issued on April 1, 2020 by the Director of Emergency Services.

Firearms retailers provide an important and essential service. We have a natural right to self defense and a constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms. Firearms retailers facilitate the exercise of those rights.

At any given time firearms retailers are essential, but at this particular time even more so. We are in a world of uncertainty. The security situation could change for the worse based on government action, a disruption in the supply lines, panic, or simply a common criminal bent on mayhem. And given California's draconian gun laws, people are forbidden from purchasing firearms when the need arises but rather must wait at least ten days, regardless of the immediacy of the threat (or the Second Amendment). The ability to purchase a firearm or ammunition should not be further limited.

Moreover, Martin B. Retting is an established, independently owned firearms retailer that has been in Culver City since 1958. A business such as this that serves the City of Culver City as well as the community deserves the support of the City Council.

Evan Caplicki
Culver City, CA

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Nicholas Paulos [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Ferrel, Mimi
Subject: Re: New Culver City Public Order Allows Firearm Retailers to Conduct Business - Opportunity to Withdraw or Amend Your Public Comment

We must be able to defend our homes and our families especially during these very uncertain times.....

As the President stated today there are ****cartels from South America**** planning to take ****great advantage**** of the situation the world is facing ...

Ramping up production and distribution of narcotics to run across our border and with that of course black market firearms and ammunition

Evil people will want to capitalize on the vulnerabilities not only we as Americans are facing with this virus, but the entire world....

With so many governments focused inwardI am confident your decision will be of great help to our growing circumstances.

The realization that Culver City has come to ...in your collective wisdom, that Denying us our second amendment right to be our own first responder, when we are seeing many of our American cities
first responders especially our
Police forces, becoming infected....becoming depleted....due to this Terrible virus.... should be commended and echoing throughout all of Californian society and throughout American society....

That Denying us the right to defend our homes, And our families was the wrong course of action.... as we plunge deeper into the great unknown....
NOVEL coronavirus

As it has been declared not only by
Our President but our elected officials

****we are at war****

The California department of justice is already inundated with a lot of defects in it's firearm reporting portal for existing gun owners....

Where lawful pre-existing gun owners cannot obtain ammunition, because of those defects and inaccuracies

which has now created a situation where an individual who is ****law Abiding****
rightfully obtained and purchased a firearm, completed their
****fire arm safety certificate****

must now submit

****notarized paperwork****

To see how it is there firearm was reported into the DOJ system so they can correct and reregister the already registered firearm due to an address change , ect.... all in an effort to acquire ammunition....?

Creating just one more step of close human to human contact as notarizing requires ***a thumb print*** a signing etc.

This glitch wasn't created by law-abiding gun owners BUT by our lawmakers and the anti gun system at large....

At a time we are supposed to be practicing social distancing mandated by our state....at A time we are supposed to be practicing sheltering in place.... mandated by our state....

These defects are creating one more step for us to leave our homes, one more step for that human to human, contact..... One more Unnecessary and unreasonable step that could possibly transfer COVID-19 into our Californian society.....

Many of these notary services aren't even functioning at this moment...

many banks are only allowing very basic services..... some drive-through only....

even though lawful , law abiding gun owners prior to 2014 have the

****original paperwork****

from the

****point of purchase****

filed away as we are supposed to do, which should reflect

****no differently in the DOJ system***...**

They find they are blocked due to some typo or discrepancy on the DOJ side.....

The DOJ system Is so inundated with defects it can't locate the record?

Therefore blocking the purchase of said ammunition by

****the lawful****

****registered gun owners****....we cannot even acquire the ammunition during a crisis of biblical proportions....

Because of these defects.... The law-abiding citizens are completely blocked from rightfully obtaining ammunition.....

this has created a huge lag as it stands.... and during such uncertain times has proven to be a dangerous and defective law California put in place....

this in its own is creating an anxiety, and as situations unfold it is comforting to know, this decision you have before you , has met a positive resolve ...

Not to shut down point of purchase locations, making that situation worse leaving A lawful gun owner

****vulnerable****

As their American Constitution guarantees them the right to bear arms.....

what you are doing is

**** avoiding a vacuum****

one in which a supply will meet a demand, and that will be

****black market****....

A vacuum with would force many of those the lawful into a system of the unlawful....

the backlash will be many

unreported firearms

getting into the hands of those who are scared, those who want to exercise their Second Amendment right but Being denied..... and by their lawmakers.... and to remind you during wartime

with a lot of uncertainties and a lot of variables.... you don't know what can unfold to push a society into a panic....

it will be out of desperation and necessity and the right to our second amendment protections

those lawful gun owners will not now be forced into a position to seek other avenues.... all this would have done is create an unnecessary anxiety.....

**** diverting black marketSupply to meet a demand****

This will decrease supply of black market ammunition gray market ammunition Blackmarket firearms

to no force the lawful into the same current as the unlawful.... by not placing good people in a position to be forced to interact with societies lowest common denominators.... and at a time where prisons are being unloaded and criminals are stepping into a society that cannot offer them a job.....and as the saying goes sleeping with dogs you wake up with fleas.....

We don't need any more virus' , plague, scourge, epidemic, pandemic's being born..... economic uncertainty breeds black market activity.....

The supply will increase..... because these actions will force the demand to increase.... which will stretch our federal resources our military our police.....

this was the correct course of action you are taking.... not denying the citizens their Second Amendment right..... this was never intended and it was for good reason especially during times like these.....

Thank you for keeping our lawful ability to purchase, therefore reporting, and registering, so we know who it is obtaining these firearms..... ensuring that safety certificates are being lawfully issued...

that purchasers understand how to operate and use the firearm, safely, as these practices are already in place at these fine establishments mandated by law and for the lawful.....

fine establishments such as
Martin B Retting's.....

And that we don't find our point of purchases out of the trunk of cars in the darkened alleys of our great state.....

Not to force the law abiding citizen into a current of coexisting with a black market supply and demand scenario....

To not open a portal for all the other black market *what have you's* infect the good people of this fine state, during a time of crisis.....

we have a constitutionally protected right
The Second Amendment

The Right to Bear Arms

thank you for not creating this vacuum.....

Sincerely

Nicholas P.

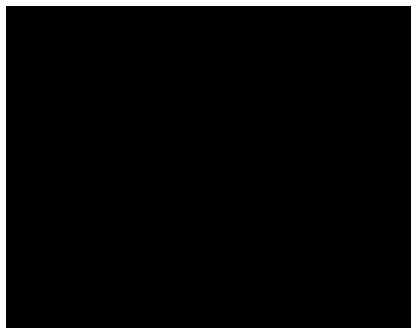
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 2:33 PM, Ferrel, Mimi <Mimi.Ferrel@culvercity.org> wrote:

Hello and thank you for your public comment regarding agenda item on the April 2, 2020 city council meeting.

In light of the 3rd Supplement to the Public Order that allows firearm retailers to conduct business during the COVID-19 Local Emergency, and based on the staff report for Agenda Item A-2 on tonight's Special City Council meeting, please let us know if you wish to withdraw or amend your public comment by replying to this email prior to 5pm today.

Best Regards,



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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Susie Davidson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Comment for tonight's meeting

At the earliest notion of a pandemic we began seeing empty grocery store shelves and people fighting over toilet paper, something we would have considered far-fetched just a matter of weeks ago.

As Covid-19 continues it's rampage, groceries may become harder to come by and it is considered increasingly dangerous to even shop, or have someone else shop for them. At such a time it certainly comes to mind there may be a period in this uncertain scenario when we will face the need to be able to protect the what we have. It is our right as Americans to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our provisions.

In addition, Covid-19 is causing severe economic challenges to many businesses, it seems this is the time to support our local, tax paying businesses when they have the opportunity to strengthen both their business and our community, while serving needs that are specifically brought about by the Coronavirus outbreak.

I respectfully encourage you to allow our gun dealerships to remain open as essential business.

Thank you, Susan Davidson

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Binx07 B [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: In support of firearm/ammunition retailers as an essential business

The matter in question is concerning especially during a time of crisis. Why is it that I can drive around Culver City and find Starbucks and frozen yogurt businesses open? Yet can not go to my local gun store and legally purchase a firearm /ammunition.

I feel disappointed by the local officials and embarrassed by the disorganization. Taking our constitutional rights from us at this vulnerable time is discouraging and renders my faith in local government.

If the federal government finds gun stores to be an essential business and county officials reversed their action on this matter. Then, Culver City as acting officials should be obligated to allow businesses such as, Martin B. Retting to be open especially since it's been a staple of your city for 62 years.

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Bianca,

Ferrel, Mimi

From: JOHN BERINGHELE <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:44 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: essentially being positive regarding firearms!!!

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

to whom it may concern, please allow all firearms establishment 's to continue to sell and monitor to whom is buying and continue to following homeland guidelines for our safety, instead of a black market pandemic, uncontrolled or unmonitored for all our safety!!! Please...

Respectively,

john Beringhele

Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: gun access during these current dire times is essential

To the City Council of Culver City;

The federal government (Department of Homeland Security) has classified the gun stores as an essential business and therefore should remain open. Los Angeles County has just enacted the same stance. Culver City is a fraction of the size of LA County yet are not allowing gun stores to be classified as essential business.

I will be buying a gun and ammo now and will expect to need gun sales support in the future even after the COVID-19 situation is over. I will be supporting the business I buy the gun from since I will be a first time gun owner and will need there guidance and experience in the future for future gun buys. Buying local is the best situation for me but if needed, I'll be buying from a business outside the city of Culver City if they are not allowed to maintain open and process new gun sales. The local Culver City gun stores will lose out on current and future business which I know is not the best for the local community as well the city (in the form of taxes).

I would hope that Culver City Council would take the direction from the Department of Homeland Security as well as their neighboring county (LA County) and deem gun stores an Essential business.

I understand that the City Council is trying to look out for their citizens and keep people from gathering at stores but believe that there is a method that can be employed to label guns stores Essential as well as promote responsible sales (appointments set via online system) that way no crowds. Shouldn't take them too much time to put together and they will gain new business and repeat business in the future.

Appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Alex Anaya

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Elijah Horton [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: CRPA is an essential entity

To whom it may concern

I am a volunteer and member of the CRPA, and I was informed that the great city of Culver is trying to limit or restrict the CRPA. I, Elijah Horton disagree because of the following.

CRPA should not be limited in its scope of business because CRPA provides excellent firearm safety knowledge to new gun owners. Almost 90 percent of recent gun purchases are first time gun buyers, and it would be unethical and hurt public safety if to many gun owners are unable to practice safe firearm safety training. The CRPA provides that public service to its members and first time buyers.

Thank you for your leadership in these difficult times.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Davis Lawyer [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:50 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Comment on Martin B. Retting

To Whom It May Concern-

It is a crime that during a health and economic crisis, when people are unstable and government services are strained, that the only serious gun and ammo store in Culver City is not and has not been considered essential.

Forget a "right" to bear arms, we all have a responsibility to be prepared to protect ourselves, our families, and our property. In order to do that, we need access to good companies with good people selling the guns and ammo we need.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Mario Baires · [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:17 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers as essential businesses comment

To the council of Culver City,

I am a customer of Martin B Retting, and as a customer and supporter of the second amendment I would like to say that this business is essential to the safety of the community and those around it as well. During these fearful times this business is providing the tools necessary to protect oneself as it is a right to do so. With less police response these days we are responsible for our own safety, therefore closing Martin B Retting will only restrict our second amendment right and limit our access to the necessary tools for our self defense. I strongly urge Culver City not to close Martin B Retting.

Mario Baires
Proud customer of Martin B Retting

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Rodrigo Rodriguez · [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:39 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential or not essential

I believe that guns are not essential.

Food is essential. Cars are essential. Hate to say this but Beer is not essential.

Water is. We have to look at what is important and necessary for the communities around us.

Thank you very much

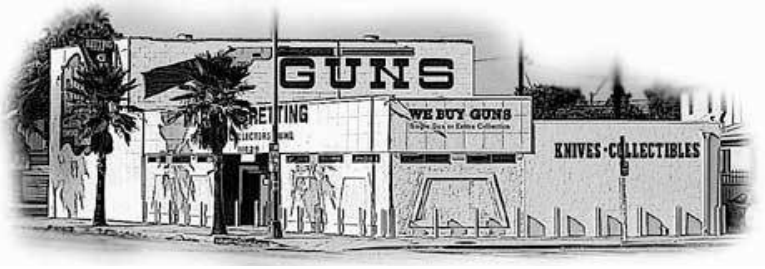
Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Edgar Ruano [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: I SUPORT FIRE ARMS RETAILERS

The sales of fire arms is essential to law abiding citizens to defend ourselves in these times of crisis and even more with government officials working hard to release criminals in our communities.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



4/2/2020

City of Culver City
9770 Culver Blvd
Culver City, CA 90232

Dear Culver City Council,

Martin B. Retting, Inc. (MBR, Inc.) has been conducting business in Culver City since 1953. We are a licensed Firearms retailer. We have always structured our business practices in such a way as to maintain strict compliance with the law and we have always maintained an excellent relationship with the City of Culver City. The safety of our customers, staff and the community is something we take very seriously.

In response to the current COVID-19 crisis, we voluntarily implemented significant steps to mitigate exposure and create a safe environment by limiting our occupancy and volume. Most of these steps were later included in the original Culver City COVID-19 order issued to us on March 20th, 2020. In summary, we have instituted a strict appointment only policy, limited the number of patrons to no more than three (3) at any time, enforced social distancing standards and have taken steps to minimize community spread by sanitizing hard surfaces and issuing a fresh pen to any customer that needs one. There is no doubt that while creating some operational challenges, these procedures have been successful in their goal of creating a safer environment.

The City order stated that we were to remain open for 30-days in order to complete pending transactions. We were told not to accept any new business. With little official guidance on what constituted "critical infrastructure", it's understandable that the City could take the position that it did. However, since the original order, there have been several important developments.

- On March 28th, 2020, the Department of Homeland Security added firearms retailers to the current CISA guidelines of critical infrastructure under the general heading of "Public Safety". The new CISA guidelines state that "Workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges." are part of critical infrastructure and thus deemed essential.
- On March 30th, in response to the new CISA guidelines, Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva reversed his initial position by allowing Firearms Retailers within the County to remain open "Based on this further input from the federal government, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will not order or recommend closure of businesses that sell or repair firearms or sell ammunition,".

After these developments, MBR, Inc. respectfully requested that the existing City order be modified to allow us to remain open, and accept new transactions. On April 1st, 2020, Culver City Manager John M. Nachbar issued a Third Supplement to the City's Public Order regarding COVID-19, which clarified the position of firearms retailers as part of essential critical infrastructure and specified that they would be allowed to conduct business, including new sales, during the COVID-19 local emergency.

