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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICA; JOHN DOE,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ERIC
GARCETTI, in his official capacity as
Mayor of City of Los Angeles;
HOLLY L. WOLCOTT, in her official
capacity as City Clerk of City of Los
Angeles; and DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

Case No:

**COMPLAINT FOR
DECLARATORY & INJUNCTIVE
RELIEF:**

**(1) VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983
[FREE SPEECH];**

**(2) VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983
[COMPELLED SPEECH];**

**(3) VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983
[FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION];**

**(4) VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983
[FIRST AMENDMENT
RETALIATION]**

**(5) VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983
[EQUAL PROTECTION].**

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

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2 1. This action arises under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to redress the deprivation of
3 rights secured by the United States Constitution. This Court has original jurisdiction
4 over these federal claims under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because the matters in controversy
5 arise under the Constitution and laws of the United States, thus raising federal
6 questions. The Court also has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1343 because this action
7 is brought to redress the deprivation, under color of state law, of federally secured
8 rights, privileges, and immunities. The Court has authority to render declaratory
9 judgments and to issue permanent injunctive relief under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and
10 2202.

11 2. Venue is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) because the
12 City of Los Angeles is located within the Central District of California, and all
13 incidents, events, and occurrences giving rise to this action occurred in Los Angeles
14 County, California.

PARTIES

I. PLAINTIFF

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17 3. Plaintiff NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (“NRA”)
18 is a national membership organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of
19 New York, and designated as a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation by the Internal
20 Revenue Service. NRA was founded in 1871 on the principle that individual rights
21 are best safeguarded by the guarantee of the Second Amendment. NRA a rich history
22 of providing instruction on firearm safety, as well as engaging in civil rights
23 advocacy that benefits millions across the country. Every year, NRA provides
24 firearm safety trainings, competitive shooting events, hunting programs, youth and
25 women’s programs, and informative membership updates. NRA trains tens of
26 thousands of certified gun safety trainers in all types of disciplines and works with
27 many law enforcement organizations across the country. NRA is a voice for those
28 that choose to lawfully own and possess a firearm and diligently works to protect that

1 right. And, on behalf of its millions of members and supporters, NRA advocates for
2 the preservation of the right to keep and bear arms by supporting or opposing
3 legislation with the potential to impact its members' civil rights.

4 4. NRA's members are comprised of individuals and businesses, including
5 Plaintiff Doe, that presently have or seek to obtain contracts with the City of Los
6 Angeles to provide goods or services. Under Ordinance No. 186000, the local
7 ordinance challenged in this lawsuit, these members are required to disclose any
8 sponsorship of or contract with Plaintiff NRA. NRA brings this suit on behalf of its
9 members.

10 5. NRA also brings this suit on its own behalf—as the entity targeted by
11 Ordinance No. 186000 and by Defendants who view NRA with disdain. Should
12 Defendants succeed in cutting off revenue streams necessary for NRA to continue
13 engaging in protected speech and association, NRA will have been drained of its
14 financial resources and been harmed in its ability to fulfill its mission to protect and
15 preserve the right to keep and bear arms.

16 6. Plaintiff JOHN DOE operates a business with multiple contracts with the
17 City of Los Angeles. He also seeks to continue bidding for and obtaining such
18 contracts in the future. Doe is a member and supporter of the NRA and its mission to
19 protect against infringement of Second Amendment rights. Doe supports advocacy
20 efforts against gun control through his business and efforts to promote membership
21 within the NRA.

22 7. Many NRA supporters, who are or seek to be contractors with the City
23 of Los Angeles, are afraid to come forward to participate in this action for fear of
24 retribution from the City. Indeed, Plaintiff Doe participates in this action as a Doe
25 participant because he reasonably fears retribution from the City and the potential
26 loss of lucrative contracts should Doe's identity be known.

27 **II. DEFENDANTS**

28 8. Defendant CITY OF LOS ANGELES is a municipal corporation within

1 the state of California that enacted and enforces Ordinance No. 186000 (Los Angeles
2 Administrative Code art. 26, ch 1, div. 10). The City has a population of over four
3 million people and is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country.

4 9. Defendant ERIC GARCETTI is the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles.
5 He was first elected mayor in 2013 and was re-elected to a second term in 2017.
6 Defendant Garcetti signed Ordinance No. 186000 into law and is responsible for
7 ensuring its enforcement. He is sued in his official capacity.

8 10. Defendant HOLLY L. WOLCOTT is the City Clerk and responsible for
9 the posting of all ordinances and the keeper of all recorded action on behalf of the
10 City. She is sued in her official capacity.¹

11 11. The true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate, associate or
12 otherwise of the Defendants named herein as Does 1-10, are presently unknown to
13 Plaintiffs, who therefore sue said Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs pray
14 for leave to amend this Complaint to show the true names or capacities of these
15 Defendants s if and when the same have been determined.

16 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

17 I. THE FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH AND ASSOCIATION

18 12. The First Amendment of the United States Constitution provides that
19 “Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech.” U.S. Const.,
20 amend. I. The Freedom of Speech Clause is incorporated and made applicable to the
21 states and their political subdivisions by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United
22 States Constitution.

23 13. The First Amendment does not tolerate the suppression of speech based
24 on what some may label an unpopular viewpoint of the speaker. *John J. Hurley and*
25 *S. Boston Allied War Vets. Council v. Irish-Am. Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Group of*
26 *Boston*, 515 U.S. 557 (1995). (“While the law is free to promote all sorts of conduct
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28 ¹ Unless otherwise noted, Defendants the City of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti,
and Holly L. Wolcott are referred to hereafter as “the City.”

1 in place of harmful behavior, it is not free to interfere with speech for no better reason
2 than promoting an approved message or discouraging a disfavored one, however
3 enlightened either purpose may strike the government.”)

4 14. As the Supreme Court recognized in *West Virginia State Board of*
5 *Education v. Barnette*, 319 U.S. 624, 642 (1943), “no official, high or petty, can
6 prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of
7 opinion or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein.” Indeed, the
8 right to hold one’s personal “beliefs and to associate with others of [like-minded]
9 political persuasion” lies at the heart of the First Amendment. *Elrod v. Burns*, 427
10 U.S. 347, 356 (1976).

11 15. Thus, when the government makes inquiries about citizens’ beliefs or
12 associations, those inquiries are limited by the First Amendment. *Baird v. State Bar*
13 *of Ariz.*, 401 U.S. 1, 6-7 (1971) (holding that “a heavy burden lies upon [the
14 government] to show that the inquiry is necessary to protect a legitimate state
15 interest”). But no matter what, the government “may not inquire about a man’s views
16 or associations solely for the purpose of withholding a right or benefit because of
17 what he believes.” *Id.* at 7.

18 16. The same principle applies to conditions on government contracts. *See*,
19 *e.g.*, *Agency for Int’l Dev. v. All. for Open Soc’y Int’l, Inc.*, 570 U.S. 205, 217 (2013)
20 (holding that the government cannot require organizations to adopt a policy opposing
21 prostitution as a condition of receiving government funds). Indeed, any attempt to
22 penalize a government employee or contractor for their beliefs or associations
23 violates the First Amendment, unless the nature of the goods or services provided
24 “requires political allegiance.” *Jantzen v. Hawkins*, 188 F.3d 1247, 1251 (10th Cir.
25 1999) (applying this test to employees); *see also O’Hare Truck Serv., Inc. v. City of*
26 *Northlake*, 518 U.S. 712, 726 (1996) (applying same test to government contractors).