Martin B. Retting, Inc. 11029 Washington Boulevard Culver City, CA 90232 310-837-2412



4/2/2020

We are grateful that the City has reached this determination and would like to reassure the members of the City Council, as well as City administrators, that we take our responsibility to operate within accepted COVID-19 safety protocols seriously. We are confident that with the precautions that we have implemented, we will continue to operate safely. As always, we welcome any advice that the City may offer on how to safely operate and meet our obligations during this crisis.

In closing, we wish to reaffirm our commitment to the community. In the interest of addressing concerns regarding new firearm owners and in a general effort to raise awareness and encourage safe firearm handling practices, we are currently collaborating on a public service announcement (PSA) in partnership with world renowned firearms instructor, retired LAPD SWAT Officer and court recognized "use of force" expert Scott Reitz of International Tactical Training Seminars (ITTS). Mr. Reitz will address firearms safety for new gun-owners and we will make this available freely through social media. Mr. Reitz has decades of experience instructing shooters of all levels and his insight will be invaluable to all gun-owners. We expect it to be available by April 3rd. We encourage the City to join our efforts and offer something similar to the community now, and on an ongoing basis, in order to constructively address the issue of firearms safety.

Respectfully,

Alexander Reyes
Martin B. Retting, Inc.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Prisca Gloor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms are NOT essential

We have to discuss this issue because Trump is corrupt and gets money from the NRA. Many people in the US die daily because of guns and also more people commit suicide if they have access to a gun. You know about the horrid school shootings our children have to suffer.

We have this discussion because we have corrupt politicians that do not care whether we die - they just want to stay in power and get money from their donors.

Guns make us unsafe. We cannot eat guns.

Every other country would be shocked that we even consider this topic. It is beyond appalling.

I hope you will use common sense and vote that guns are not essential.

Sincerely,
Prisca Gloor
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Norman Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:28 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms retailers being allowed to operate during the emergency period

If the Council allows firearm sales during this emergency period, they will be responsible for whatever injury or death results from the use of those firearms. We have a very competent police department with extraordinarily good response time. We do not need more guns in the hands of private citizens.

Norman Johnson

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ryan Wunderlich [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Guns and Ammo are essential business

Hello,

Given the current environment, I believe it is necessary for guns and ammo to be available for individuals to be able to hunt small game to feed their family. With big retailers closed, these shops are the only outlet to purchase in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ryan Wunderlich

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Ryan Wunderlich
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bruce Pflieger <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: 2nd Amendment Rights

How dare you shut down a gun store during a pandemic. This goes against my 2nd Amendment rights. If I am unable to obtain a legal firearm and my house gets burglarized or my family gets hurt from an intruder, I will bring a lawsuit against the city.

-Bruce
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Jason S [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, [REDACTED] M
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: April 2 City Council Meeting

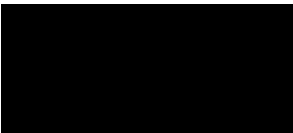
To Whom It May Concern,

This year will mark 22 years as a Culver City resident. I have been an employee of Culver City's largest employer during this time. I am a veteran who served honorably in Operations Desert Shield and Southern Watch during the first Gulf War. I am a husband and father of two children, ages 7 & 9, who are students in CCUSD.

I swore in my Oath of Enlistment to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. While I have not exercised my Second Amendment right to bear arms, I have given it much thought over the years. With the support of my wife and family, I have decided that I would like to exercise this right guaranteed by the very Constitution I swore to support and defend. Unfortunately due to the unprecedented times we are living in I find myself unable to do so. As written in the Second Amendment, this right shall not be infringed. I understand that public health is a primary concern during the Coronavirus crisis, but there are ways manage the risks as they are at supermarkets, gas stations, etc. I am asking City Council to uphold our rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment and follow the guidelines from the Department of Homeland Security by allowing Martin B. Retting Inc. to reopen for business.

Regards,

Jason W. Spaltro



Ferrel, Mimi

From: Nathan Danilowicz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31,
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: CULVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING (April 2nd) TO DISCUSS "CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE"
STATUS OF FIREARMS RETAILERS

Dear Culver City City Council,

I am writing in support of my Second Amendment Rights and the business operations of Martin B. Retting, Inc. I do not own a firearm, but I would like to support this business in this time of crisis. I would like the employees to continue to go to work at this essential business and I would like the option of being able to buy a firearm if I so desire/need in this tie of crisis– for my safety and for the safety of my family and neighbors, and property. Thank you.

With Fantastic,

[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: H Hatter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday,
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Please keep gun shop open as an essential businesss

Categories: Green category

Hello

I am asking that you please keep the gun store open as an essential business. I had an appointment to take the FSC test and the shop was closed down as non essential. The gun store is essential and part of my constitutional right to have a gun to protect myself. We are seniors and we around doing past riots and people may revolt. Can you please leave the store open as essential

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: markm [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesda 2:48 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Public Comment

Importance: High

I wish this to be read in the matter of Martin B. Retting at the Culver City Council meeting.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a 52 year old resident of Culver City, and I have lived in Culver City for the past 14 years with my wife. I am asking City Council to uphold our rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment and follow the guidelines from the Department of Homeland Security by allowing Martin B. Retting Inc. to reopen for business.

I am a law abiding gun owner. I am not a fanatic or right wing supporter. I am a responsible gun owner, and with the support of my wife, I have decided that I would like to exercise my right guaranteed by U.S. Constitution. As written in the Second Amendment, this right shall not be infringed. I understand that public health is a primary concern during the Coronavirus crisis, but there are ways manage the risks as they are at supermarkets, gas stations, etc.

I love Culver City, but I am increasing concerned about the authoritarian roll of our City Council. Why spend unnecessary financial resources in a time of crisis by making a poor decision in what will obviously result in a lawsuit. Our City resources should be put to better use than defending a lawsuit. We are all in this crisis together, and I ask that the City Council unite our residents to come together in unity in this the moment of crisis instead of alienating long term residents.

Respectfully,

Mark C. Minichiello

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Matt Bergman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B Retting

As a supplier to first responders and citizens alike, please consider businesses such as gun shops Essential Businesses, Martin B Retting has been a Staple of the Culver City community since 1958 drawing Customers from around the globe To spend money and Support the businesses around Culver City. Again, please do not infringe on your citizens second amendment rights and keep gun stores essential

Thank you
Matthew Bergman
Founder
Sheepdog Supply Co
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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Pinzon Carlos [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B Retting

To whom it may concern,

It is our right under the United States constitution to be able to defend ourselves.

Please take into consideration that there are plenty of law abiding citizens that would like to purchase firearms for protection. I understand that the city council is contemplating shutting Martin B Retting down- but that simply is wrong.

I had to drive to San Diego to purchase ammunition. City of Los Angeles has lifted its ban on gun stores and they are now considered essential. You are only penalizing a long time business owner and the residents in proximity of that shop.

It's imperative that in these difficult times - the city council not change to rules to citizens who have paid taxes and played by all the rules all along.

-Rettings Team

Martin B. Retting, Inc.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Mike Rocha [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, Ma
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Classification of firearms retailers as essential/non essential meeting

To whom it may concern,

Culver City government should have more important issues right now than this meeting because of the COVID19 pandemic. A city government may weigh in on a national subject involving actual rights guaranteed by the constitution, but what good does this do in the grander scheme of things ?

Citizens are concerned for their well being not only because of the virus, but also because of the very real chance of civil unrest that may result from all of the furloughs and layoffs happening across the county. There is a very real chance that people in this county may become victims of starvation and malnutrition due to the loss of income.

Having a meeting to make a determination that was already made at the federal level will only put lives at risk in the event of civil unrest, and cause further loss of income for the small business gun retailers and their employees. I respectfully ask that you focus on more important issues such as temporary housing for the homeless during this crisis, community action projects to figure out how to feed the jobless, and kids in Culver City who go hungry when there ISN'T a crisis. You know, IMPORTANT things. I assure you this is not one of them.

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Howard Hugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: From a Potential Hate Crime Target Gun Stores Essential

To Whom it May Concern,

I just wanted to let you know as an Chinese American, I feel very threatened by our President and the hate crimes going on. I would like for you to reconsider you to allow gun stores to remain open, so people can keep and bear arms for protection.

Texas chief has commented that it's not their responsibility to protect people from crime and theft. This is the same situation that happened during the L.A. riots. Please reconsider and allow the stores to open.

Thank you,

Howard Hugh

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Edward Cosgrove [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:16 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: April 2nd City Council Meeting

Categories: Green category

Greetings,

As a citizen seeking to exercise my Second Amendment rights, I support the reopening of firearms retailers to normal business, with social distancing measures in place. Shortly before the local lockdown, I had attempted to purchase a firearm, but was unable to complete my purchase due to a procedural hitch having to do with my California identification. In the process, I found myself most impressed with the stringent nature of California's gun laws (which I had never before had occasion to examine in close detail), and the extremely responsible and fully compliant manner in which the Culver City located retailer with which I was dealing (Martin Retting, Inc.) enforced these regulations. Both of these are things that I consider beneficial to society. Feeling that firearms sales are well-regulated and carefully monitored, and seeking to exercise my rights under the United States Constitution, I am in favor of Culver City allowing firearms retailers to reopen, under appropriate social distancing guidelines. Thank you.

Edward A. Cosgrove

Sent from my iPhone

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Email Service [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, Mar
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: In favor of Martin B. Retting Inc. and 2A

Hello,

My name is Carla Apodaca and I want to express my concern over the violation of our second amendment. I implore that Culver City take into consideration that people must have access to their rights, especially in such a dire time. How can we be considered American if we cannot access something that is so fundamental?
Not to mention the fact that you do not want people going to the black market due to desperation.
For some families, we are the first line of defense.

Please consider my statement.

Down below I have linked the daily mail article which I was the subject of when standing outside of Martin B. Retting Inc.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8123285/LA-residents-stock-guns-coronavirus-pandemic.html?fbclid=IwAR3cDTCUd2HJUUYK9xXCK4aFVF5YDN_765GeKUqeXOYjdkK1D1QryV0Bsf8

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Carla Apodaca
[My LinkedIn](#)

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ron Escobar [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: SAFER at HOME Emergency Order - FIRE ARMS

Good Afternoon,

I am a former US Marine and a local business owner. I own a construction company that does work in the Public Sector and therefore I am encouraged to work, and many of my crews are out in different areas improving the public infrastructure. I all the years I lived in Culver City I always felt safe and never thought about the need for owning a gun. This is despite my military background, have not owned a gun for over 20 years.

Things are very different now, and I would like to have my constitutional right exercised and buy a gun to have in my house. I do not anticipate having to use it at all, but it will give me peace of mind knowing that if I have to, I will have the option available to protect my family. I wish I could stay home every day and I wish I felt 100% safe, but that is not the case. I respectfully request that you approve Martin B Retting Inc to conduct business, so I can legally purchase the gun that would help me feel safer. They are an essential business in this unprecedented times.

Thank you.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Clay Busch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, Ma
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Upcoming Meeting Regarding Gun Shop

Hi there. I recently came across some information about an upcoming hearing regarding gun stores remaining open. As someone who has grown up with firearms in his household his whole life, been safely trained and not a current gun owner I think it is an essential business for people like me who feel they need to be prepared in case something happens during these chaotic times in our country dealing with COVID-19. I am trying to purchase a firearm currently.

My 2nd amendment right should allow me to go in and purchase a gun if I feel the need for protection which in this case I do at any time if I do it legally. I hope this gets lifted and approved as this is the first time I've felt compelled to purchase a firearm and my 2nd amendment right should allow me to purchase one legally at anytime.

James "Clay" Busch
Marina Del Rey, CA

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ronald Olson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:47 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting

You have no right and no excuse to shut down Martin B Retting gun shop, or ANY gun shop for that matter. You are overstepping and perverting your role as publicly elected city officials and any "authority" that is inherent in that job. Shutting down *any* gun shop for no justifiable, valid reason is indeed both treasonous and an act of TYRANNY! The Second Amendment was written and included into the Bill of Rights to make sure that tyranny could NEVER, EVER AGAIN beset American Citizens! Your treason against the Constitution and Bill of Rights is abjectly shameful! It is about TIME that you were openly and publicly called on and confronted about it!

Firearms, owned and possessed by American Citizens, civilians, are essential to both our individual and collective public safety, and in a crisis, police response is slowed to a crawl, if not dragged to a complete stop.

American Citizens *have* the God-given, unalienable, individual, natural human right to protect and defend themselves, individually, against their own government and any other description of any threat, and their home and property with *the* most effective means that they can get their hands on. *That* means is indeed a gun.

GOD gives us our rights, NOT our own government, **NOT** you. If the government gave us our rights, then they wouldn't be 'rights', would they? They'd be nothing more than over-regulated revocable 'permissions', subject to the whims of those in government that seek power and control over the People, the Citizens, at any given instant.

We the People of the United States of America created our own government to be our public *servants*, NOT our masters! You, as publicly elected city officials have NOTHING to DO with our God-given, unalienable, individual, natural human rights, except to say that your job, as publicly elected city officials is to UPHOLD and DEFEND, and to PROTECT and PRESERVE our rights, yes, even and *especially* the right to keep and bear Arms. YOU did not give us our rights, God did, and YOU are NOT God.

Our rights, as given to us by God Himself are *His*, and His ALONE to either freely give to us or take away from us, and *you*, in your role as publicly elected city officials are NOT a factor in that equation. PERIOD! The relationship that we have with God is a very and exclusively DIRECT relationship. That means that it is an "A (God) to B (us)" relationship, and there is no 'C', so do yourself and us all, and favor, and 'C' your way OUT of that aspect of our individual lives!

Our rights are between God and We the People as individual American Citizens. The Second Amendment, the right to keep and bear Arms, is what makes the United States of America the Republic that it is. In a Republic, the People, *the Citizens* control the government, the government does not control the Citizens. The United States of America is a REPUBLIC, and YOU, as publicly elected city officials do NOT control the residents of the city of Culver City, you are controlled **BY** them!

Publicly elected city officials are ELECTED. This means that you are EMPLOYEES of the residents of Culver City. You got your jobs by an open and public vote, which means that the voting residents of the city of Culver City are your boss, and the employee does NOT tell the boss what to do, nor what the rules are, nor what the job is or how to do it. You are NOT "rulers", you do not 'rule over' and 'control' people, you are controlled **BY** the People! You are NOT "appointed" to your role as city officials by God, or a king or queen or anything like that, you are ELECTED, and you are elected by We the People. You were voted into your jobs, and you can be voted OUT!

You answer to *the residents of the city of Culver City*! They do NOT answer to you! You are publicly elected employees, **you are servants**, you are NOT "the public's master", you are NOT ANYONE'S "master"! You need to STOP trying to BE the masters of the residents of the city of Culver City!

You have NO justifiable reason to shut down Martin B Retting. They aren't violating any city ordinances or laws. You want to shut them down simply because you hate the Second Amendment. You seek to control people, and an armed

populace can't be controlled, therefore, you're doing anything and everything that you can to separate We the People from the most effective means of protecting and defending ourselves against you.

As an American Citizen, as a resident of the state of California... as per the California State Constitution, Article 1, Section 3 (a):

"The people have the right to instruct their representatives, petition government for redress of grievances, and assemble freely to consult for the common good."

"The people have the right to instruct their representatives..." As a Natural Born American Citizen and as a legal resident of the State of California, I am invoking this right, *my* God-given, unalienable, individual, natural human right to instruct you how to do your job as an openly, and publicly elected government/city official, a public servant, and I am *instructing* you to stop this treasonous behavior, and get out of the way of the owners and operators of Martin B. Retting, and allow them to go back to conducting business as usual.

It is NOT your place, nor your job to interfere with American Citizens' God-given, unalienable, individual, natural human rights.

I have not threatened you, nor anyone else with this message to you. I have provided a CIVICS LESSON to you in case you have forgotten how your job was intended to be done, by both the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of California.

I am not a resident of the city of Culver City, I am a resident of the City of Los Angeles, but that doesn't exclude me from this issue. Martin B. Retting serves people from communities and cities far beyond Culver City. Culver City is within the boundaries of Los Angeles County, and I am indeed a resident of Los Angeles County, this pertains to me just as much as it pertains to the residents that live next door to Martin B. Retting on Huron Avenue, and around the corner on Tilden Avenue there in Culver City.

I am instructing you to CEASE and DESIST interfering with Martin B Retting's ability to conduct lawful business.

Ronald S. Olson

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Sean Nass <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, M
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin Guns

Thank you for reviewing the present note.

Martin Guns has been and will continue to be an outstanding retailer in Culver City. It is our constitutional right to own a gun. Data shows where people are allowed to own guns, crime is less. Please allow Martin Guns to continue business as usual. They are a staple in the the city.

Thank you.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Scott Leeper <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:21 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Re: Martin B Rettings, an essential business

To whom it may concern;

Being a former resident, voter of Culver City and a customer of Martin B Rettings, they are essential in this time of crisis so residents and those living in the West L.A. area have a place like Rettings to help them provide for the safety of their families.

Retting has been and is a place of honesty, service to the community, great work ethic always willing to help those who knew very little about firearms.

Rettings is an essential business to Culver City, West Los Angeles and Southern California.

Kindest regards,

Scott B. Leeper

Ferrel, Mimi

From: David Poura [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms sales

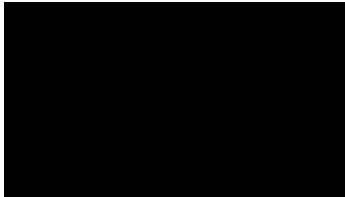
Hello,

It was brought to my attention that there will be a meeting held about this topic tomorrow April 2 at 8 AM.

I wanted to express my strong opinion about the importancy of fire arms selves to still exist since this is an extremely important issue please kindly consider allowing the sales of fire arms with Proper limitations of number of patrons allowed in store etc.

Sincerely,

David H. Pouravrahim



Ferrel, Mimi

From: Christian F. Bryant <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31,
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Classification of Firearms Retailers as Essential or Non-essential Businesses

Categories: Green category

To the Culver City Council,

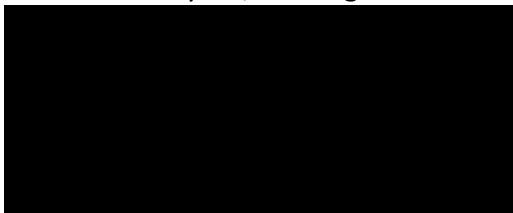
Regarding the topic of the classification of firearms retailers as essential or non-essential businesses during the COVID-19 local emergency in light of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) advisory guidance and the Los Angeles County positions, I would like to make the following brief comments stating my stance on this:

As a potential new gun owner, a father of two daughters, living in an area that has seen a lot of street crime and residential crime, even on a normal day, I fear for the safety of my family in a crisis such as COVID-19. Nobody can say for sure what will happen, but times are going to get tougher for those who already have almost nothing and as a result, those folks may become more bold and, sadly, violent in order to survive. I am NOT looking to hurt others, merely to have an option to protect my family. As long as the gun stores are closed during this crisis, I will not be able to do that to the best of my ability. While we citizens lean on Law Enforcement, they are likely going to be more tied up as things get worse and unable to act upon every call. As I like to say, in the home I am the first responder and I want that to mean something if presented with an intruder who is better armed than I currently am. Please re-open the local gun shops with all the needed cautions in place related to COVID-19. Thank you.

Respectfully yours.

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Christian F. Bryant, Los Angeles CA



Member:
Father Solanus Guild
Father McGivney Guild

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Anthony Metzidis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: 2nd Amendment Rights Do Matter : Keep Martin B Redding Open

First off I support our police officers and emergency personnel. I understand they are the most important line of order in the community.

But let's be honest, it takes 30s for someone to attack you, and they are likely going to be armed and have little respect for the law.

For this reason, our Founding Fathers gave each individual American the right to keep and Bear arms.

As long as we still have the right to keep and bear arms, I can think of few activities more essential than the freedom to purchase a firearm. If Taco Bell and Starbucks are considered essential, then certainly a firearm retailer counts.

City council, please vote to allow Martin B Redding to remain open to legally and safely sell firearms and ammunition. Otherwise, only criminals will be buying guns.

Sincerely,
Anthony Metzidis

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Chris Tarn <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, Ma
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Our Input to be read aloud for the Culver City Council April 2nd Meeting at 8 PM

To:

Culver City Council

From:

Christopher E.Tarn
Anutjarin J. Tarn
Gertraude Tarn
[REDACTED]

Topic: Are Firearm Stores Essential businesses?

Yes, firearm stores are essential venues and good people should not have their ability to legally purchase a firearm blocked when needed most. Though we would like to live in a society where a firearm is never needed, the fact is that no such society yet exists. Given the following facts of;

- 1) late/slow police response times,
- 2) police are not required by law to help people,
- 3) federal, state and county jails are early releasing 1000s of convicted criminals due to the crisis (Newsom is commuting prison time for murderers)
- 4) crimes of robbery, rape, home invasion, attempted murder are occurring right now
- 5) the presence of a firearm deters and prevents crime,

Given those above facts it would be foolish to conclude that firearms venues are non-essential.

If you want to discuss an important topic, you should be proactive and discuss how to disseminate good educational online videos on firearm safety.

I encourage you to rise to this crisis and use your powers of governance to protect rights and to educate, to learn from history and not to infringe upon rights with the all too easily grasped stick of tyranny.

Best Regards,

Chris Tarn
Anutjarin Tarn
Gertraude Tarn

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bernard McVeigh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 3
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting inc

I'm a longtime Los Angeles resident, Writing to support keeping gun stores open , most if not all the folks that purchase from stores like Retting are hardworking, law abiding people that contributed tremendously towards the community, they feel they need to protect themselves and their families, in the event that law enforcement cannot, over the last few weeks I've had so many friends And moms contact me wanting to know how to get a gun in California, and some of these people before were very against having guns, but now they are desperately try to purchase one, please please keep them open,

Thank you,
Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Alice Dewey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, Ma
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: essential businesses

Dear Culver City Council,

Please leave the gun stores open! My neighbor was broken into last night by a homeless person and I will need to buy protection of some kind for myself. I plan to buy the kind of Taser that requires you actually touch the person who is attacking you because I don't want to have to go to jail for killing someone. I live in a very small house which is older so I doubt anyone will be looking for very many valuables at my house.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alice Dewey

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Glenn Shelton [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, Marc
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun store debate for reopening stores

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I have never owned a gun, but we support the 2nd amendment.

Although in the past, we thought it best not to have one in our home, we insist on the right to change our minds.

One need not look further than the grocery store to recognize the panic that supports crazy behaviors of otherwise normal range of folks.

The recent decision to release inmates from prisons to save them for Covid 19, coupled with the closing of the local gun stores has truly frighten us.

We strongly remind you that we have the right to chose if we want to own a gun or not.

Please note, that we get needing to limit the persons in a gun store, manage correct social distancing and even add extra scrutiny for back round checks, but the idea that NO choice is allowed to us for any reason is completely un-American and un acceptable.

Please take our comments seriously for your April 2nd discussion on reopening the gun stores.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Joel Bertet <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:25 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearm Retailers Such as Martin Redding ARE ESSENTIAL
Attachments: PastedGraphic-2.tiff

Dear Honorable Council Members:

First, I hope that you are all safe and I commend you for your courage during these difficult times.

I respectfully ask that you permit Martin Redding and other Firearm Retailers (I know of no others in the City) to remain open during these critical and dangerous times.

We all know the importance of our 2nd Amendment Rights and its incredible importance to our society.

The City of Los Angeles and Pasadena have already issued orders closing gun shops. An order which is now the subject of a Federal Lawsuit and in my opinion a clear violation of the 2nd Amendment.

Culver City has always been a leader not a follower in many respects.

I ask that you lead and be a shining example of a City that protects the 2nd Amendment and rights of Citizens to Lawfully purchase firearms for their lawful use. When these difficult times are over people will look back and remember the leaders and those that

Fought to protect their citizens as well as remember the cowards that crumbled in front of adversity.

The 2nd Amendment and our Constitution is ALWAYS ESSENTIAL to our democracy and our liberties. The State of California has already made it extremely difficult for citizens to purchase guns.

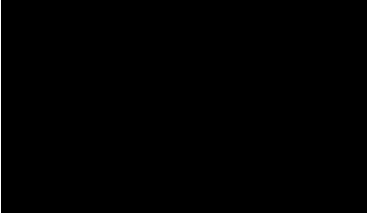
Please allow Martin Redding and other lawful Gun Shops to be open during these very demanding and critical times. They are essential to the safety and security of all Citizens and they are the true manifestation of our Constitutional Rights.

Very truly yours,

Joel Bertet



Joel Bertet



Ferrel, Mimi

From: joseph john carreon <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020
Cc: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers

In light of the of present rulings and findings of the CISA and the LA County Sheriff's office please allow Firearms Retailers like Martin B Retting to operate fully in their capacity as retailers for the firearms industry. We need this stores to be open so as to have access to their services . It is an important service need in this trying and dare I say dangerous times. Please do not politicize the situation.

Thank you

Ferrel, Mimi

From: John M Perez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:46 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Classification of Firearm Retailers

Dear Culver City Council Members,

As a longtime resident of Culver City I urge you to allow all firearms and ammo retailers in Culver City to operate and continue to operate as an essential business during this covid19 ordeal. Following all current health and social distancing guidelines.

Sincerely,
John Perez

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Dave Crawford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retting

Thank you members for allowing MBR to honor its contractual commitments these past few weeks. My wife and I are 30 year residents in this community. Our police force is second to none, yet with rising unemployment rates will inevitably come more crime. And every now and then, it escalates from a common auto break-in to something as serious as a home invasion. MBR must be allowed to service the needs of our community in providing protection for households against the very real prospect of crime hitting our neighborhoods. Please give this matter careful consideration.

Best, Dave and Denise Crawford, [REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Roxanne Beckford Hoge [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin Retting sales

I could wax rhapsodic about why the above-mentioned business should be able to resume operation in light of a clear and present danger to Californians caused by Props 47, 57 and AB 109, and the recent release of prisoners due to coronavirus.

Instead, I'll just suggest that closing this business may be rather expensive to the body that makes such an order due to this:

"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."

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Roxanne Beckford Hoge
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Jack Schwartz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2015
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Retting

Please allow retting gun shop to re open and protect our second amendment rights.

Thank you,

Jack Schwartz

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Dennis Kelley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Keep Firearms Retailers as Critical Infrastructure

Dear City Council:

I am writing to express my adamant support for maintaining firearm retailers, including Martin Retting, as Critical Infrastructure. In a time of massive upheaval, it is paramount to democracy that all constitutional rights be upheld and observed. In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), the Supreme Court has ruled that possession of firearms for self-defense is an enumerated constitutional right. Even if one disagrees with a right as a matter of policy preference, such rights can only be properly altered through Constitutional amendment. Otherwise, all our long-cherished enumerated rights are only a whim away from extinction.

If one side can wish away the Second Amendment, the precedent is established for the opposition to wish away our First or Fourth Amendment protections.

Therefore, I implore you to decide this matter with the care required by our Nation's democratic traditions, and maintain the Critical Infrastructure status of such establishments.

Thank you for your attention to the crucial matter.

Sincerely,
Dennis R. Kelley

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Joe Winter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:51 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Keep Martin B. Retting Open for Business

My name is Joe Winter and I am a long time customer of Martin B. Retting.

I am very concerned with the current order from the City of Culver City that prevents the store from conducting new business.

I have two main concerns about this order.

#1, What does closing a gun store have to do with combating a virus outbreak?

Would not the city's time be better spent researching and implementing ways of protecting the residents of Culver City from COVID-19?

I feel this is just an attempt by individuals with an anti-gun agenda to seize an opportunity and close down a long-standing federally licensed gun store with an impeccable track record of lawfully conducting firearms sales.

Concern #2, Denying the citizens of Culver City and the surrounding area of their constitutional rights to protect themselves.

No person has the right to deny another human being their God given right to defend themselves and if a person intending on protecting themselves wants to purchase a firearm then so be it.

So to recap my concerns-preventing Martin B. Retting from conducting new business diverts attention away from the core problem which is a virus outbreak, does nothing to combat this virus outbreak, and denies qualified good citizens of Culver City and the surrounding area the ability to lawfully defend themselves.

Joe Winter
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: mike winter [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B Retting Gun store

My name is Mike Winter, I'm a retired law enforcement with 29 years of active service. During my career and since I've retired I have been a customer of this business.

Let me be frank; to propose limiting in any way this store from conducting its lawful and federally licensed business is nothing more than an effort to advance an anti Second Amendment agenda under the guise of dealing with this current crisis.

I'm sure the management and employees of Martin B Retting are perfectly capable of conducting their business in as safe a manner as any of the other so called essential business.

I can go on and on but this is the bottom line: the police of any jurisdiction cannot protect people in their homes and businesses (both places that citizens can lawfully possess firearms to protect themselves). We arrive after the fact, write reports, take pictures and issue report numbers, none of which stops an intruder or garden variety nut case from launching an attack. Our laws are so watered down and our police are paralyzed by micro management and by constantly being reminded they'll be fired and/or prosecuted for the slightest mistake. This is why there's a curious absence of black and whites patrolling. When's the last time you saw a black and white drive in front of your house?

Our criminals laugh at us. They walk around in their fog of intoxication, urinating in public always looking for an easy score with tax payer subsidized money and benefits cards in their pockets. Talk to anyone who has a "Ring" brand doorbell/camera system. Everyday there are dozens of postings by every day folks with videos of these criminals that commit crimes with impunity. Let's go one further. I dare anyone proposing this closure to run their zip code, not even their whole city but just their zip code in the Megan's Law website. These predators are every where. And these are the ones that have been caught and successfully prosecuted. What about the others? And there are others. To believe otherwise is idiotic.