27 17. The First Amendment also protects against government compulsion of
28 speech, for the right to speak and the right to refrain from speaking “are

1 complementary components of the broader concept of individual freedom of mind.”
2 *Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U.S. 705, 714 (1977).

3 18. Government compelled speech is presumptively unconstitutional when
4 it burdens speech by demanding that speakers disclose that which they might be
5 reluctant to disclose, thus deterring them from engaging in speech. *McIntyre v. Ohio*
6 *Elecs. Comm’n*, 514 U.S. 334, 341-42 (1995). Indeed, “the First Amendment requires
7 that the State not dictate the content of speech absent necessity, and then, only by
8 means precisely tailored.” *Tex. State Troopers Ass’n v. Morales*, 10 F. Supp. 2d 628
9 (N.D. Tex. 1998).

10 19. The First Amendment also protects the right to freely associate with
11 others to advance one’s beliefs without fear of government reprisal. *NAACP v. State*
12 *of Alabama ex rel. Patterson*, 357 U.S. 449 (1958); *see also Nat’l Rifle Ass’n of Am.,*
13 *Inc. v. City of S. Miami*, 774 So. 2d 815 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2000). Indeed, the
14 Supreme Court has recognized that “[e]ffective advocacy of both public and private
15 points of view, particularly controversial ones, is undeniably enhanced by group
16 association.” *Id.* at 462.

17 20. No matter the beliefs advanced, be they “political, economic, religious or
18 cultural,” “state action which may have the effect of curtailing the freedom to
19 associate is subject to the closest scrutiny.” *Id.* at 460-61. Thus, to require disclosure
20 of an association’s membership lists, the government must have a compelling
21 justification for such an infringement on the right of free association. *Id.*

22 21. The First Amendment prohibits government retaliation for exercising
23 one’s right to engage in protected speech or association. “To bring a First
24 Amendment retaliation claim, the plaintiff must allege that (1) it engaged in
25 constitutionally protected activity; (2) the defendant’s actions would “chill a person
26 of ordinary firmness” from continuing to engage in the protected activity; and (3) the
27 protected activity was a substantial motivating factor in the defendant’s conduct—
28 i.e., that there was a nexus between the defendant’s actions and an intent to chill

1 speech.” *Ariz. Students’ Ass’n v. Ariz. Bd. of Regents*, 824 F.3d 858 (9th Cir. 2016).

2 22. To prevail on a First Amendment Retaliation claim, “a plaintiff need
3 only show that the defendant “intended to interfere” with the plaintiff’s First
4 Amendment rights and that it suffered some injury as a result; the plaintiff is not
5 required to demonstrate that its speech was actually suppressed or inhibited.”
6 *Mendocino Envtl. Ctr. v. Mendocino County*, 192 F.3d 1283, 1300 (1999).

7 **II. THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT RIGHT TO EQUAL PROTECTION**

8 23. The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides
9 that no state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the
10 laws. U.S. Const. amend. XIV.

11 24. Generally, equal protection is based on protected classes of persons who
12 are similarly situated; however, individuals who suffer irrational and intentional
13 discrimination or animus can bring claims of equal protection where the government
14 is subjecting only the plaintiff to differing and unique treatment compared to others
15 who are similarly situated, *Engquist v. Ore. Dep’t of Agric.*, 553 U.S. 591 (2008),
16 even if not based upon group characteristics, *Village of Willowbrook v. Olech*, 528
17 U.S. 562 (2000).

18 25. Further, disparate treatment under the law, when one is engaged in
19 activities that are fundamental rights, is actionable under the Equal Protection Clause,
20 *Police Dep’t of Chic. v. Mosley*, 408 U.S. 92 (1972); *Carey v. Brown*, 447 U.S. 455
21 (1980).

22 26. “Because the right to engage in political expression is fundamental to
23 our constitutional system, statutory classifications impinging upon that right must be
24 narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest.” *Austin v. Mich.*
25 *Chamber of Commerce*, 494 U.S. 652, 666 (1990), *rev’d on other grounds*, *Citizens*
26 *United v. Fed. Elec. Comm’n*, __ U.S. __, 130 S. Ct. 876 (2010).

27 **III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

28 27. NRA, like many membership organizations, provides incentives to its

1 members through corporate partners. It has a diverse pool of sponsors, ranging from
2 large, national corporations that offer affinity discount programs to smaller, local
3 retailers and firearm trainers who donate their employees' time to build the NRA's
4 membership base and share information about NRA's programs and advocacy work.

5 28. NRA raises funds from its individual members and community partners
6 to keep its programs viable and to continue speaking out on issues concerning its
7 constituents. It relies on membership dues and donations to compete with well-funded
8 groups that advocate opposing messages.

9 29. The state of California has one of the most rigorous regulatory schemes
10 for gun policy and the commerce of firearms of any state in the nation. Many of
11 California's larger cities nonetheless compete to be "leaders" in gun control, passing
12 ever-expanding restrictions on the lawful acquisition, ownership, and possession of
13 firearms and ammunition. Los Angeles is among these cities. Indeed, it is frequently
14 the target of gun control groups whose goal is to limit the rights of gun owners. And
15 City officials regularly oblige, championing a broad gun-control agenda and
16 supporting the work of anti-gun groups.

17 30. Many NRA supporters and members disagree with the sweeping gun-
18 control policies the City seeks to implement. NRA thus stands in the gap for its
19 members and supporters who see no other group with comparable ability to promote
20 their pro-Second Amendment beliefs, including belief in the right to self-defense.

21 31. Intending to silence NRA's voice, as well as the voices of all those who
22 dare oppose the City's broad gun-control agenda, the City adopted Ordinance No.
23 186000 ("the Ordinance"), requiring all current and prospective City contractors to
24 disclose any "sponsorship" of or "contract" with NRA.

25 32. Through the Ordinance, the City hopes to pressure NRA supporters and
26 members to end their relationships with NRA, reducing NRA's funding and support.
27 Indeed, the City's goal is to diminish NRA's political contributions, its membership
28 numbers, and ultimately its pro-Second Amendment speech.

1 33. Some City councilmembers have claimed that the Ordinance is not
 2 meant to deny anyone a contract with the City, but to expose those that support NRA
 3 because residents “deserve to know.”² Even if that were a legitimate goal, it is clearly
 4 not the Ordinance’s true intent. As one councilmember put it, the City “should have
 5 the ability to make decisions about whether we want to do business with companies
 6 that feel that they can profit from what the NRA is doing throughout our country.”
 7 Krekorian Remarks, *supra*, at 1:37:33.

8 34. City councilmembers have made disparaging, false, and hyperbolic
 9 statements about NRA and its supporters, suggesting that the organization is doing
 10 something unlawful or immoral. Indeed, Councilmember Mitchell O’Farrell, the
 11 Ordinance’s sponsor, has repeatedly called on the City to “rid itself” of those
 12 associated with NRA and labelled the NRA an “extremist” and “white supreme [sic]
 13 peddling” group. Los Angeles City Council, Budget & Finance Committee, Motion
 14 (Mar. 28, 2018), *available at* [http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0262_mot_03-28-2018.pdf)
 15 [0262_mot_03-28-2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0262_mot_03-28-2018.pdf) (a true and correct copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 2);
 16 O’Farrell Remarks, *supra*, at 1:33:39—1:35:24.