People have the Constitutional right to defend themselves and going after Martin B Retting is an attack on that right. A blind man could see it.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Winter

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Emmanuel Espinoza [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 9:46 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun store vote Thursday

As a constituent, I'd like to voice my strong support for officially calling a gun store as explicitly NON-essential since the County keeps going back and forth on this. A time when potentially millions of survivors of violence in the home could be unable to leave a potentially deadly situation, we should NOT be adding more guns to the mix!

Thank you,
Emmanuel Espinoza

Manny's phone wanted you to have this.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Tara Espinoza [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 10:08 PM
To: public.comment@culvercity.krg
Cc: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun store vote Thursday

As a constituent, I'd like to voice my strong support for officially calling a gun store as explicitly NON-essential since the County keeps going back and forth on this.

A time when potentially millions of survivors of violence in the home could be unable to leave a potentially deadly situation, we should NOT be adding more guns to the mix!

I am a teacher in the district and have always been uncomfortable with a gun store in such a close proximity to where kids spend a majority of their day. Not to mention a Mosque. Hate, ignorance and panic are a recipe for disaster.

Thank you,
Tara Espinoza

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Regards,

Tara

Ferrel, Mimi

From: BRANDON WILLIAMS <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 202
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearm Retailers = Critical Infrastructure

I'm writing to the council as a concerned citizen and resident of LA county, for the safety of myself, family, and housemates. Firearm retailers are essential to our protection during this pandemic and what's looming in the next couple months. We, as citizens, need to protect ourselves and without firearm retailers open, our lives are at risk. Please, open firearm retailers for new and existing customers.

Brandon Williams
LA County Resident

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Dovid Moshe Einstein [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 20
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: coronavirus 2nd amendment

Hi,

I live in the area and have 3 young kids and a wife.

I had an appointment with Martin Retting to take the exam and purchase a firearm.

This was cancelled once the city deemed Martin Retting non-Essential.

It is unfair and unconstitutional for city ordinances to contradict the second amendment.

Now more than ever, law-abiding citizens should have their constitutional rights honoured.

People are fearful of the unknown and should be allowed to protect their families in this strange time.

Please think about us in coming to your decision.

Thanks,

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Raquel Vargas [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, Ap
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun stores are essential business.

To : CA officials and Culver City

From: Raquel Vargas

Property Manager
Citizen
Democrat
Liberal
And gun activate

As a concerned resident and citizen I urge you to allow Martin B Retting Gun store to remain open. We have rights and I would like this gun store to remain essential business. I don't even have a gun permit but yes it should remain open.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Nate White [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday,
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers Must Remain Open

Dear Culver City Council,

I am a proud CC resident and homeowner. I have several points I would like to make:

- 1) I make my living in executive protection, and I hold the required CA Guard Card and Exposed Firearms permit (and have for 20 years now). I fall under the 'Essential Personnel' criteria, allowing me to continue to work, in these trying times. I would ask a very simple question: what sense does it make to prevent a trained professional who is authorized as 'essential', and carries a deadly weapon daily as part of the job, from acquiring the tools needed to do that job, and limit access to the goods needed to maintain proficiency and safety on the job? It would be negligent to deny me access to the requirements of the job, be it parts, holsters, cleaning supplies, or ammunition (for practice or otherwise). You might think 'a professional should have adequate supply, or be prepared'; however, this creates a situation which requires hoarding, and the effects of that are amply clear right now.
- 2) At a time when CA is releasing criminals from jails, and crime has increased over the last few years due to prop's 47 and 57, preventing law-abiding citizens from taking the necessary steps to protect themselves and their families is wrong.
- 3) The 2a is enshrined in the constitution, and hindering it is illegal, as the Supreme Court has made clear. It's also immoral, endangering innocent lives. To lend this a personal note, I was shot at outside my home in Mar Vista in 2014, for no reason, as I entered my car to go to work a night shift. A round hit the car 4in from my head. I've done the training, and used the training drill to evade, shelter, and gain access to my weapon, which was locked in a safe in my trunk as per the law. I ran a short distance home, with my weapon in my hand, and made sure my wife and two daughters were safe until law enforcement arrived. The salient point is that law enforcement arrived.....over 5 minutes after shots were fired, and I had responded and resolved the incident myself. Unless CC law enforcement can guarantee the safety of myself, my family, and every other family in Culver City, unless they can promise me they will be there to prevent a violent incident from the start, you have no right to reduce anyone's ability to defend themselves.

Thank you for your time.

Nate White

Ferrel, Mimi

From: John Gregorchuk [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Shops are Essential Businesses (COVID-19)

Dear Culver City Councilmembers,

In January 2018, I was the victim of a home invasion that resulted in only one of a larger group of people being arrested. That experience led me to go out and buy my first firearm.

Unfortunately, California requires a 10 day waiting period and that 10 days was the scariest time in my life as I lived in fear, waiting for the rest of the criminals to get revenge for me getting one of their buddies arrested.

I, and many others, rely on Martin B. Retting as my source for ammunition and firearms. These are unprecedented times where police are stretched thin and county jails are releasing criminals to avoid the spread of COVID-19. Please protect our 2nd amendment rights, designate gun shops as essential businesses.

Thank you,

John Gregorchuk

PS - The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: mario olguin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, A
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B Retting

Dear Culver City Council

Please accept the petition from Martin B Retting inc. to open for business they are doing an exeptional job helping our community stay safe.

Thank you for your service to our community. Stay SAFE.

God Bless You Guys

Mario Olguin
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: George Syrengelas [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:21 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: CULVER CITY COUNCIL MEETING (April 2nd) TO DISCUSS "CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE"
STATUS OF FIREARMS RETAILERS

To whom it may concern,

The decision made by the City of Culver City continues to obstruct and violates the right of Martin B. Retting to conduct lawful commerce within the city. Residents of Culver City and of many other surrounding cities who choose to exercise their 2nd Amendment right by patronizing Martin B. Retting are being hindered by the opinion of city employees who seem to have a bitter disdain for firearms, and the 2nd Amendment. Why else would the City of Culver City stand in the way of a business that has been a pillar of their community and a strong supporter of Culver City Police Department? It seems like there are personal agendas that are getting in the way of people's rights which as of this moment still exist and are to be protected, especially by public servants of the City of Culver City, no differently than any other right as defined in the United States Constitution. To address the City of Culver City council directly, as an American you have the right to not exercise any of the Constitutional Amendments, but that does not mean that your decision to do so overrides the right of the residents of your city or of anyone else who enters it to conduct lawful commerce while exercising their Constitutional rights. Make the right decision this evening and restore the ability of Martin B. Retting to get back to business as usual servicing the people of Culver City and those from surrounding cities in the greater Southern California area, who are all willfully lining up on the curbs of your city to exercise their Constitutional rights as Americans to do business with Martin B. Retting.

Respectfully,

George Syrengelas

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Gary Panton <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting

Greetings Culver City,

I request that you revisit and reverse your decision to close Martin B. Retting for the Coronavirus issue. The DHS has ruled gun stores are critical infrastructure to Americans and in the process, DHS is supporting the Second Amendment as should you.

Even the Los Angeles County Sheriff has reversed his wrong-headed ruling and is allowing gun stores to operate normally. Please do your job and support our local businesses. Open Martin B. Retting.

Regards,
Gary Panton

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bob Ahmanson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, Apr
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Please allow Martin B Retting to resume business.

Dear Culver City Council,

Martin B Retting was the first gun store I ever visited. My father took me there when I was a boy. I was fascinated by the antiques and the history, which conjured visions of cowboys and pirates in my mind. In 1987 I bought my first pistol there. When my children were old enough, I took them to Retting for their first visit, and they were as spellbound as I was. Retting isn't like other gun stores in the area. It's not one of those "tactical" gun stores. It's the good guy of gun stores. If it were in a Western movie, it would be the guy wearing the white hat. If there is a gun store in the area that deserves to remain open, it's Retting.

On a less wistful note, I remember well the L.A. riots of 1992. It was one of the few times I ever felt I really needed a firearm for my safety. It is disingenuous to pretend that in the current situation civil unrest is not a possibility. People have a right to defend themselves if the need arises.

Please allow firearms and ammo sales to resume at Martin B Retting.

Thanks in advance for your sound and reasoned judgment,

Robert Ahmanson

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Christopher Kempton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 20
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

To whom it concerns and Culver City Council members

Thank you for your service in these times as every decision has to benefit the security and safety of the public.

I am e-mailing for the purpose of what is critical infrastructure to include firearm stores and their availability to the public.

Security and safety is a holistic idea. It is a foundational function and can only work when it is interconnected. Police officers, fire fighters, doctors/nurses, hardware stores, and grocery stores are all part of the interconnectedness. Here is where firearm stores plays a key role. Police officers can only be so many places. In fact, many police officers rely on firearm stores as any member of the public. Fire fighters use firearm stores as well as doctors and nurses. The public at large utilize these resources. I served with the 101st Airborne division, the first thing you learn is to in place security. Under planning, know your resources that are available. Police officers, Fire Fighters, doctors/ nurses think about their families as well as the general public. Security of your home and family is a necessity Doctors and nurses have the greatest expertise in health, yet the first responder is the general public in knowing how to do CPR, stop bleeding, other life saving techniques. The same exists with law enforcement in terms of keeping the home secure.

Thank you
Chris Kempton

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Kevin P. Rice [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:02 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers are ESSENTIAL

Hon. Mayor and Council Members:

* Firearms Retailers provide "household consumer products and products necessary to maintain the safety [...] of residences".

* Firearms Retailers provide products for "legally mandated government purposes" (2nd amendment, law enforcement, and security officers.)

* Firearms Retailers supply dry goods, food and emergency supplies already deemed ESSENTIAL.

Culver City faces risk and costs of litigation should the City decide to adhere to a political view opposing it's citizens' safety and needs.

Firearms Retailers are ESSENTIAL.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Chris Urban [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Stores should be open

To whom ever it may concern;

With everything that's going on right now I'm having a feeling more than ever of wanting to purchase a firearm.

I understand that all "non essential" business have been ordered to close but this is a safety essential. I'm writing this in hopes that you can help getting the local gym stores open so citizens can protect themselves during these trivial times.

Please let me know if this is something you're considering. Thank you

Chris Urban's iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: eric wong [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Restore constitutional rights

Hello Culver City,

I am writing as a Santa Monica resident and support the Second Amendment and would appreciate if you restored the ability for Angelinos in the westside to maintain the right to access their second amendment and reopen Martin B Retting. I believe maintaining the Bill of Rights as best we can is vital and essential. Whether they're a current gun owner or not, it is vital in today's time to maintain the ability to protect ourselves in our homes with such an unknown future.

This isn't just a Second Amendment issue, it's also a small business concern and I would much rather spend my money locally than online. There's no reason to force a long standing business in the community to close while some parts are still available to purchase online. Besides, we can't buy everything online if we wanted to. Having a local gun store is one of my favorite things about Culver City, and I don't want to lose that love for the city when we need you to protect our rights and maintain access to lawful owners.

Sincerely,

Eric Y. Wong D.C.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: hysumtymes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday,
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Store

Please allow the guns store to be open. It is clear that Police officers have been prone to the virus, as 500NYPD officers have been infected. If this keeps going the only protection will be from our family and neighbors.

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: John Nettleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, Apr
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun stores

I do not see why gun shops should be closed, it's our 2nd amendment right. Just another step the left wing radicals are using to take these rights away Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun retailers are an essential business

We greatly appreciate your taking the time to review this important and crucial matter. Our right to protect ourselves afforded by the constitution in the 2nd Amendment is essential and should not be compromised ever. Given the uncertainty of these times and local police agencies, by their own admission, being severely compromised by the Carona Virus, it is imperative that citizens are afforded their right to protect themselves and without the ability to purchase necessary ammuniton or firearms they are being deprived of that right.

I understand how much of a hot-button this issue has been for years but the fact remains that it is our right, and the second amendment at that, only behind the First Amendment of free speech which I am grateful to be exercising here.

Sincerely,

Peter M
Resident of Los Angeles County, California

Ferrel, Mimi

From: MM MM [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesd
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Retting Gun store

Culver City,

I am a single mother and I value my Second Amendment rights. During this shut down I am concerned about crime and the potential for looting and home invasions. I live near many vagrant encampments and the 911 response time in my area is over 2 hours, and that was before this crisis. California is releasing many prisoners from jail. I demand to have my Second Amendment rights respected and upheld. Retting Gun Store is an essential service and per the Bill of Rights and in the interests of public safety they must be allowed to operate. Thank you.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: altaylor08 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:10 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms

Dear sir: In addition to the legal opinions supporting firearm stores as essential I wish to add the following; first the second amendment supports the ownership and acquisition of firearms and ammunition, second the right to self defense and obtainment of items to do so is a right under several USA legal documents, case law and moral codes such as the Bible, philosophical commentaries on Black stones law and Websters dictionary etc. Gun stores are ESSENTIAL.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: george Toyama [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2015
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun stores sales

Dear public forum,

As a survivor of the Korea town riots, I truly believe that being able to protect oneself in times of unrest is an inalienable right.

The police were nowhere to be found and if it weren't for the ability to defend ourselves...

My relatives and businesses would not be here today.

Personal safety is in one's own hands...the police are not there to protect you.

It is a false sense of security as proven in the LA riots.

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Miriam Janousek [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Retting Gun Retail Shop in Culver City

I am writing to urge you to respect our Second Amendment rights as well as our right to defend our homes and families, and to keep Retting Gun Store open for business. There is a lot of potential for crime right now and there are homeless, some of whom are not mentally stable. People have a right to protect their homes and children. Thank you.

Miriam Janousek

[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Gilbert Vargas [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: firearms related business classified as critical infrastructure

Categories: Green category

Good day, I urge the City Council to concur with the determination provided by the Department of Homeland Security regarding the essential business nature of firearm and ammunition manufacturers and retailers.

Many security professionals rely on these enterprises to obtain and maintain their readiness to provide security for persons and property as contracted. Many homeowners rely on these enterprises for the same reasons as well as to exercise their rights as secured by the Second Amendment to our Constitution.

As the Federal agency and recently, the County of Los Angeles found, the critical role these businesses fill in the daily support of commerce and liberty in our society is readily apparent.

I thank you for taking and considering my comments.

Peace, Deacon Gilbert J Vargas (Gil)

Ferrel, Mimi

From: rae gruder [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday
To: Public Comment at Culver City

Please support guns and ammo stores thank you

Ferrel, Mimi

From: M Hernandez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, A
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms retailers

Categories: Green category

Please, take in consideration that inmates are being released and they were behind bars for a reason of crime activities. State of Calif prior to these and the last few years released thousands of inmates . More crimes more stealing more break ins . We need to protect our homes and families. I ask of you not to shutdown the stores. It is a right that we have.

I do thank you.

Respectfully,

M. Hernandez

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: ROBERT CHARTIER <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Arms in Culver City

I've been a local for a long time now.

I do own a gun, never use it, have some bullets, swap out every ten years.p

I drove by a store on Washington Blvd on my way to my Credit p

Long line outside. I figured what was going on. Didn't bother me.

The people there are the people that will look after me if events in the city overwhelm police.

Bad people are getting all this some other way. We need our good people around, stocked to offset this.

Thank you for reading.

Sent from my iPhone while driving with my knees, and eating a sub

Ferrel, Mimi

From: David Delhomme [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: I SUPPORT firearm and ammunition retailers as an essential business

To Whom it may concern,

I SUPPORT firearm and ammunition retailers as an essential business, especially during this time of great uncertainty.
The protection of family and home is prudently omnipresent.

Thank You for your time.

Sincerely,

David D.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: George Best [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: 2nd Amendment Rights

2nd Amendment Rights must always be protected , no matter what front is used !!

Sincerely ,
George Barboza

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Larry Mattson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, A
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential Businesses

Because the authorities are releasing from prison dangerous convicts with violent histories during this health crisis, we need guns and ammunition in our homes to protect ourselves.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: gerardo sanchez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms essential, now more than ever.

With so many inmates released from jail recently, we must protect our homes and loved ones.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Arno [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: 2A not a choice but a right

Dear members of council for the city of Culver. Not to be infringed wasn't an opinion it was a statement. Stop the attacks on our 2nd amendment rights. The constitution is the law of the land and you must follow it. Thank you for your time

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ben Sarto [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Why Gun Stores are Essential during this time

Importance: High

Hello City Council,

During this unprecedented and unusual time, we all have a lot of different things on our minds:

- Will we be able to get enough food?
- Will supply chains continue un-interrupted?
- Will I be able to protect my family? (from getting sick or other threats?)

Thankfully we live in the greatest country in the world, where we have plenty of food on the shelves, toilet paper in stock and healthcare professionals on the frontlines, but now we also have hundreds, if not thousands of criminals being released by the sheriffs departments, all in the name of "flattening the curve" while **simultaneously** shuttering our second amendment rights. We need to be able to protect ourselves and our loved ones from every possible scenario.

This decision by the Sheriffs office was so unpopular in fact that Sherriff Villanueva was removed as head of the county's emergency operations.

Obviously, the Sheriffs office is making poor and unscrupulous decisions , one of them being deeming Gun stores as "Non-Essential".

If ANY establishment is taking this Pandemic seriously, it is Gun Stores (namely, Martin B Retting). I stood outside of Martin B Retting last Friday with an **Email made appointment**, and they were consistently making sure everyone was more than 6 feet apart, orderly and respectful of each other **and had an appointment OR, they were turned away.**
(Grocery stores are not even employing this level of scrutiny).

Please do the right thing and approve Gun stores as essential as we all look forward to getting through this crisis together: safe and healthy.

Thank you



Benjamin Sarto
Property & Casualty Broker
Gordon Associates Insurance Services, Inc
Beverly Hills Office

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ronnie Corona [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun store essential businesses

I would like to state that gun stores, shooting ranges and any store that provides a service to citizens for the purposes of self protection should be deemed essential!

Thank you!
Ronnie S

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Brian Gallo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential Right to Protect Family

There is nothing more essential than the right to protect one's family, especially in a time of historic government overreach and denial of Constitutional Rights.

Brian Gallo
Santa Monica

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Miriam H [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Re: April 2, 2020 Culver City Council meeting on classification of firearms and ammunition retailers

To the members of the Culver City Council:

We are living in a difficult period of time in our country and our basic rights are being pressed upon daily. While law abiding citizens are doing our part, we still need to have access to firearms and ammunition. As we are unable to purchase this essential item online, it is of great importance that cities, such as yours, protect our second amendment right. While prisoners are being released back into the general public and many strange decisions regarding the protection of citizens in regards to property crime and assault are being made in relation to the fears of Covid-19, the rights of law abiding citizens to be able to protect themselves is of extreme importance.

I urge you to not remove a basic Constitutional right from our hands when we most need to be able to protect our homes and loved ones from non-law abiding citizens.

Thank you,

Miriam Hamby

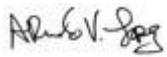
Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms prohibition

I am a retired Santa Monica Police Detective and I wish to have my opinion considered.

I believe that the council should not stop gun and ammo sales in Culver City. Unfortunately many of our officers and emergency workers may not be able to protect us during these trying times. This may turn into an "every person for themselves". Should this occur the population will have to be self reliant and dependant on firearms for survival. Please consider my opinion.

Thanks



Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Eddie Barron [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: April 2, 2020 Meeting (Regarding Gun Stores Staying Open)

I feel it is imperative for gun stores to remain open during the COVID-19 situation for the following reasons.

People are remaining in their homes all day long listening to some very scary reports.
Reports of law enforcement officers being out sick.
Reports that law enforcement is responding only to emergency calls.
Reports that prisoners have been released from jails.
That means more bad people in the streets and fewer in law enforcement to deal with them.
We the people, are our first line of defense when seconds count.
Which means that gun stores being open, is ESSENTIAL, not just for our self protection, but for our peace of mind.
It's very comforting to know that if law enforcement can't get to us quickly enough, we have the means to protect ourselves and our families.

Who really knows how long this situation will last?
The need to be able to purchase guns and ammunition has never been greater than it is now, due to the reasons I have mentioned.

PLEASE allow Martin B. Retting and any other store that sells firearms and ammunition to remain open during these uncertain times.

Thank you,
Eddie Barron
Los Angeles, CA

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Cezar Munz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: in support of firearms

I pledge my support for our constitutional right to bear arms necessary in times of political, economic turmoil, especially with the threat of the corrupt political swamp we call the deep state. Our Constitutional rights cannot be infringed upon, this is Sedition and criminal. If such an abomination is permitted, the people must declare that restrictive entity as an enemy to The People and must rise up against it or lose our liberties, and likely down the line in a not so far future; our Country, the united States of America.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Tom Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:12 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun store

Counsel member's it would be best not to take gun stores off of the essential list, If you do you would look as Foolish as the Sheriff of LA County by having to put it back on the list after being sued.

Sincerely Tom

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: william sturgis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: FIREARMS DEALERS AND AMMO SUPPLIERS

Recently our Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, Sheriff Alex Villanueva attempted to stop the sale of guns and ammo in all stores in Los Angeles County. This order or mandate or command was met with much opposition from the NRA and public opinion. The threat of impending lawsuits that the department decidedly admitted it could not defend caused the Sheriff to withdraw his support for closing stores that he considered non-essential.

Why on earth would the Culver City Council even consider such a move when others have tried and failed to single handedly deny our 2nd ammendment rights? This right is guaranteed by our constitution which seems like many are forgetting or simply ignoring.

The right to bear arms shall not be infringed! Without the 2nd ammendment, no other ammendments can be protected or defended. Don't waste time and taxpayer money trying to act like you are doing us all a favor. Please use your valuable talents and aspirations to help us all battle this pandemic, not the Constitution of the United States.

Sincerely,
Scott Sturgis
Hawthorne, Ca.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: william bennett [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:21 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential business

Categories: Green category

Firearm sale and dealers is part our constitutional right.

All government staff who swore to uphold our rights

Shall protect them .

Thank you

W.Bennett

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Steve Tann [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Retailers

Please accept this email as my desire to support our local gun retailers of being designated as an essential business

In an unprecedented time where we find food scarcity and early release of prisoners, residents need access to our 2 amendment rights, ammunition and weapons that are afforded to us by the constitution of the United States.

Other States and municipalities have course corrected to align themselves with the constitution after embarking down the wrong path

I trust you will make the right decision and focus on how best to protect the citizens from this virus as well as how best to serve the community

Thanking you in advance

Regards

Steve Tann

Sent from my ST

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Anthony [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:27 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: RE: Special Council Meeting, Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 8:00pm

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well, staying safe and healthy. Let me start off by saying, God bless the United States of America, the citizens, and most importantly, President Donald J. Trump, for his surprisingly strong leadership amid these troubling times.

On to the subject at hand, I cannot fathom how or why our inept Mayor Eric Garcetti, is forcing Los Angeles gun stores to close, when our inept Governor Gavin Newsome is releasing sexual offenders, murderers, drug traffickers, criminal illegal aliens, and various other law breakers. Roughly 1,700 as of this writing into our communities, (I saw the list on various websites with their crimes listed). Sure, some are minor crime offenders, but many others are dangerous individuals, that will take advantage of the present situation and find ways to prey upon those they deem 'weak'. A weapon is the ultimate equalizer, history will attest to that in the example of neutral Switzerland during World War 2.

Let us be rational about this subject.

Reward good behavior, punish law breakers. Gun control does not work, look at Armenia under Ottoman rule, Cambodia under the Khmer rouge, Soviet Russia, National Socialist Germany, to name a few examples.

Gun stores should remain open to service those law abiding citizens.

I choose to buy a gun the legal way, and wait the ridiculous ten day waiting period. Others won't and will buy a gun today, in fear, from a shady arms dealer. Trust when I say I know people who have been offered, but have refused guns with scratched serial numbers in the past.

Federal law trumps, states law. Gun store should remain open, as essential businesses. The US constitution is a gift from our founding father's, you and I are not above it.

Let us all work together to make Los Angeles a second amendment sanctuary city, and also to work together to make weak leaders Gavin Newsome and Eric Garcetti one term politicians.

One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank you for your time.

Anthony Salinas

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bernard Azer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Re: Gun Store as "Essential Business"

Dear sir(s)/madam(s)

I am writing to you today in support of keeping gun stores within your city limits open for business during these trying times due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

I am a physician residing and working within LA and Orange Counties. I have been a gun owner for over 25 years, and have purchased guns and ammunition for personal use from gun store(s) within Culver City.

Since we as physicians do not yet know the full extent of infection amongst law enforcement and military personnel within our County and State, we must prepare for the fact that a significant number will be eventually infected and unable to protect and serve our communities in case of civil unrest or other criminal activity in and around our homes or places of business. The last line of defense will be us, normal every day citizens, many of whom realize this fact and are arming themselves for the 1st time in case it comes down to minimal or no police and/or military protection.

Thank you for your consideration in this serious matter.

Regards,
Dr. Bernard Azer DO Inc.
CEO, Intruder, LLC
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Daniel Ferszt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:11 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun stores

The administration has added gun stores and ranges to the list of ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES. If you shut down any of these businesses, you will be taking away the GD GIVEN RIGHT TO SELF DEFENSE.

People purchasing guns and ammo are being subject to background checks, and if they do not pass, they cannot purchase either. Therefore, you are denying law abiding citizens their SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS!!!

Do something worth doing. Stop politicizing.

Daniel Ferszt

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Best,

Daniel Ferszt

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bernard Cane [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FIREARM RETAILERS ETC. are "Essential businesses..."

ATTENTION: CULVER CITY COUNCIL:

Every law-abiding adult citizen has a God-given right to self-preservation and the RIGHT to protect themselves and their love ones. The 2nd Amendment enumerates this RIGHT and Supreme Court affirms this RIGHT. LEO show up after the damage is done, so does that mean Culver City thinks its citizens are expendable? Don't you people have more important things to do besides interfere with families' RIGHT to protect themselves? Please do not sanction early release of CRIMINALS from jail.

Bernard Cane

California Licensed Private Investigator - License # PI 11452

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Thank you!

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Linda Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin Retting Gun Shop

Categories: Green category

Good afternoon,

As a public citizen, I had the desire to purchase a hand gun for my home. I am also a single older woman who lives alone. Last week I went by the gun shop on Washington Blvd., Martin Retting, only to find it shut down. Why would the city make such a decision as to close the shop especially during these very trying times.

I know that the National Guards are here in full force but they can't protect all of us. We need to be able if the situation arises to fend for ourselves. I don't want to do harm to anyone and surely don't want anyone to do harm to me.

Help us protect ourselves and do what's right by allowing us that ability.

Please reopen the doors to the shop.

Peace and blessing to all. Let everyone be safe.

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7 edge.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: James Royal [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Second Amendment Protection of Firearm and Self-defense Retailers

Categories: Green category

Dear Culver City Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking the time to read my email regarding your meeting on April 2nd, 2020.

Please do not force to close any retailer of firearms, ammunition, or self-defense supplies. Accommodations can be made for these businesses to operate in a safe "social distancing" manner.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is not something to be lightly set aside. It is not to be considered a convenience. It is not a hobby to be enjoyed as a pastime.

The God-given right to self defence and protection of our loved ones is a foundational empowerment that existed long before any US government. Access to the means necessary to defend yourself are protected from governmental interference by the Second Amendment.

I understand you might say, "Well, this is a crisis..." I say, do not so easily remove this freedom. Do not force your citizens to relinquish this liberty. If a crisis is sufficient reason to infringe on our God-given rights, then it is guaranteed that a crisis will be supplied by the enemies of liberty.

Freedom is not to be surrendered until it is once again convenient to allow.

Our freedom is to be cleaved to, fought for, jealously guarded at ALL TIMES, then passed on to our next generation.

Thank you.

James Royal
An armed and well-regulated (*this means trained*) citizen of the United States of America

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Laura Palmerin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City; Clerk, City; Attorney, City; Nachbar, John
Cc: Matthew D. Cubeiro
Subject: Comment Letter re Classification of Firearms Businesses as Essential Businesses [MA-Interwoven.FID63621]
Attachments: Opp Ltr to Culver City re Closing Gun Stores.pdf; Merced County.pdf; Yuba County.pdf; El Dorado County.pdf

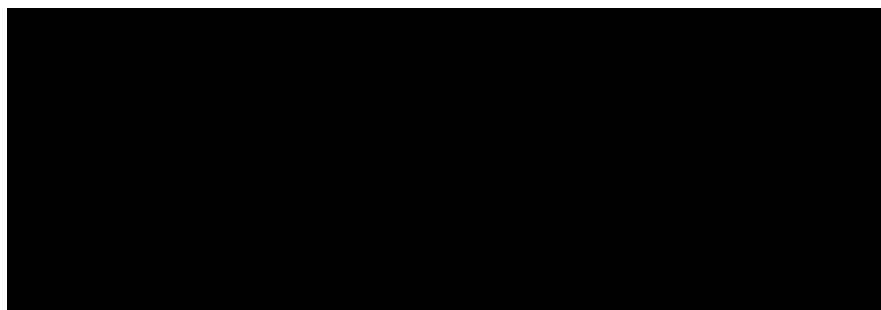
Hello,

Attached please find correspondence regarding the City of Culver City's upcoming discussion on the classification of firearms businesses as essential or non-essential.