17 35. The City has a history of pressuring businesses that seek to do business
 18 with the City to end relationships with NRA. For example, Councilmember O’Farrell
 19 and the City held up a contract with FedEx because of its ties to NRA. When FedEx
 20 announced that it had ended its affinity program for NRA members, O’Farrell took a
 21 victory lap, announcing that he had “told @FedEx executives earlier this year, ‘there
 22 is no high road in doing business with the @NRA.’” He thanked FedEx for “realizing

23 ² Los Angeles City Council, Budget & Finance Committee, Motion (Sept. 21,
 24 2018), *available at* [http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0896_mot_09-21-](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0896_mot_09-21-2018.pdf)
 25 [2018.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2018/18-0896_mot_09-21-2018.pdf) (a true and correct copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 1); *see also*
 26 Councilmember Mitchell O’Farrell, Remarks at Meeting of Los Angeles City Council
 27 at 1:34:22 (Feb. 12, 2019), *available at* [http://lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.](http://lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=129&clip_id=18753)
 28 [php?view_id=129&clip_id=18753](http://lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=129&clip_id=18753) (hereafter referred to as “O’Farrell Remarks”);
 Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Remarks at Meeting of Los Angeles City Council at
 1:37:30 (Feb. 12, 2019), *available at* [http://lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.](http://lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=129&clip_id=18753)
[php?view_id=129&clip_id=18753](http://lacity.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=129&clip_id=18753) (hereafter referred to as “Krekorian Remarks”);
see also Mayor Eric Garcetti, Official Twitter Account (@MayorOfLA), *available at*
<https://twitter.com/MayorOfLA?lang=en&lang=en>

1 their role in promoting violence & terror on American soil.” Councilmember Mitch
2 O’Farrell, Official Twitter Account (@MitchOFarrell) (tweet from October 31,
3 2018), *available at* <https://twitter.com/MitchOFarrell?lang=en> (a true and correct
4 copy of relevant excerpts is attached hereto as Exhibit 3).

5 36. In March 2018, Councilmember O’Farrell introduced before the Budget
6 & Finance Committee, a particularly egregious motion (“the March Motion”)
7 expressing the urgent need to take action against the NRA and its supporters. Ex. 3

8 37. The March Motion targeted City contractors who also support and have
9 a relationship with NRA, declaring that the “City should rid itself of its relationships
10 with any organization that supports the NRA.” Ex. 3. The March Memo went on to
11 suggest the action was necessary because of the “opposing stances of the NRA and
12 the City.” Ex. 3.

13 38. The March Motion called for city staff to draft a report listing all
14 organizations with formal ties to NRA. Ex. 3. It also asked the Chief Legislative
15 Analyst to “report back with options for the City to immediately boycott those
16 businesses and organizations until their formal relationship with the NRA ceases to
17 exist.” Ex. 3.

18 39. On or about September 21, 2018, Councilmember O’Farrell, through a
19 Motion to the Budget & Finance Committee, once again moved to force companies
20 doing business with the City to disclose any formal relationships with NRA. The
21 motion would direct “the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract
22 Administration, to prepare and present an ordinance directing any prospective
23 contractor with the City of Los Angeles to disclose, under affidavit: (1) any contracts
24 it or any of its subsidiaries has with the National Rifle Association; and (2) any
25 sponsorship it or any of its subsidiaries provides to the National Rifle Association.”
26 Ex. 1.

27 40. The motion spoke of the perceived advantage the NRA has in promoting
28 its beliefs because of the financial support of businesses, members, and donors. Ex. 1.

1 The motion did not address any public safety issues or concerns about the ability of
2 the contractors to complete the contracts. Ex. 1.

3 41. At its regular meeting, held October 1, 2018, the Budget & Finance
4 Committee considered O'Farrell's motion and opened the floor to public comment.
5 The committee adopted the motion and recommended City action. Attached hereto as
6 Exhibit 4 is a true and correct copy of the Report from Budget & Finance Committee
7 re: File No. 18-0896.

8 42. On or about October 10, 2018, the full City Council considered the
9 Budget & Finance Committee's report and motion. The City Council voted to adopt
10 the report and instructed the Los Angeles City Attorney to draft an ordinance that
11 would require all City contractors to disclose any formal ties to NRA. Attached
12 hereto as Exhibit 5 is a true and correct copy of the October 10, 2018 Official Action
13 of the Los Angeles City Council.

14 43. On January 18, 2019, the Los Angeles City Attorney presented draft
15 Ordinance No. 186000 to the City Council. Attached hereto as Exhibit 6 is a true and
16 correct copy of the January 18, 2018 letter from Chief Assistant City Attorney David
17 Michaelson with the draft ordinance attached.

18 44. On or about February 4, 2019, the Budget & Finance Committee
19 considered the City Attorney's letter and draft ordinance "relative to amending the
20 [Los Angeles Administrative Code] to require City contractors and potential City
21 contractors to disclose all contracts with or sponsorship of the NRA." The committee
22 approved the City Attorney's recommendation and forwarded the matter to the City
23 Council. Attached hereto as Exhibit 7 is a true and correct copy of the February 4,
24 2019 Budget & Finance Committee Report.

25 45. On or about February 12, 2019, the City Attorney presented the City
26 Council with a slightly revised draft ordinance (correcting a misspelling of
27 Pittsburgh). As drafted, the Ordinance would require all prospective City contractors
28 to disclose in an affidavit any "sponsorship" of or contract with NRA. The Ordinance

1 would also require City contractors to update their disclosures whenever they enter
2 into a formal relationship with NRA.

3 46. The Ordinance passed unanimously on February 12, 2019. Attached
4 hereto as Exhibit 8 is a true and correct copy of the February 13, 2019 Official Action
5 of the Los Angeles City Council.

6 47. The City passed the Ordinance with little discussion. Though
7 Councilmember O'Farrell took the time to declare his hatred for NRA and its efforts
8 to oppose a broad gun-control agenda. During the council meeting, for instance,
9 O'Farrell called the NRA an "extremist, white supreme-peddling" group that
10 "peddle[s] in . . . violence and extremism." O'Farrell Remarks, *supra*, at 1:32:39—
11 1:34:38.

12 48. Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti signed the Ordinance into law on
13 February 18, 2019. Ex. 8.

14 49. The Ordinance took effect on April 1, 2019. Attached hereto as Exhibit 9
15 is Ordinance No. 186000 as adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on February
16 12, 2019.

17 50. The Ordinance itself explicitly calls out NRA's advocacy efforts on
18 behalf of its members as an impediment to the City's anti-Second Amendment
19 agenda. Ex. 9.

20 51. The Ordinance claims that "the benefits and discounts the NRA arranges
21 for its membership entices new members to join and existing members to renew their
22 NRA membership," generating millions of dollars in revenue for the "NRA agenda of
23 opposing legislative efforts throughout the country." Ex. 9.

24 52. The Ordinance also claims that "the NRA leadership, with the financial
25 support of its dues paying members, continues to lobby against gun safety
26 regulations." Ex. 9.

27 53. The City generally adheres to specific criteria for awarding projects to
28 contractors. These include the lowest and best bid, responsiveness to deadlines, and

1 ability to meet defining, project-specific qualifications. The City further looks at a
2 prospective contractor's experience, qualifications, record of performance, financial
3 capabilities, understanding of the scope of work, and best overall value. None of
4 these criteria are related to a contractor's political beliefs or associations.

5 54. The Ordinance has nothing to do with awarding contracts to the best
6 candidates, fiduciary stewardship of public resources, or providing equal and open
7 opportunities. Instead, it is about discriminating against a lawful organization and its
8 members and supporters because the City does not approve of their political speech.

9 55. The City's political pressure mirrors that of anti-NRA and anti-gun
10 activists who demand that companies stop their support of NRA. The difference is
11 that those are private people and organizations, and this is one of the largest cities in
12 the country using its power to bully lawful businesses and individual members based
13 on their political viewpoint.

14 56. Plaintiffs and others similarly situated are currently being harmed by the
15 City's unconstitutional conduct. Their rights of free speech and association are being
16 chilled, as the Ordinance forces them to choose between their political beliefs and
17 placating the City to secure work with the City.

18 57. Defendants' conduct further attempts to compel speech of Plaintiffs and
19 any potential contractors that support the NRA by mandating a written disclosure of
20 their political affiliations with the intent to use that information against them.

21 58. Defendants' actions seek to single out individuals and a particular group
22 with disfavored speech and treat them differently from those contractors who are
23 similarly situated, but which have political views the City finds palatable.

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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Right to Freedom of Association Under U.S. Const., amend. I

42 U.S.C. § 1983

(By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

59. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 58 of this Complaint as though fully set forth herein in their entirety.

60. By requiring Plaintiffs to disclose any sponsorship of or contract with Plaintiff NRA as a precondition for being awarded a City contract for goods or service, the Ordinance violates Plaintiffs' right to association under the First Amendment, as incorporated through the Fourteenth Amendment.

61. The Ordinance violates Plaintiffs' freedom of association by forcing them to publicly disclose affiliations that are disfavored by some, and which have no relation to the ability of a contractor to perform requested services or provide requested goods under a City contract.

62. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied, does not serve a compelling, significant, or legitimate governmental interest.

63. Even if the Ordinance served some sufficient government interest, it is neither narrowly tailored nor the least restrictive means to serve that purpose.

64. Defendants adopted and have enforced the unconstitutional Ordinance challenged here while acting under color of state law.

65. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury for which there is not adequate remedy at law. Absent intervention by this Court, through declaratory and injunctive relief, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer this irreparable harm.

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

Violation of Right to Free Speech Under U.S. Const., Amend. I

42 U.S.C. § 1983

(By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

66. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 65 of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein in their entirety.

67. Plaintiff NRA, on behalf of its millions of members and supporters, advocates for the preservation of the right to keep and bear arms by supporting or opposing legislation with the potential to impact its members' civil rights. Plaintiff NRA thus engages in political speech and expression protected by the First Amendment.

68. Plaintiff Doe, through his association with and support of Plaintiff NRA, also engages in protected political speech and expressive conduct related to the preservation of the right to keep and bear arms.

69. Among Plaintiff NRA's members are individuals and businesses, including Plaintiff Doe, that presently have or seek to obtain contracts with the City of Los Angeles to provide goods or services. Under the Ordinance, these members are required to disclose any sponsorship of or contract with Plaintiff NRA.

70. On its face, the Ordinance makes clear that its intention is to harm Plaintiff NRA by diminishing access to funding from members, sponsors, and supporters that fuels Plaintiff NRA's political agenda.

71. The legislative history of the Ordinance is clear that the City intends to boycott businesses that sponsor or contract with Plaintiff NRA.

72. Defendants, through social media, committee reports, and on-the-record comments, have disparaged Plaintiff NRA and its supporters and have expressed their disdain for the organization simply because they disagree with Plaintiffs' pro-Second Amendment viewpoint.

73. The Ordinance is an unconstitutional abridgment on its face, and as

1 applied or threatened to be applied, of Plaintiffs' affirmative rights to freedom of
2 speech under the First Amendment, as incorporated through the Fourteenth
3 Amendment.

4 74. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied,
5 imposes an unconstitutional ideological litmus test for independent contractors,
6 requiring that they disclose information about their political beliefs and associations.

7 75. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied, is
8 a content-based and viewpoint-based restriction on speech.

9 76. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied,
10 does not serve a compelling, significant, or legitimate governmental interest.

11 77. Even if the Ordinance served some sufficient government interest, it is
12 neither narrowly tailored nor the least restrictive means to serve that purpose.

13 78. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied, is
14 an overbroad restriction on expressive activity.

15 79. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied, is
16 unconstitutional because it seeks disclosure of Plaintiffs' political beliefs and
17 associations solely for the purpose of withholding government contracts.

18 80. Defendants have not only the authority to order investigations of
19 businesses, but also to reject contracts with businesses, like Plaintiff Doe, that have
20 ties to Plaintiff NRA. This constitutes a true threat of retaliation against Plaintiffs for
21 exercising their First Amendment right to free speech.

22 81. The Ordinance does, in fact, chill the speech of current and prospective
23 City contractors with ties to Plaintiff NRA. In fact, several contractors with ties to
24 Plaintiff NRA refused to be named or to participate in this lawsuit, fearing that the
25 City will retaliate against them and revoke or reject City contracts based on their
26 relationship to NRA.

27 82. Defendants adopted and have enforced the unconstitutional Ordinance
28 challenged here while acting under color of state law.

1 83. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have
2 suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury for which there is not adequate
3 remedy at law. Absent intervention by this Court, through declaratory and injunctive
4 relief, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer this irreparable harm.

5 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

6 **Government Compelled Speech Under U.S. Const., amend. I**

7 **42 U.S.C. § 1983**

8 (b) (By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

9 84. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 83 of this
10 Complaint as though fully set forth herein in their entirety.

11 85. By requiring Plaintiffs to disclose any sponsorship of or contract with
12 Plaintiff NRA as a precondition for being awarded a City contract for goods or
13 service, the Ordinance violates Plaintiffs' right to free speech under the First
14 Amendment, as incorporated through the Fourteenth Amendment.

15 86. The Ordinance compels Plaintiffs to engage in speech they wish not to
16 engage in. Specifically, the Ordinance compels the disclosure of their affiliation with
17 Plaintiff NRA, an organization that engages in speech and other expressive activity
18 relating to controversial political and social issues.

19 87. The Ordinance compels this speech of Plaintiffs even though the
20 required disclosure has no connection to the goods to provided or the services to be
21 rendered under the City's contracts.

22 88. Defendants intend, through compelled disclosure of Plaintiffs' political
23 affiliation with NRA, to place undue social pressure on Plaintiffs and to diminish
24 open discussion regarding the Second Amendment.

25 89. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied,
26 does not serve a compelling, significant, or legitimate governmental interest.

27 90. Even if the Ordinance served some sufficient government interest, it is
28 neither narrowly tailored nor the least restrictive means to serve that purpose.

1 disdain for the organization simply because they disagree with Plaintiffs' pro-Second
2 Amendment viewpoint.

3 99. There is a clear nexus between the Ordinance and Defendants' intent to
4 chill Plaintiffs' speech.

5 100. Defendants adopted and have enforced the unconstitutional Ordinance
6 challenged here while acting under color of state law.

7 101. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have
8 suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury for which there is not adequate
9 remedy at law. Absent intervention by this Court, through declaratory and injunctive
10 relief, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer this irreparable harm.

11 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Violation of Equal Protection Under U.S. Const., amend. XIV**

13 **42 U.S.C. § 1983**

14 (By All Plaintiffs Against All Defendants)

15 102. Plaintiff incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 101 of this
16 Complaint as though fully set forth herein in their entirety.

17 103. Although Plaintiff operates a legal advocacy and political organization,
18 just like the other groups that operate within the City of Los Angeles, Defendants are
19 treating Plaintiffs unequally by requiring them to disclose political affiliations that
20 have nothing to do with their ability to complete a given contract.

21 104. Defendants' requirement that political contractors disclose this affiliation
22 or risk not being eligible for City contracts does not further any compelling
23 government interest. Defendants' claim that "residents and stakeholders deserve to
24 know" is not a compelling government interest.