Please also see the attached Sheriff's letters for Merced County, Yuba County, and El Dorado County.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Matthew Cubeiro by email, copied above, or phone at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Best regards,



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JOHN D'AGOSTINI
SHERIFF - CORONER - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
COUNTY OF EL DORADO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

To whom it may concern,

Recent orders from local health officials and the Governor of California have been causing widespread confusion among businesses and individuals with regards to what business may continue to operate during this time of crisis. As stated in the Governor's order, California residents have been ordered to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the "federal critical infrastructure sectors" outlined by the United States Department of Homeland Security.¹

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Among the 16 different federal critical infrastructure sectors is the "Commercial Facilities Sector" which includes "retail" among other types of businesses. California licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors clearly fall within this category. Other types of firearm-related businesses can also be classified as part of the "Critical Manufacturing Sector" and "Defense Industrial Base Sector" depending on the type of business.²

Regardless of what category firearm-related businesses fall under, such businesses provide "essential services" within the context of the Governor's order. Chief among those is their ability to communicate with state and federal law enforcement on any firearm tracing requests for firearms recovered by law enforcement. What's more, these businesses often provide first responders with the equipment necessary to perform their duties effectively and safely. Should additional law enforcement and first responders be called to service during this time of crisis, these businesses could prove critical in supplying necessary equipment.

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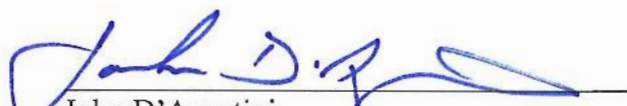
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Emergency situations such as that which we are currently facing have historically resulted in significantly increased firearm purchases throughout the state. This is in large part due to the general concern from residents for lawful self-protection. Any action by government officials to limit access, therefore, will likely fuel unnecessary panic. For this reason and those discussed above, California residents can and should have the appropriate legal means available to them to lawfully acquire firearms and ammunition during this time of crisis.

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Sincerely,



John D'Agostini
El Dorado County
Sheriff ~ Coroner ~ Public Administrator

Merced County Sheriff's Office

Vernon H. Warnke
Sheriff/Coroner

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Undersheriff

Sheriff's Administration

March 25, 2020

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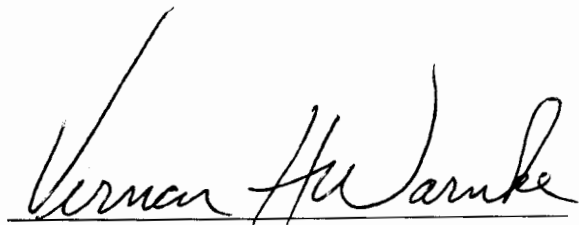
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Vernon H. Warnke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the text.

Vernon H. Warnke
Sheriff-Coroner
Merced County Sheriff's Office

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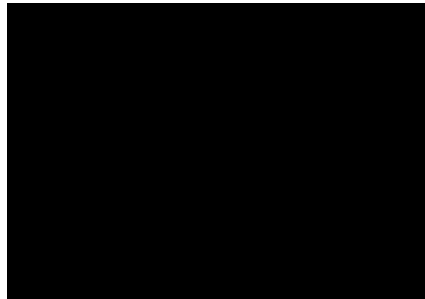
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April 1, 2020

VIA E-MAIL



**Re: Comments re Discussion of the Classification of Firearms Retailers as
Essential Businesses**

To Whom it May Concern:

We write on behalf of our clients FFLGuard, Inc. and the California Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. and their respective members and customers, regarding the City Council's upcoming discussion regarding the classification of firearm businesses as "essential or non-essential businesses during the COVID-19 local emergency in light of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) advisory guidance and the Los Angeles County positions," which is currently scheduled for April 2, 2020, at 8:00 P.M.¹

As an initial matter, the Second Amendment forbids the government from completely shutting down firearm and ammunition sales, even in times of grave public emergency. *See Bateman v. Perdue*, 881 F.Supp.2d 709 (E.D.N.C. 2012) (applying *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 (2008) to hold unconstitutional a statute authorizing government officials to prohibit the sale of firearms during state of emergency); *id.* at 714 (noting that statute "effectively prohibit[s] law abiding citizens from purchasing and transporting to their homes firearms and ammunition needed for self-defense" thus "burden[ing] conduct protected by the Second Amendment").

¹ At the time of drafting this letter, it appears as if the meeting agenda and related items is not yet available. According to the notice posted by the city, however, these items should be posted on the City's website by 8:00 P.M. tonight.



Members of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court just reiterated that principle specifically in response to its Governor shutting down gun stores.² Pennsylvania's Governor amended his order to allow firearm stores to remain open even before hearing from his Supreme Court, reasoning that gun stores are "essential" because Pennsylvania law, like California, requires firearm purchases to take place in person.³ Also noteworthy is the Executive Order of Governor of Illinois, Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8), at 12(n), defining "Essential Businesses and Operations" to include "firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security".⁴

The federal government has also recently expressly stated its position that firearm retailers are "essential businesses." Coupled with the Governor Newsom issuing Executive Order N.33-20. Contained in the Governor's Executive Order is an order from the State Public Health Officer and Director ordering "all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors."⁵ That same Health Department order clarified that Californians working in the "16 critical infrastructure sectors" identified by the federal government "may continue their work because of the importance of these sectors to California's health and well-being."⁶

Initially, some the federal government's descriptions of "essential" workforce operations in the 16 critical infrastructure sectors implicitly included gun stores. But on March 28, 2020, Christopher C. Krebs, Director of the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency ("CISA"), issued a memorandum clarifying the list of job descriptions that CISA considers part of the nation's "essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce" and "16 critical infrastructure sectors" to expressly include "workers supporting the operation of **firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges**."⁷

Under federal law CISA's "list is advisory in nature" and "is not, nor should it be considered, a *federal* directive." Nonetheless, under California law it has the effect of a

² See <http://www.pacourts.us/assets/opinions/Supreme/out/63MM2020csds.pdf?cb=1>.

³ See <https://freebeacon.com/issues/pennsylvania-governor-revokes-emergency-gun-store-ban/>; <https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/spl/pennsylvania-coronavirus-list-life-sustaining-businesses-shutdown-order-20200319.html>

⁴ Available at https://www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/21288-Gov._Pritzker_Stay_at_Home_Order.pdf.

⁵ <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>

⁶ See United States Department of Homeland Security, *Identifying Critical Infrastructure During COVID-19*, <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19> (last visited March 31, 2020).

⁷ Christopher C. Krebs, *Advisory Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During Covid-19 Response*, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/guidance-essential-critical-infrastructure-workforce#download> (March 28, 2020) (emphasis added).

mandatory directive because, through Executive Order N-33-20 the State Public Health Officer and Director has ordered that Californians working in the “16 critical infrastructure sectors” identified by the federal government be allowed to continue working. In other words, California has incorporated the federal guidelines, including the recent clarifications to those guidelines by CISA that expressly include gun stores as critical infrastructure, into its order by referencing them and mandating that they all be complied with. The operation of firearm retailers and ranges seeking to perform their jobs and duties within one of the 16 federally identified sectors is thereby protected by the Governor’s Order.⁸

Any emergency declaration and related local Order mandating the closure of essential firearm-related businesses is also preempted by Government Code section 53071. That section expresses the intent of California’s legislature to occupy the whole field of regulations regarding the registration and licensing of commercially manufactured firearms to the exclusion “of all local regulations.” *See Fiscal v. City & Cty of San Francisco* (2013) 158 Cal. App. 4th 895, 912 (holding a San Francisco ordinance banning sale of firearms within city limits preempted by both the Penal Code and Section 53071). That does not change because of an emergency declaration. Local government remains limited by state law. *See 75 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 256, 258* (1992) (broad powers based on a declaration of local emergency cannot be construed literally to encompass “any” orders, regulations, or preventative measures in violation of state law or policy). Tellingly, the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms continues to operate its Dealer Record of Sale Entry System (“DES”), which is dedicated to processing lawful firearm and ammunition transactions, while maintaining essential staff to facilitate background checks in connection with those transactions.

Ordering the closure of firearm-related businesses also raises substantial public safety concerns. Chief among those is the ability of such businesses to communicate with state and federal law enforcement in response to crime gun trace requests. What’s more, these businesses provide first responders (police, private security, and even the military) with the equipment necessary to perform their duties effectively and safely. As additional law enforcement, private security, and other first responders are called to broader and extended service these businesses will be critical in supplying necessary equipment.

In addition, licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors generally provide the only lawful means of transferring firearms and ammunition between private individuals. If firearm-related businesses are forced to close, people will have no means of conducting lawful transfers which ensure a background check is conducted on the purchaser. Not only is this a violation of their Second Amendment rights, it encourages otherwise law-abiding but currently desperate people to violate the law and conduct off the record firearm transfers. Ordering the closure of firearm-related businesses during this time of emergency, therefore, is not only unlawful but also contrary to public safety.

In other jurisdictions that initially considered forcing the closure of firearms and ammunition retail stores we have been able to provide more information about the many laws

⁸ It is also worth noting that the Governor’s Order expressly incorporates Government Code section 8665, which imposes criminal penalties for any violations by *any* person.

governing the operation of such stores and the critical function they serve. This includes the County of Los Angeles, where the Sheriff recently announced their decision to not prohibit firearm businesses from operating in the county.⁹ Once these jurisdictions understood the regulatory environment and the critical function gun and sporting goods stores serve, they have been allowed to continue to operate provided social distancing protocols are observed. Other jurisdictions have come to that conclusion on their own.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Michel & Associates, P.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Cubeiro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matthew D. Cubeiro

⁹ See <https://twitter.com/LACoSheriff/status/1244812862175903744/photo/1>.

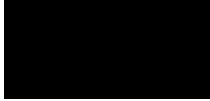


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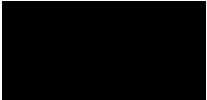
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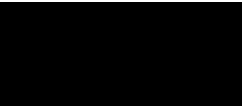
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To Whom It May Concern:

Recent orders from local health officials and the Governor of California have been causing widespread confusion among businesses and individuals with regards to what business may continue to operate during this time of crisis. As stated in the Governor's order, California residents have been ordered to stay home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the "federal critical infrastructure sectors" outlined by the United States Department of Homeland Security.¹

Because such orders carry threat of criminal prosecution and fines for any violations, it is imperative clear and concise guidance be provided. This is especially true in the context of California licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors, which are currently experiencing unprecedented levels of demand during this time of crisis.

Among the 16 different federal critical infrastructure sectors is the "Commercial Facilities Sector" which includes "retail" among other types of businesses. California licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors clearly fall within this category. Other types of firearm-related businesses can also be classified as part of the "Critical Manufacturing Sector" and "Defense Industrial Base Sector" depending on the type of business.²

Regardless of what category firearm-related businesses fall under, such businesses provide "essential services" within the context of the Governor's order. Chief among those is their ability to communicate with state and federal law enforcement on any firearm tracing requests for firearms recovered by law enforcement. What's more, these businesses often provide first responders with the equipment necessary to perform their duties effectively and safely. Should additional law enforcement and first responders be called to service during this time of crisis, these businesses could prove critical in supplying necessary equipment.

In addition, licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors generally provide the only lawful means of transferring firearms and ammunition between private individuals. With respect to firearms, California imposes a 10-day waiting period, during which time the licensed firearms dealer retains possession of the firearm to allow a background check on the prospective purchaser. Should licensed firearm dealers be forced to close during this time of crisis, California residents will be

¹ See <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>.

² See <https://www.cisa.gov/critical-manufacturing-sector> (Critical Manufacturing Sector), <https://www.cisa.gov/defense-industrial-base-sector> (Defense Industrial Base Sector).

left with no means of lawfully transferring firearms that ensures the person receiving the firearm is not prohibited. The same is true of licensed ammunition vendors with respect to the sale or transfer of ammunition.

Licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors also provide critical safety and training to California residents by educating their customers on state and federal laws. This includes the administration of the California Department of Justice's Firearm Safety Certificate Program. Firearm business also often provide the sole means for California residents to obtain necessary safety equipment, such as safes, lockboxes, trigger locks, cable locks, and other firearm safety devices.

Emergency situations such as that which we are currently facing have historically resulted in significantly increased firearm purchases throughout the state. This is in large part due to the general concern from residents for lawful self-protection. Any action by government officials to limit access, therefore, will likely fuel unnecessary panic. For this reason and those discussed above, California residents can and should have the appropriate legal means available to them to lawfully acquire firearms and ammunition during this time of crisis.

As a result, California licensed firearm dealers and licensed ammunition vendors are among those "essential activities" expressly contemplated by the Governor's order and must be allowed to remain open for business during this time of crisis. Any decision to the contrary would be detrimental to public safety and otherwise unnecessarily hinder law enforcement and first responders in the performance of their duties.



Wendell Anderson
Yuba County Sheriff/Coroner

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Mozell Payton [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: SUPPORTING FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION SUPPLIERS

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

The constitutional right to bear arms is not a whim of the politicians – so leave the Hell Alone to my right to fires and guns ____PERIOD. Get off yours asses and Service the Taxpayers who PAY YOUR FRICKING SALARY

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Richard Bulot [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Declare Gun, Ammo, Shooting Range essential

Dear Madam and Sir,

Please declare subject business's as essential and allow them to remain open. Our constitutional rights are at stake as well as the safety of individuals and their families.

Thank you, Richard Bulot

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Mike Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms

This is a necessity
Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Thomas Bristow [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Covid-19 and 2nd Amendment

To Whom it May Concern;

With the exigent circumstances we are currently experiencing, the rights to self-protection granted under the 2nd Amendment have never been more important. Please exercise prudence and do not make the Covid-19 circumstance an excuse to promulgate political anti-gun measures.

Thomas Bristow
Stevenson Ranch, CA

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Frank Fasullo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: I am a 70 year old veteran, commenting on our gun stores being "Essential". They have always been essential, under our 2nd amendment rights; but now because of a softening of our moral character and loss of common sense! U are allowing criminals out o...

Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearm Retailers Public Comment

Dear Culver City City Council:

Please accept my comment in favor of deciding that fire arm retailers are essential businesses.

The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is a bedrock of our society.

The grocery stores are fully stocked and the supply chain remains intact.

This is no time for fear or overreaction.

Please affirm our basic rights as Americans and allow fire arm retailers to remain open as essential to the daily operation of our city.

Many thanks,

Colin McFadden-Roan

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Marco Alves [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Keep our gun stores and ranges open!

Categories: Green category

Dear Sir/Madam,

In support of gun rights protected under the 2nd amendment of the Constitution, I plead with your good sense to ensure that gun stores, gun ranges and all personnel related to those businesses, remain an essential part of our safety in these troubling times.

Thank you.

Marco Alves

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Mark Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Keep Gun Stores Open

California requires gun owners to get backgrounders for everything, including ammunition, which requires a Federal Firearms License.

Unfortunately, because we live behind the iron curtain of California, I'd you shut down FFL's, you WILL deny Californians their Second Amendment Rights. Don't be that person.

Sincerely,
Mark Smith
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Mitchell Tanenbaum [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting

Dear Culver City Council members,

Please allow us to keep this valuable resource open.

I am a responsible firearm owner. The staff at Retting have given me good and prudent advice over the years, including safe handling techniques, and best practices for firearm safety and usage.

They provide a valuable service to the citizens of Culver City, and also to those of us who live in Los Angeles.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mitchell Tanenbaum
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Member, Liberal Gun Club
Member, Liberal Gun Owners
Member, California Rifle and Pistol Association

Ferrel, Mimi

From: CLAUDE CONKRITE JR [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Are firearm retailers considered critical infrastructure?

To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to my attention that there will be a city council meeting on April 2nd, 2020 at 8pm to determine if Culver City firearm retailers should be deemed as critical infrastructure.

It is my humble opinion as a citizen of the United States of America that firearm retailers are unique because they enable citizens to exercise their 2nd amendment rights that are protected by our constitution. As we know, and the city council is most definitely aware of, getting a firearm in California is not the easiest thing to do. I know personally because I worked at Martin B. Retting in Culver City as a sales associate and at LAX firing range as a chief range safety officer. California requires it's citizens to first pass a firearm safety test then a DOJ background check, which only takes twenty minutes to come back from the DOJ with a "yes" or "no", but our state also requires us to wait an additional ten days as a "cool off" period.

The Covid19 outbreak has made many California citizens who might not have been gun owners reconsider the need for self protection during this challenging time. With the outbreak also affecting our emergency responders, police officers especially, the need for self protection will be essential for not only our citizens but our cities and states to maintain rule of law through these challenging times.

I have faith that the Culver City council will follow the U.S. Department of Homeland Securities designation of gun stores as critical infrastructure. Unfortunately, our lives may literally depend on it.

Sincerely,

Claude A. Conkrite Jr

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Salvatore Grammatico [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City; Vera, Albert
Subject: THE SECOND AMENDMENT & MBR.

THE PROFESSIONAL - SUPPLY - SERVICES, THAT MARTIN B. RETTING, PREFORMS IN THE WESTSIDE, ARE IN DIRE NEED , NOW , MORE THAN EVER . FOR PRESERVING THE SAFETY OF OUR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE . CULVER CITY, PLEASE, LIVE UP, TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW .

SINCERELY
SALVATORE GRAMMATICO

Ferrel, Mimi

From: LB Torr [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun shops need to be Open

With our state government releasing thousands of criminals from prison it should be a right of law abiding citizens to be armed to protect themselves and their families.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Ms Nancy Duarte [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Regarding 'Safer at Home' vs closure of Martin B. Retting

Hello all,

I am not going to spout statistics or the normal rhetoric on guns. This comment basically outlines my own personal experiences with firearms and my thoughts during these scary times.

I grew up in a bad part of Inglewood during the 70s and 80s. My driveway was the border of Inglewood and Lennox. Constant fights and gang violence were the norm. Whenever we called Inglewood Police Department, they said call Lennox Sheriff. Lennox Sheriff said to call Inglewood PD. It felt like we were helpless, trapped in the middle of this political and urban battle. Why not move, you ask? My parents didn't have much money. They spent their extra money to send me to private school so I could have a better life.

My father was an expert marksman in the Army. He grew up on a farm in West Virginia, where firearms are the norm. Dad sat on our porch in Inglewood, cleaning his rifles and pistols, for everyone to see. He taught me gun safety. He taught me not to fear. The people in our neighborhood thought he was insane, but he didn't care. If the two different police entities couldn't help us in a timely manner, at least he could protect his family should the need arise.

So here I am, a 53 year old, single AND disabled woman. Living alone. Do I feel safe with all that's going on? No. I don't. What happens if the food runs out? No toilet paper? With all of the panic purchasing that is going on, who's to say that someone won't want my stock of supplies. Or worse. My money. My car. Me?

Is my Glock essential to me??? YES IT IS. I have had to pull it out when a man entered my back yard. I stayed inside. Should I have waited for the police to arrive? Didn't have to. I showed him my gun. He left. No violence. No crime other than trespassing.

People are scared. There isn't enough emergency response personnel to cover every problem.

Yes, Martin B. Retting and other stores like this one are essential. I urge you to follow Homeland Security and LA County Sheriff in their decision to keep this as an essential business.

Sincerely,
Nancy Duarte

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Nozomu Furuya [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers

To whom it concerns,

Please keep the firearms stores open as it is essential to all law abiding citizens. The citizens will not be able to exercise the right to bear arms without firearm retailers staying open because of stringent laws regarding acquiring firearms and ammunition. The ONLY way is through the retail stores and can not be shut down. We understand the current need of social distancing to help curb the spread of these virus, but our rights as law abiding citizens are just as important and both can be practiced at the same time. Thank you for your time and effort, especially during these trying times.

Regards,
Nozomu Hirota


Ferrel, Mimi

From: Dawn Rambo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting

Martin B. Retting, Inc. is virtually the only Firearms Retailer in Southern California that is affected by a COVID-19 closure of this type. Ironically, Martin B. Retting, Inc. was and remains at the forefront of enforcing COVID-19 precautions, having voluntarily initiated procedures well before any City order. The ongoing City order barring new-sales, coupled with the looming closure order, represent an undue financial hardship to the company and its employees. California and the nation are already under financial stress. Closing this shop that people need to defend themselves and the 2nd amendment is unjust and would also unnecessarily add to the unemployment and hardships already being faced by the world.

Please keep this shop open.

Sincerely
Dawn Rambo

Sent from my iPhone  ne

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Patrick Dolente [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:56 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential businesses

If we allow liquor and marijuana stores to remain open during this pandemic, surely business that fall under the 2nd amendment also qualify as an essential business.

Thank you,
Patrick Dolente

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Len Schoppe [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: closing an essential business.

Dear Culver City council,

in times like these we do not need you to curtail and circumvent our essential rights. Nothing is more essential than a citizen's ability to defend himself and his family. It is common knowledge that the police cannot even enforce a simple closure of beaches and popular meeting places(I.E. Venice boardwalk). Right here. Right on the border of Culver City. Please, do not try to abridge the rights granted under the 2nd amendment. It puts the city in the position of being against its citizens. Not a good way to foster cooperation. We need more cooperation, not division. Understand, this will be seen as a marshal law type action. Same stuff that occurred in Germany in the thirty's. in the "public interest". as they said, also.

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Len Schoppe

Santa Monica, Ca/ Bozeman, MT

[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Kent Diffenderfer [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:06 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: American citizen

I would hope that Culver City does the right thing and allowing Gun shops sell ammunition and guns so we protect the 2nd amendment. I am a law abiding citizen and back the gun shops.

Thank you so much,

Kent Diffenderfer

Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:12 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Fire arm retail sales

There is no reason to close gun and ammunition sales in Culver City at this time.

Thank you Joseph Davidon

Resident of C.C. 64 years

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Frank G [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun stores are an essential business

Please work with Gun Shop Owners by allowing them to continue operating in the City. Thank you!

Ferrel, Mimi

From: ian mcarthur [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: RE: the essential nature of firearms retail in a crisis

A.) The police have no duty to protect us (Warren vs. D.C., Lozito vs. CNY)

B.) California plans to release three thousand, five hundred (3,500) criminals to the streets.

C.) 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.

The Second Amendment guarantees a God-given right to defense. Especially in an emergency. This is an emergency. And California plans to make it worse by introducing criminals onto our streets. Due to the California government increasing the risk by releasing criminals onto our streets, it's well within our Constitutionally protected rights to demand access to the means of defense for ourselves and our families.

Should Culver City deny its citizens their rights and prohibit them from defending themselves against criminals being released by the government, I expect the citizens will remember the Culver City employees who denied the citizens their rights and ensure that the bureaucrats responsible will be remembered for it.

We shouldn't have to demand that our rights be recognized. The entire job of the government is to ensure that our rights are observed. This is outrageous and, frankly, disturbing. The Federal Government declared firearms retailers and firing ranges as "essential." Without such retailers we do not have access to the means of self defense as per our Constitutionally Protected God-given rights.

I beg of this body, to halt this absurd theater and allow us to defend our family from criminals being released into the public by a government that, ironically, is tasked with protecting our rights...

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Cire B [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:33 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Stores are ESSENTIAL Businesses

As a minority, a law-abiding Asian-American citizen, I believe and strongly support that ALL Gun Stores are ESSENTIAL and must remain open for business, to serve ALL common citizens. There should be NO discrimination in allowing only Law Enforcement, Military and Security personnel to purchase firearms and ammunition. We must continue to have the CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT to BEAR ARMS and access to do so. So that we may protect ourselves, our loved ones and property.

The Right To Bear Arms Shall NOT Be Infringed.

Respectfully,
Eric B.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Ferrel, Mimi

From: isabel Xochipilli [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:43 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential business

To whom it may concern,

I believe that firearm and ammunition retailers are essential businesses that are needed to help maintain safety and provide us with vital defensive resources needed to protect our basic human rights to defend our lives, our property and our lands.

Sincerely,
Miqtlayohually Isabella Xochipilli

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Brian Thomen [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Stores / Ammunition Stores / Ranges Indoor & Outdoor

Attention Culver City Council,

I want you to know myself and thousands of other law abiding citizens want you to classify firearm and ammunition retailers and indoor and outdoor ranges as essential its our constitutional right and you all need to do whats right.

Brian W Thomen

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Brenda Rambo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B Retting

To whom it may concern:

I would like to address the situation of closure of Martin B Retting, as a city why would you want to close down a company that has been around for years . Supporting the city and the public who has the right to bare arms, this is in our constitution! The impact that this will have not only on the shop owners and their employees their families. All the stress that this will cause in a world that is already stressed. As a community we need to help out each other , be there for each other, take care of each other support each other! I ask you to make the right decision and not close them down . They are making sure to take care of their customers with every safety precautions. PLEASE LISTEN ! It's the right thing to do.

Sincerely
Brenda Rambo

Sent from my iPhone

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Dave Rogers [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:15 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: The obligation to defend one's self

With the utmost respect for the council and all those in attendance tonight, I plead that you take seriously your obligation to defend yourself, your loved ones and your community.

Preventing law abiding, tax paying citizens from purchasing and owning firearms and the ammunition for those arms should be viewed as the criminal assault that it is. Preventing the citizen from exercising obligations and legal rights should never be tolerated by free people regardless of your political beliefs.

Sincerely,
David Rogers

Ferrel, Mimi

From: dale Rambo [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Keep gun shop open

To whom it may concern

The gun shop known as Martin B retting should at all cost remain open for the safety of the community. With the shop closed customer have no place to take an unsafe or unwanted gun and has a better chance of getting into the wrong hands. The shop has done an excellent job protecting people from the virus by only allowing a few customers inside the shop at any given time. They have worked hard to meet the demands of the city for social distancing

Thank you for you time

Dale rambo

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Emmett Sfetku [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:33 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City

CA gov't has failed us and tried for yrs to take away our 2nd Amendment rights. Now they're doing it with TYRANNY. Over 92k die a yr from Dr's. Do we shut down hospitals? No. How about the 72k deaths from opioids? We have politicians in CA that don't care enough that the drug cartel from Mexico & around the world flood our communities with drugs. Shut the border, or secure it. Not with Democrats in office. In my view this closure of not just schools and everyday life but gun stores is an absolute INFRINGEMENT on our rights as American citizens & our CONSTITUTIONAL freedoms granted us over the Gov't by the CONSTITUTION. It's an embarrassment that any servant to the public, including a Sheriff would deny the American people our rights. They serve US ther people & take an Oath to uphold the Constitution, not make up laws because of a political feeling. Not law. Must open every gun store. Otherwise people will drive to other areas, which defeats the stay at home rules, to get there 2nd Ammendment rights. Criminals don't follow the law anyways. Why not enforce laws against criminals instead of denying law abiding citizens our rights and freedoms. These closures will put your name out for the next election to be voted out. You're not serving what's in the best interest of the Oath you took to protect the people and uphold the Constitution 1st and foremost.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Merri McArthur [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:41 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Please keep the gun shop open

As a Liberal who is also in favor of sensible gun control measures, I believe the Culver City gun shop should be kept open. It is my opinion that the shop is a necessary service to the (legal) gun owning public and must not be closed.

Thank you,
Merri

Ferrel, Mimi

From: James Montoya [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: The 2nd Amendment is Essential, Do not Infringe!

Yes! A citizen's Constitutional Rights SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED! Gun and ammunition shops and shooting ranges ARE ESSENTIAL! The Gun Community is comprised of an unequivocal majority of responsible and competent citizens that know how to handle inherent dangers and "adapt" to maintain safety. We can adapt to maintain safe practice to conduct our business and activities and not add to the pandemic problem. We will embrace new owners and mentor them to educate and train to reach evolving levels of competence pertaining to safety and the responsibilities involved. I encourage all members visit a shooting range after the current crisis ends and engage with your fellow citizens there. You'll find that our gun related activities and culture do not in any way or form cultivate violence and irresponsible behaviors. Develop a partnership with us to educate and generate ideas to solve social problems. Draconian gun laws and policies only punish the Gun Community; a Constitutional violation!

Sincerely,

James J. Montoya

Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:19 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearm Stores are Essential

My name is Jack Zelonka,

I am an employee at Martin B Retting, recently we have become the face of a surge in firearm purchasing and with that a lot of questions have been raised. One of which is are we an essential business? During this quarantine we have been told we need to stay home and unfortunately home for a fair amount of people may not be in the safest areas. The people that I have served at the shop have all had one thing in common, they wanted a means to protect themselves and their family. The American people pride themselves on a lot of things one of which is being able to provide for themselves and in this example protection for one's self and family. While I understand the city has it's concerns in these times, however depriving it's people a means of protection whether it be from a potential threat or simply peace of mind would be a disservice to them and it is essential for them.

-Jack

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Jerry Jacob [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:52 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Comment regarding Firearm Retailers as Essential Business

I strongly urge the Council to follow DHS guidance and allow Firearms Retailers be shown as Essential Businesses and direct the City Manager to allow these businesses to open for business.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Eddie Russell [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:54 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Retailers As Essential Businesses

Good Evening,

I'm a bit confused that I should have to give a justification as to why being able to exercise my 2nd Amendment right is 'essential' but here goes...

When the architects of our republic came up with what they thought the most basic and essential rights of each person should be, they did so during a time of great strife. Further, it was a pivotal point in our country's history and it would determine the viability of a newly formed nation. Those basic and essential rights were given great consideration and weight and determined necessary for the development and growth of a free nation as a direct contrast to where they had come from with liberty and justice as two of the main goals.

At this time of great strife now, if we are so willing to justify destroying any of those rights out of fear or uncertainty then these rights we have held in such high esteem have turned out to be worth no more than the paper they were originally written on.

The character of our nation and it's people manifests itself not when we are content and without worry but rather when we are under great stress and under the toughest trials.

What we do now in these few moments will have long lasting repercussions for years and generations to come so we had better be prepared to face those consequences.