25 105. The Ordinance's mandate that contractors affiliated with Plaintiff NRA
26 follow a separate set of disclosure rules than other contractors who are competing for
27 the same contracts is a violation of Plaintiffs' right to equal protection under the law
28 because it is based on a "bare desire to harm a politically unpopular group." *U.S.*

1 *Dep't of Agric. v. Moreno*, 413 U.S. 528, 534 (1973).

2 106. Plaintiffs are being singled out for their political beliefs and speech.
3 Indeed, other contractors not affiliated with Plaintiff NRA are not required to disclose
4 their political beliefs or affiliations as part of the contractor bid process.

5 107. The Ordinance, on its face and as applied or threatened to be applied,
6 does not serve a compelling, significant, or legitimate governmental interest.

7 108. Even if the Ordinance served some sufficient government interest, it is
8 neither narrowly tailored nor the least restrictive means to serve that purpose.

9 109. Defendants adopted and have enforced the unconstitutional Ordinance
10 challenged here while acting under color of state law.

11 110. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs have
12 suffered and continue to suffer irreparable injury for which there is not adequate
13 remedy at law. Absent intervention by this Court, through declaratory and injunctive
14 relief, Plaintiffs will continue to suffer this irreparable harm.

15 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

16 Plaintiffs pray that the Court:

17 1. Enter a declaration that Ordinance No. 186000 violates the free speech
18 rights of Plaintiffs under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution;

19 2. Enter a declaration that Ordinance No. 186000 violates the free speech
20 rights of Plaintiff under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution
21 because it constitutes compelled speech by the government;

22 3. Enter a declaration that Ordinance No. 186000 violates Plaintiffs' right
23 of free association under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution;

24 4. Enter a declaration that Ordinance No. 186000 violates Plaintiffs' rights
25 of free speech and association under the First Amendment of the United States
26 Constitution because it constitutes government retaliation for engaging in protected
27 conduct;

28 5. Enter a declaration that Ordinance No. 186000 violates Plaintiffs' right

1 to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States
2 Constitution;

3 6. Issue preliminary and permanent injunctive relief prohibiting
4 Defendants, their employees, agents, successor, and assigns from enforcing or
5 publishing Ordinance No. 186000;

6 7. Award damages according to proof;

7 8. Award reasonable costs and expenses, including attorney's fees,
8 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988 or other appropriate state or federal law; and

9 9. Any such relief the Court deems just and equitable.

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11 Dated: April 24, 2019

MICHEL & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

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13 s/ Anna M. Barvir

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15 Counsel for Plaintiffs
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EXHIBIT “1”

BUDGET & FINANCE

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According to the Gun Violence Archive, since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012, there have been more than 1,600 mass shootings. In 2018 alone, there have been over 200 mass shooting incidents.

Research compiled by Everytown for Gun Safety show that on average, 96 Americans are killed with guns on a daily basis, while hundreds more are injured. The effects of gun violence extend far beyond these casualties.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) has been one of the most significant roadblocks to sensible gun safety reform at every level of government across the nation. In Congress, next to nothing has been done due to the NRA's stranglehold and propaganda machine. According to an audit obtained by the Center for Responsive Politics, the NRA's spending on political activities from 1998-2017 aggregated to over \$200 million.

The City of Los Angeles has historically enacted ordinances and adopted positions that support and promote gun safety and gun safety legislation.

For the sake of transparency, the City's residents and stakeholders deserve to know how the City's public funds are being spent, and whether taxpayer funds are being spent on contractors that have contractual or sponsorship ties with the NRA. An ordinance should be drafted and modeled after existing disclosure requirements like the Border Wall Contracts Disclosure and the Slavery Disclosure ordinances.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, to prepare and present an ordinance directing any prospective contractor with the City of Los Angeles to disclose, under affidavit: (1) any contracts it or any of its subsidiaries has with the National Rifle Association; and (2) any sponsorship it or any of its subsidiaries provides to the National Rifle Association.

PRESENTED BY: 

MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

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EXHIBIT “2”

BUDGET & FINANCE

MOTION

According to a 2017 report from Everytown For Gun Safety, there have been 156 mass shootings from 2009-2016. Those statistics do not include the recent mass shooting incidents in Parkland, Florida and Las Vegas, Nevada.

The National Rifle Association (NRA) is the most influential lobbying organization in the United States, effectively hindering the adoption of any common sense gun safety laws at every level of government.

According to an audit obtained by the Center for Responsive Politics, the NRA's spending on political activities from 1998-2017 aggregated to over \$200 million.

The City of Los Angeles has historically enacted ordinances and adopted positions that promote gun safety and gun safety legislation.

Given the opposing stances of the NRA and the City, the City should move to rid itself of its relationships with any organization that supports the NRA.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report back with a list of all businesses and organizations that have a formal relationship with the NRA.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA report back with options for the City to immediately boycott those businesses and organizations until their formal relationship with the NRA ceases to exist.

PRESENTED BY:



MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

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#WorldBookDay

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**Mitch O'Farrell** · [@MitchOFarrell](#) · Apr 3

Earlier today, I introduced a resolution that calls on numerous video streaming services to end their commercial affiliation and contractual partnership with the **NRA** and NRATV. [#NRA](#) [#NRATV](#) [#Gunsafety](#) [@MomsDemand](#) [@Everytown](#) [cd13.lacity.org/news/ofarrell...](#)

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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch O'Farrell** · [@MitchOFarrell](#) · Mar 8

Anyone who takes a moment to see this will better understand the dangers of the "guns of any kind everywhere without any regulation" agenda. [@NRA](#) [@MomsDemand](#) [@Everytown](#) [@eqca](#) [@WAGV](#) [@bradybuzz](#)

Laura Friedman · [@laurafriedman43](#)

On #InternationalWomensDay2019, I celebrate Arkansas State Senator Stephanie Flowers. [twitter.com/ProudResister/...](#)

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**Mitch O'Farrell** · [@MitchOFarrell](#) · Feb 16

Daylighting ties to the **NRA**. - [mailchi.mp/lacity/dayligh...](#)

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**Mitch O'Farrell** · [@MitchOFarrell](#) · Feb 13

Our residents deserve transparency related to any ties the **#NRA** may have to the City of Los Angeles. [@WAGV](#) [@MomsDemand](#) [@Bradybuzz](#) [@eqca](#) [@StonewallDemsLA](#)

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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch O'Farrell** · [@MitchOFarrell](#) · Feb 13

As we remember the horrible shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida one year ago, we must continue to keep in mind that the [@NRA](#) spends millions of dollars at every level of government to block any type of gun safety legislation.

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[Show this thread](#)**Mitch O'Farrell** · [@MitchOFarrell](#) · Jan 7

Replying to [@atwatervillage](#) [@NRA](#) and 4 others

Do you communicate via real identity? If so, please contact us with exact location and we can address this. I have a clean team that goes out 5 days a week in the District.

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To protest gun safety laws put forward by Pittsburgh officials after the mass shooting at a local synagogue, gun extremists are holding an open carry rally downtown today, forcing a nearby school and public transportation to go on lockdown. post-gazette.com/news/politics-...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · Jan 3

Bears repeating. Only 1 in 10 gun owners are **#NRA** members. Their extremist leadership wants people believe the **@NRA** represents all gun owners. They are ONLY a "no regulation/gun proliferation" lobby for gun manufacturers & they control the **@GOP**.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

74% of **@NRA** members support stronger gun laws and only 1 in 10 gun owners even belong to the NRA. Ain't no one to get ready except your lobbyists, and **@momsdemand** will outspend and outmaneuver them... again. twitter.com/NRA/status/108...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · Jan 2

We needn't feel defeated because of America's gun violence & mass shooting epidemic as we begin 2019; we must be relentless, determined, and resolved to reverse course and defeat the powers that make it all possible. **@NRA** - that includes you. **@MomsDemand** **@Everytown** **@eqca** **@WAGV**

Brady @bradybuzz

In 2018 there were at least 340 mass shootings, some which shook the nation stirring up great momentum in the movement to prevent gun violence. But every single day communities around the country face gun violence with more than 56,000 incidents in 2018. - bit.ly/2BRbC16

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Dec 2018

This is what happens when the **@NRA** leadership is in command of politicians, as has happened in Ohio. They can now sue city's there for enacting gun safety laws. This - despite a strong majority of Americans AND **#NRA** members who support **#gunsafety** in the U.S. TY **@MomsDemand**



Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Ohio **@MomsDemand** volunteers file out of the statehouse after some Republican Senators vote to override **@JohnKasich**'s veto of a bill that will allow the **@NRA** to sue municipalities for enacting gun safety policies....

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individually, pediatric cancers, drowning, poisoning, birth defects, asthma or drug overdoses. So what are we doing to save our children?
Start here: wagv.org

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 19 Dec 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @NRA

This is a consequence of an organization led by violent extremists, when they control an entire political party, @GOP - and a state's Governor & legislature.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 12 Dec 2018

This need not be our new normal. We can reign in mass shootings of children if we reign in the power and influence of the @NRA and their lackeys in Congress & @realDonaldTrump -TY to all the advocacy groups who have fought for #gunsafety legislation all these years. We will win.

Brady @bradybuzz

.@EducationWeek analyzes patterns in school shootings focusing on the incidents of 2018, which killed or injured at least 113 people. bbc.in/2Ldi3zY

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 5 Dec 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts

She is a mouthpiece for another fraud perpetuated by the @NRA and this BS will result in real tragedies: All of them preventable.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 3 Dec 2018

Very important reminder of a great deed by George H.W. Bush. Thx @Bradybuzz! The @NRA has been an extremist organization for a long time now, with no sign of letting up. This is one beast we need to starve.

Brady @bradybuzz

After a NRA member killed 168 people in Oklahoma, George H.W. Bush resigned as a lifetime member from the NRA due to Wayne LaPierre's remarks. In the wake of Bush's passing, we remember him for being an honorable leader in standing up to the NRA. nyti.ms/2QwDWzd

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 10 Nov 2018

One thing is clear, the @NRA is in the wrong lane. #ThisISMyLane

NRA @NRA

Someone should tell self-important anti-gun doctors to stay in their lane. Half of the articles in Annals of Internal Medicine are pushing for gun control.



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@YouTube - Ready to stop streaming @NRATV yet? @JeffBezos @MomsDemand @Everytown @WAGV @Bradybuzz @eqca

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

The Thousand Oaks shooter used a high capacity magazine that California voters banned anyone in the state from possessing in 2016.

But the @NRA and other gun extremists orgs blocked the law from...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 5 Nov 2018

The @NRA leadership is fighting to keep the AR-15 assault weapon and other "weapons of war" easily available to everyone everywhere. Let's put another check on their power tomorrow & bring an end to their violent extremism. #Vote2018



Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

One year ago today, a gunman used an AR-15 to murder 26 people inside a Sutherland Springs, Texas, church.

"Ninety percent of the people were unrecognizable....."



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 31 Oct 2018

I told @FedEx executives earlier this year, "there is no high road in doing business with the @NRA." Thank you FedEx for realizing their role in promoting violence & terror on American soil. @MomsDemand @WAGV @Bradybuzz

FedEx cuts ties with NRA

FedEx has cut ties with the National Rifle Association (NRA), eight months after it first received calls to do so. thehill.com



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Oct 2018

Replying to @MitchOFarrell @shannonrwatts and 2 others

And by the way, @amazonprimenow @AppleTV @Google -isn't it time to end your relationship with @NRATV & stop aiding and abetting their violent, extremist rhetoric?



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companies to follow suit.
usatoday.com

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Oct 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @NRA @DLoesch

Let's call this for what it is: Promoting gun violence and voter intimidation from the @NRA

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 12 Oct 2018

Replying to @DonnaShalala @shannonrwatts @MomsDemand

An F from the @NRA is definitely a badge of honor. Keep them coming. Congratulations Secretary Shalala!

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 1 Oct 2018

My #NRA disclosure motion passed unanimously in Budget & Finance committee today. TY Chair @PaulKreorian for your partnership. Next up; full City Council to draft the Ordinance. @WAGV @Bradybuzz @Everytown @MomsDemand @sandyhook

BUDGET & FINANCE MOTION

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WHEREFORE, I MOVE, that the City Council REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, to prepare and present an ordinance directing any prospective contractor with the City of Los Angeles to disclose, under affidavit: (1) any contracts (i) or any of its subsidiaries has with the National Rifle Association; and (2) any sponsorship (i) or any of its subsidiaries provides to the National Rifle Association.

PRESENTED BY: Mitch O'Farrell

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COUNCILMEMBER
MITCH O'FARRELL
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, 13TH DISTRICT

October 1, 2018

Councilmember Paul Kreorian
Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
300 N. Main Street, Suite 2000
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Council Bill 18-0006

Dear Councilmember Kreorian:

Thank you for bringing this issue to the attention of the committee during our recent meeting on October 1, 2018. I, Mitch O'Farrell, am a member of the City Council, representing the 13th District. I am writing to you regarding the proposed ordinance, which would require any contractor with the City of Los Angeles to disclose, under affidavit, any contracts (i) or any of its subsidiaries has with the National Rifle Association; and (2) any sponsorship (i) or any of its subsidiaries provides to the National Rifle Association.

The need to be transparent to the public is a core principle of the National Rifle Association. Although gun safety legislation has been introduced in various states, including California, the NRA has not only opposed it, but also has been successful in blocking it. The NRA's efforts to block gun safety legislation are a clear violation of the public's right to know.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 22 Sep 2018

Part of #gunsense is disclosure & transparency regarding @NRA ties.
[google.com/amp/s/www.nbc1.com](https://www.nbc1.com) @WAGV @MomsDemand @Everytown @Bradybuzz @sandyhook @drainthenra



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 26 Aug 2018

More insensitivity and propaganda from the @NRA implying guns everywhere will make us safer. Vote 4 #gunsense candidates November 6th! @MomsDemand @eqca @sandyhook @Everytown @Bradybuzz

Dana Loesch @DLoesch

A horrible tragedy. End gun free zones or have the security in place to keep people safe in them. jacksonvillelanding.com/rules-of-condu...
twitter.com/twitchyteam/st...



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 7 Aug 2018

Maybe the @NRA leadership received another infusion of Russian oligarch cash to help run their political campaigns.

Shannon Watts @shannonwatts

BREAKING: The @NRA isn't bankrupt. twitter.com/NRA/status/102...



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 19 Jul 2018

Replying to @shannonwatts @NRA @MomsDemand
Keeping it classy @DLoesch



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 18 Jul 2018

Replying to @shannonwatts @NRA

Extremists don't engage in logic or have integrity. That pretty much defines the @NRA leadership. They consistently stick to their agenda of guns everywhere EXCEPT at their own events or when it could cause them personal harm. It is essentially cowardice.