Respectfully,
Eddie T. Russell
Formerly Captain Eddie T. Russell
United States Army, 1992-2000

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 8:57 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: 04/02/2020

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

The gun stores should remain open, a lot of bad people out there. Culver City and Mid City should be allowed to organize a militia, rules being that you must live in said areas, and must be able to legally buy a gun. Thanks to Martin B. Redding gun store. Keep it open, gun owners got eat too. Summer Fi.

-Lenny

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Julia Anne Andersson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Are Firearm Stores Essential businesses?

Dear Culver City Council,

Yes, firearm stores are essential venues and good people should not have their ability to legally purchase a firearm blocked when needed most. Though we would like to live in a society where a firearm is never needed, the fact is that no such society yet exists. Given the following facts of;

- 1) late/slow police response times,
- 2) police are not required by law to help people,
- 3) federal, state and county jails are early releasing 1000s of convicted criminals due to the crisis (Newsom is commuting prison time for murderers)
- 4) crimes of robbery, rape, home invasion, attempted murder are occurring right now
- 5) the presence of a firearm deters and prevents crime,

Given those above facts it would be foolish to conclude that firearms venues are non-essential.

If you want to discuss an important topic, you should be proactive and discuss how to disseminate good educational online videos on firearm safety.

I encourage you to rise to this crisis and use your powers of governance to protect rights and to educate, to learn from history and not to infringe upon rights with the all too easily grasped stick of tyranny.

Best Regards,

Julia Andersson

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Jose Heded [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:01 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: CLASSIFICATION OF FIREARMS RETAILERS AS ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

Dear Council members,

I'd like to express my opinion in this regard. I believe it is important to consider firearms retailers as essential businesses, for they provide an important service to the community. They provide a legal way to purchase firearms. Their process of selling firearms with the condition that the prospective customer passes successfully a background check as we as a firearm safety test makes it impossible for delinquents to purchase a firearm. This service provides law abiding citizens with the means to legally purchase and register a firearm for sports shooting or home protection. It is important for citizens to be able to purchase firearms and ammunition for either purpose.

Please weigh in the great benefits these retailers offer and classify them as an essential type of business.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Jose H

Ferrel, Mimi

From: KoNLizzLe 8791 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:56 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Closure of Martin B. Rettings

Categories: Green category

Culver City,

I am a former resident of the West L.A. area, now I reside in Phoenix Arizona, When i cought wind of this issue for this store to close by the sherriff I was appalled. As it is small buisnesses have taken a big hit in this covid19 crisis, do not make it worse on them. Our 2nd amendment rights have been attacked in recent years for rediculous reasons, tyranny must stop.

This business is essential specially in this time of crisis, with the underatanding the law can and will provide the necessary service, we are citizens still & have that right to protect and bear arms for ourselves and our own families.

Please do not allow the closure of this store as we have supported your city threw all the other small buisnesses . We love culver city, we love our residents, we love our businesses we support each other. Support the 2nd amendment, stop Tyranny and please allow Martin B Rettings to remain open.

Former Customer

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Ferrel, Mimi

From: Shawn Jordan [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:04 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Stores ARE Essential Business

Dear City Council members,

Gun stores and ranges ARE absolutely essential and should remain open. Not only during this time, but always. We cannot be denied our fundamental rights ever, especially now. It seems quite silly that there is any sort of debate about this yet here we are.

Nothing is more essential than exercising a Constitutional right!

The Department of Homeland Security has declared firearm manufacturers, retailers and ranges as essential business. You need to do the same.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

From: Harry Aaronson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:30 PM
To: Clerk, City; Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting Gun Store in Culver City Hearing, Statement

Dear Members of the Culver City Council,

My Name is Harry and I live in Los Angeles. It has come to my attention that Culver City has plans to temporarily close the Martin B. Retting Gun Store on Washington Blvd. from its regular store hours of operation. I would like to express my opposition to this decision at the meeting scheduled to be held on April 2, 2020. I would like to start by saying that I am not a gun owner or a gun hobbyist and I am very much in favor of regulating gun ownership, and keeping firearms out of the hands of people that are not mentally stable or who maybe criminally oriented. In my opinion the State of California and the D.O.J. already does a pretty good job of this and in fact we already have some of the most stringent laws on the books in our state that keeps firearms away from people that are not legally eligible and who do not deserve to have access to firearms.

Regarding the issue at hand, the people who may want to purchase firearms and or ammunition from Martin B. Retting for their own purpose must pass a very comprehensive background check and wait to take ownership during the state mandated waiting period. They are also required to pass a written gun safety test prior to making their firearm purchase. I rely on and support our democratically elected officials in our state that pass and enforce the laws that are already in place to keep us all safe from potentially negligent or harmful misuse of firearms.

I strongly encourage the City council of Culver City to allow Martin B. Retting to maintain its regular hours of operation and keep its staff gainfully employed and furthermore to allow the State of California's existing laws to govern the sale of ammunition and firearms.

I thank you in advanced for reading my statement aloud at this important meeting. Please feel free to contact me for any additional input you may seek.

Sincerely, Harry A.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Chantal Carrere [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:35 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Re: March 28th ruling that Guns stores are to remain open

It is so important that you uphold your oath and the constitution that we all spread upon. Guns are so important with crime rising and 175k homeless in CA alone. Where every 3 minutes 1 in 5 homes is broken in to. When the over 59% of all rapes that happen in the United States happen in home invasions. Police response is 15-20 minutes away if you're lucky. Law abiding citizens have the right to protect their business, their homes and their lives. Unarmed law abiding citizen can't fight off a home invasion with hope and pepper spray. That's why I was surprised that you would second guess our constitutional rights and the laws in which have been I acted to allow us to purchase firearms. Especially given that The department of Homeland security added firearms retailers , importers, distributors & shooting ranges as part of a critical infrastructure & thus deemed essential. Thank you for your time and upholding our constitutional and recently confirmed by federal law and Homeland security that all Gun stores and ranged remain open for all Law abiding citizens.

Stay safe and God bless our great state and the United States.

Sincerely,
Chantal

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Ferrel, Mimi

From: created forel [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 11:59 PM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Forum on Covid-19 and gun stores and ammo

To whom this may concern,

I would like to express the importance of keeping these types of stores open. Many people have their preconceived notions of what is and is not essential. But, being able to have access to the means to protect ourselves is never not essential as it is foundational in our Bill of Rights.

I have read people write, "what... are these gun nuts going to shoot the virus?" This un-serious attempt to downplay the concern is quite pathetic. Obviously someone who is concerned about their safety is also concerned about staying healthy. But worrying about contracting the coronavirus is a separate issue from the need to protect ourselves.

What might we need to protect ourselves from? Any time there is a heightened tension, there is a possibility for people to act out and riot. The Rodney King riots is a prime example of why people need the fundamental right to protect themselves. It was during that riot where the police could not maintain civility and they actually retreated for a time thus giving free reign to the rioters to loot and pillage and even kill or attempt to kill. The ones who's property and lives were protected were the armed Korean shop owners. The police were not there to protect the shops of those Korean shop owners. People who relied on the police to protect them were disappointed. Which brings the question of whether this current crisis would lead to any similar type of event... unless you have a crystal ball, nobody in leadership can say for certain that such a thing wouldn't happen. Therefore nobody in leadership should take steps to curtail the ability of law abiding citizens to arm themselves and maintain the skill to protect themselves. This means gun stores, ammunition manufacturers, gun ranges, etc. all need to remain accessible with appropriate guidelines to remain open.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Howard Krivoy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:04 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Martin B. Retting

To the members of the Culver City Council

I urge you to consider Martin B Retting an Essential Business:

1. Local and state governments do not have the authority to suspend the Second Amendment, denying US citizens their constitutional rights using the COVID-19 or any other crisis as an excuse.
2. President Trump issued an advisory considering gun shops, shooting ranges, etc. to be considered essential businesses.
3. The Department of Homeland Security specifically included gun ranges, manufacturers and dealers in its list of essential businesses that should remain open during the Corona virus pandemic.
4. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency (CISA) updated its most recent advisory (March 28, 2020) identifying workers supporting the operation of firearm or ammunition product manufacturers, retailers, importers, distributors, and shooting ranges as part of the "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce."
5. Martin B. Retting provides lawful local residents with the ability to purchase firearms and ammunition, which they consider essential for personal security under possible crisis circumstances. This is particularly important when police resources may be severely burdened.
6. Not restricting Martin B. Retting's operation will free the city from expending critical resources to fight the resulting legal challenges to a forced store closure.
7. Providing firearms, ammunition and shooting ranges to military, law enforcement and law-abiding citizens, the firearm industry is a critical component of our nation's security, public safety, and economic well-being.

For these, and many other reasons, I urge you to NOT RESTRICT the operation of Martin B. Retting during the current crisis.

Respectfully,

Howard Krivoy
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

resident over 50 years

Ferrel, Mimi

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:06 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: GUNS in Culver City

1. The City of Culver City vastly restricted gun sales on March 20.
2. Eight days later, March 28, the Department of Homeland Security, which is the executive branch of the federal government, appointed by the President of the United States, reversed the Culver City policy and stated guns are part of critical infrastructure and essential and must be opened.
3. The County (LA County) then immediately reversed its decision, because it is well-established American law that a decision that is in conflict with a higher authority must give way to the higher authority.
4. We expect that Culver City will immediately do likewise and immediately re-open (in its entirety) gun shops. To do otherwise risks being in violation of state and federal law.

Many of us look forward to your speedy compliance with the law, tomorrow.

If not, an emergency injunction will be filed in federal court to prevent a locality from willfully and frivolously violating federal law.

Thank you.

Simone Gold, JD

Ferrel, Mimi

From: scout911 [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:12 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms Retailers

Good Morning,

Thank you for reading my concerns and comments regarding the status of firearms retailers.

I'm simply confused at the double standard being imposed on firearm retailers during these times. Within the past week I've visited the following retail store fronts: dedicated paint store, dedicated liquor store (no bread, eggs or milk are sold, simply soft drinks and alcohol) and a car dealership. Due to legal precedent, driving in California is considered a privilege, yet dealerships are permitted to stay open with modified procedures.

To add, my wife and I are remodeling our bathrooms and the boutique storefront that sold us our luxury whirlpool bath tub is still open and operating with appointment only visits to the store front. Indoor plumbing, if legally considered an essential business, can easily be satisfied with warehouse store fronts that cater to professional contractors and plumbers that common citizens can call for repairs during these times. Yet a boutique store front selling luxury end items is not facing the same scrutiny as firearms retailers selling the most common models of firearms owned by millions of Americans and registered permanent residents. And we're talking pump action shotguns and revolvers.

I see the need for public health and safety but i see it as a double standard. Procuring an automobile is non essential, due to the California courts ruling driving as a privilege and the fact that public transit is fully operational across our county. In fact, every DMV drivers handbook opens with the presiding governor reminding us of the legal privilege it is to hold a California drivers license. Now why are firearms retailers are villianized?

I've been a customer of a firearms retailer in Culver city and can attest to their lawful means of conducting business in compliance with California DOJ regulations and ATF federal statutes. Why during this time of high demand does the city council of Culber Coty continue to shut down a retailer engaging in a business deemed a constitutional right, twice by the Supreme Court, and explicitly stated in the Bill of Rights. Firearm ownership is not an implied right that was decided by the Supreme Court, it is identified within the original Bill of Rights. To add, the demand is high. It is irresponsible to continue the closure of firearms retailers due to constitutional and pragmatic reasons.

Constitutionally, I listed the reasons. Pragmatically, people will procure firearms illegally from out of state or criminals, if they cannot procure them from a California DOJ certified and registered Federal Firearms Licensed dealer. They will do so since it's what constituents of Culver City and Los Angeles County did with marijuana before state legislation was passed. So why doesnt the city council of Culver City support public safety by ensuring that firearms procured in the Culver City are in compliance with state DOJ and federal statutes?

Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Ben Gonzalez

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Bob Holsinger [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:37 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Shops ARE ESSENTIAL businesses!

Culver City City Council,

I am writing to request you support the United States Department of Homeland Security and Los Angeles County guidance that found that gun shops who sell ammunition and sell and repair firearms are indeed essential businesses. As such they should remain open during the covid-19 pandemic to allow law abiding citizens an opportunity to purchase firearms and ammunition in order to protect themselves and loved ones during this crisis. This is especially important due to numerous court decisions that ruled police officers are not required to protect the vary citizens who pay their wages and given these same police officers we count on to maintain law and order are now starting to get the corona virus in disproportionate numbers!

Respectfully,

Bob Holsinger
[REDACTED]

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Robert Brennan [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Firearms-Related Businesses Are Essential!

Dear Council Members:

Let me add my voice to the chorus: firearms-related businesses are essential to the health and well being of the citizenry. In times of crisis government should be a stalwart guardian and champion of constitutional rights and access to materials that facilitate safety, self defense, and self preservation.

Please be mindful of very bad government policy and behavior such as we saw during Katrina where law-abiding and tax paying citizens had their rights and security shattered. So egregious was New Orleans city behavior that the United States Congress passed a law forbidding such behavior in the future.

Remember that self preservation is a natural right. Recognize firearms-related businesses as essential businesses and services.

Thank you,
Bob Brennan

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Stephen Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: PLEASE leave all gun stores OPEN

Dear Sir:

The time and energy of city officials should be spent on our current medical issue in Culver City and not closing any gun stores.

People must be safe in their own homes and they must be allowed to protect themselves.

This is why the city must continue to allow all citizens the freedom to purchase guns or ammo as the need arises.

Also the NRA and every other 2nd amendment rights organization in California will all file lawsuits against the city which means more time and money wasted fighting a right that is protected by the constitution.

We have owned property and a business in Culver City for over 100 years.

PLEASE KEEP OUR GUN STORES OPEN.

Thanks

Stephen Lee

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Steven Siegel [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Essential sales of firearms

During this trying crisis, I cannot think of a better time to allow citizens of the United States to exercise their 2nd amendment rights to purchase firearms and ammunition. I pray for the best outcome but we should all be prepared for the worst if first responders such as police and fire departments are overwhelmed by illness, crime and panic. Banning the sale of firearms could put law abiding citizens that are able to legally pass requirements through a NICS background check in peril by not giving them the ability to defend themselves from criminals that already possess firearms. Firearms are essential.

Thank you,
Steve Siegel

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Tiffany Cheuvront [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 8:47 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Gun Stores Are Essential

Gun stores are essential and should be left open during this time. The Second Amendment guarantees ones right to protect themselves and their family. Closing gun stores or even limiting access to them directly violates constitutional rights.

These are lawful businesses, they are providing the essential services of security and protection to people of California. Do not close them down.

Ferrel, Mimi

From: Max [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:07 AM
To: Public Comment at Culver City
Subject: Covid 19 and gun sales

For your consideration.

I encourage you to consider gun and ammunition sales an essential activity at all times. Though I don't personally need to purchase these items at this time, I feel it is unconstitutional to inhibit new people for lawfully training, purchasing and practicing to defend their family and themselves.

Thank you for your time and take care of yourselves.