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 17 Jul 2018

Will @NRA leadership or @DLoesch comment on their "VIP" Mariia Butina's conspiracy indictment as a Russian agent?



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to the National Rifle Association, according to a bombshell news report.
thetrace.org



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 3 Jul 2018

This is the prevailing status quo of the @GOP "Thoughts and Prayers" controlled Congress. The November elections will literally mean life and death and a chance to stop the @NRA leadership's assault weapons everywhere agenda.
@MomsDemand @WAGV @Everytown @eqca @GAG_LAChapter

NBC Politics @NBCPolitics

Senate Majority Leader McConnell:

There's not much the federal government can do to respond to school shootings. nbcnews.to/2z7gd15



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Jun 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts

Since the "thoughts and prayers" party knows how hollow their words ring after each mass shooting, all they have left at their disposal is to condemn foul language. God knows their true master is the @NRA



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Jun 2018

Hey @DLoesch & @NRA - Your unique & reckless brand of hatred, corruption and ignorance will ultimately be defeated. Your followers may be more motivated than ever but you're base is shrinking. #VoteThemOut2018



Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

.@NRA's Dana Loesch in 2016: Reporters are the "rat-bastards of the Earth" who should be "curb-stomped."

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Jun 2018

Replying to @LeonidasBowman @NRA and 5 others

You are missing the point. The killer's guns should have been confiscated as he was known to have threatened the paper repeatedly. #RedFlag laws are needed nationally.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Jun 2018

Another mass shooting, Annapolis. Get ready to hear condolences from the "thoughts & prayers" party and the @NRA but zero action on #gunsafety



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 16 Jun 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @NRA

Go moms!

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 13 Jun 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @NRA

Proud to be considered an "enemy" of the @NRA's radicalized leadership.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 12 Jun 2018

Two years ago today, 49 lives were cut short and another 53 were wounded at the #Pulse Nightclub in Orlando. Despite several mass shootings since, the @NRA controls the @GOP in Congress. They refuse to enact sensible #GunControl legislation. #LGBT

These Are the Victims of the Orlando Nightclub Sh...

49 people were killed in the deadliest mass shooting in American history

time.com

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 4 Jun 2018

Hey @NRA & your enablers: You are outnumbered and your extremist agenda & bogus 2nd Amendment infringement argument will be defeated.

Brady @bradybuzz

Students at #MSD graduated this past weekend w/ a silent tribute to those they lost to gun violence & rocking @TLipstickLobby #FiredUp to raise awareness. bit.ly/2HmCuHm twitter.com/CNN/status/100...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 1 Jun 2018

What a crock @NRA and you know it, as do more and more people every day. PLEASE keep up your disingenuous propaganda. It is working in our favor.

#gunsafety @drainthenra

Brady @bradybuzz

They @NRA has attempted to co-opt a day to honor victims and survivors of gun violence in order to promote their own agenda, which has nothing to do with gun safety. New lows all the time. Show them why you #WearOrange! twitter.com/NRA/status/100...



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The young people will win. [cnbc.com/2018/05/30/dic...](https://www.cnbc.com/2018/05/30/dic...)



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 25 May 2018

Okay, @Apple @FedEx @amazon @JeffBezos @YouTube - Ready to stand up to the @NRA and their extremist agenda? The Parkland youth cannot do this alone. America needs you to! @shannonrwatts @MomsDemand @WAGV @eqca @Everytown



Jorge K Gonzalez @jorgekgonzalez

#BREAKING: In wakes of protests from @davidhogg111, Publix says it is suspending political donations and reevaluating its giving process. @CBSMiami



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 May 2018

An armed citizen shooting people in a Restaurant, including a 12 year old girl, and another armed citizen shooting the shooter. Common denominator; easy access to guns. Welcome to the @NRA's America.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Yes - the man who shot four people inside a restaurant, including a 12 year old child, was an armed citizen. twitter.com/dloesch/status...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 23 May 2018

And had a safe storage law been in effect in Texas, it may have prevented the Santa Fe High School shooting. The @NRA is in "violation" of our right to live a gun free life.

igorvolsky @igorvolsky

As a reminder: @NRA regularly lobbies against safe storage laws arguing that they are a violation of privacy and will lead to gun confiscation. nypost.com/2018/05/22/4-y...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 21 May 2018

In light of the recent shooting in Santa Fe, Texas, I'm even more determined to find out if the NRA has ties to businesses that the City of Los Angeles has ongoing relationships with. Here's my motion on this subject, which was introduced in March.



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government.

According to an audit obtained by the Center for Responsive Politics, the NRA's spending on political activities from 1998-2017 aggregated to over \$200 million.

The City of Los Angeles has historically enacted ordinances and adopted positions that promote gun safety and gun safety legislation.

Given the opposing stances of the NRA and the City, the City should move to rid itself of its relationships with any organization that supports the NRA.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council direct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report back with a list of all businesses and organizations that have a formal relationship with the NRA.

I FURTHER MOVE that the CLA report back with options for the City to immediately boycott those businesses and organizations until their formal relationship with the NRA ceases to exist.

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MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 19 May 2018

Calling BS when an @NRA zealot invokes "holier than thou" patriotism. My family of military veterans would have my back on this.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Except, you know, for the millions of Americans who've been killed or critically injured by gun violence... They're not standing.
twitter.com/NRATV/status/9...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 19 May 2018

@DLoesch -Just give it up already. @shannonrwatts is way above your Russian oligarch-funded @NRA pay grade. Your worthless arguments are failing.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Texas's Child Access Prevention law applies to children UNDER 17, the gun has to be loaded and, even if a gun owner is charged, the violation is considered a misdemeanor, punishable by a small fine....



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 18 May 2018

The @NRA and its stooges in Congress are fighting to make sure this man and everyone else has unlimited access to weapons of war anywhere in the U.S.



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The @NRA used as a "back channel to Moscow," during the 2016 Presidential election. Hey #NRA, you can stop portraying your discredited organization as a paragon of patriotism. You are the opposite of that.

Brady @bradybuzz

New developments in the #TrumpRussia saga. The Senate Judiciary Committee says there is "clear evidence" that the Russian government helped @realdonaldtrump's presidential campaign with apparent help from the @NRA -> thebea.st/2jZBsHI



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 16 May 2018

My late father, a lover of guns himself, could have written this article. He loathed anyone or anything that peddled in ignorance or falsehoods to gain influence or power. That's EXACTLY what the @NRA leadership is all about.

Brady @bradybuzz

A gun lover who is uncomfortable with gun culture talks about why he doesn't like the NRA. --> read.bi/2rMNuJ0



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 15 May 2018

The @NRA giving an ultimatum to anyone as either "with us or against us," makes it very easy to oppose their extreme agenda. Keep them coming!

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

The @NRA's strategy: to strip training requirements for gun owners from state laws: "She claimed her veto was about a lack of training, but law-abiding gun owners know we don't need government mandates to tell us to train. We do it because we're responsible, dedicated and safe." ...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 14 May 2018

One can choose to be on the side of love or hate. Love ultimately wins every time. Haters are flocking to the @NRA leadership's message of terror and fear. They will lose.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Ellen's became the target of threats after the @NRA urged members to boycott. One caller, who identified himself as an NRA member, warned of a plan to kill the owner: "I said, 'If I'm going to be murdered, will it be by a criminal or law-abiding citizen?'" nytimes.com/2018/05/14/us/...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 13 May 2018

Just spent way too much money at @DICKS today but it was worth every penny because they are standing up to the @NRA - @amazon @YouTube @Apple @JeffBezos @FedEx - will you follow?



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 13 May 2018

Shop @DICKS Sporting goods and support #Parkland moms and businesses that are standing up to the @NRA this #mothersday2018

Brady @bradybuzz

This Mother's Day weekend, moms who lost their children in the Parkland shooting are working to turn their tragedy into something good. Their strength is truly inspiring. bit.ly/2lfuvvR



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 11 May 2018

@lgbtcenter @couragecampaign @laglcc @stonewalldems @equality_armenia @humanrightscampaign @onepulseforamerica @momsdemand @wagv @everytown #pulsenightclub #drainthenra #nra



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Clad in a bandanna and tactical vest, Preston was walking through a crowd during the Aug. 12 event when he turned around, drew his pistol and fired at an African American counterprotester." washingtonpost.com/local/ku-klux-...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 9 May 2018

@amazon @Apple @YouTube @FedEx -The list is growing. Won't you please join the @NRA boycott?

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Last week, the @NRA's Carry Guard insurance program was found to have unlawfully provided insurance "to gun owners for acts of intentional wrongdoing" in New York. Now Lloyd's of London is terminating all insurance made available through the NRA. twitter.com/thehill/status...



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 8 May 2018

I want to thank the @NRA and @DLoesch for bringing out the best in human nature by exemplifying the worst of what people are capable of.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

The @NRA's mean tweet of a receipt from Dallas restaurant Ellen's that supported stronger gun laws didn't turn out quite the way they wanted it to... Not only has Ellen's received overwhelming support, but they're writing a \$15,000 check to @MomsDemand.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 7 May 2018

@NRA promoting Russian military assault weapons that can pierce American military body armor, and the #NRA ties to nefarious Russian Oligarchs. Oliver North is a perfect fit to guide this gun running, criminal enterprise. @MomsDemand @drainthenra @WAGV @Bradybuzz @davidhogg111

PEACE, LOVE, UNITY @Flowerstoall

The Pentagon considers this Russian sniper rifle a big threat to US soldiers. The NRA helped promote it. motherjones.com/politics/2018/... via @MotherJones



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 5 May 2018

Sadly, one can only draw the following conclusion: That @amazon @Apple @YouTube @JeffBezos support the extreme & violent @NRA @DLoesch agenda. They continue stream @NRATV & @FedEx gives member discounts.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

.@NRA lobbyist @DLoesch has shown up uninvited. with a camera crew. at a

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Come on @amazon @Apple @YouTube @Netflix - Join the anti-extremism, anti-weapons of war for domestic use party and drop your ties to and accommodation of the @NRA & @NRATV -



Brady @bradybuzz

The @NRA is reeling from an FBI inquiry about ties to Russia, alienating reasonable gun owners w/ extreme policies and losing support from private companies. What else?? Read the report -> bit.ly/2018NRAAM ...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 1 May 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @DLoesch

The @NRA "misleading" it's own members is not the issue. The issue is that their leadership is MISREPRESENTING their interests. The majority of #NRA members, like the majority of Americans, support background checks & #gunsafety legislation.



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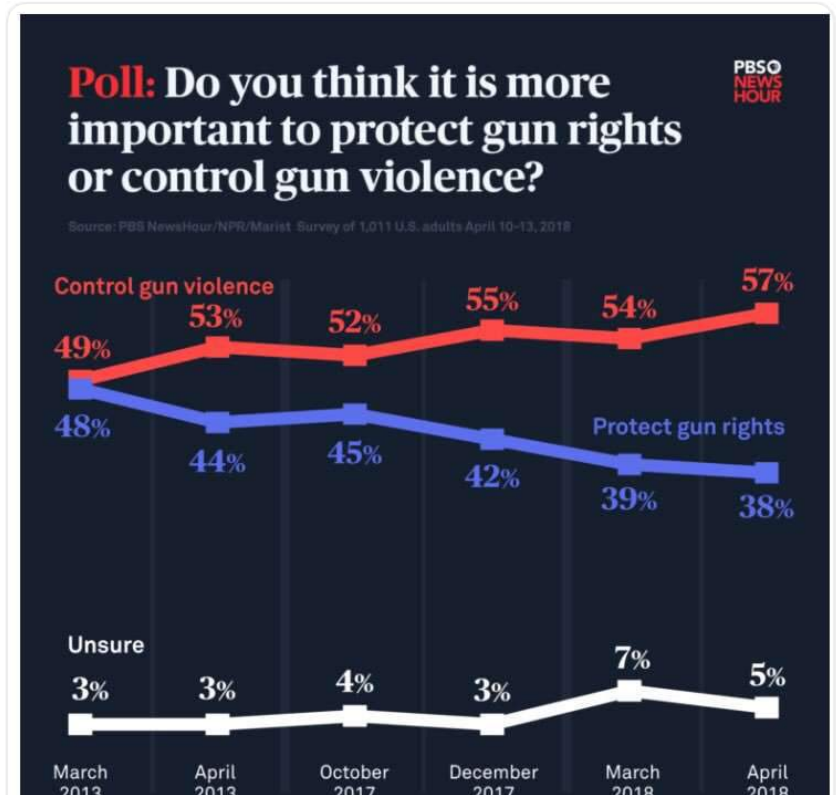
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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Apr 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @DLoesch @NRA

And they meet with these recent poll results as a backdrop: The @NRA leadership's extreme agenda is rapidly losing steam & their Russian oligarch financial contributions aren't helping them. @MomsDemand @WAGV @Bradybuzz @Everytown @eqca





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Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Go @JustinBrannan! Actually he was making fun of the fact the the @NRA had to relocate its Brooklyn fundraiser THREE times to avoid protests. It's not violent to jeer amoral contributors to Americans' deaths: mobile.twitter.com/JustinBrannan/... twitter.com/nratv/status/9...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Apr 2018

And a big part of the @NRA fraud is their claim that if you don't support assault weapons everywhere, you're against the police. Textbook divisive, race baiting propaganda - and it's not working @NRATV

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Using my @NRA racism decoder ring, I'll break down what the NRA is trying to say about @johnlegend.

"What makes you think" means "How dare you."...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Apr 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @MomsDemand @NRA
Bravo! 🍌🍌🍌

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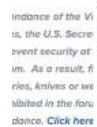


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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Apr 2018

The @NRA wants firearms and assault weapons everywhere else except at their own convention.



Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Once again, the @NRA will not allow attendees to be armed in the convention center when keynotes are speaking....



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Apr 2018

Thx @shannonrwatts -And yet @Apple @amazon & @YouTube CONTINUE streaming the violent extremism of @NRATV & @FedEx STILL provides discounts to members. All of them complicit in the @NRA agenda. @MomsDemand @WAGV @eqca @Everytown @davidhogg111 @Bradybuzz

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Loesch in @NRA ad: "They use their schools to teach children that their president is another Hitler" google.com/amp/s/www.vox....



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Brady @bradybuzz

A police officer died Wednesday morning, a day after he and a colleague were shot in Dallas. The tragedy comes only a week before the @NRA will take over the city for their annual convention --> cnn.it/2qYDz2C



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 25 Apr 2018

Dear @NRA -Are assault weapons or firearms of any kind allowed at your convention in Dallas? You want them everywhere else so I'd like to know. Thx

**Brady** @bradybuzz

Vice President, Mike Pence has been confirmed to speak at next week's @NRA convention. We expect more from our Vice President and so should you. Will you help defeat the NRA & end the grasp they have on our elected official...



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 23 Apr 2018

Bears repeating: "In shootings where assault weapons or large capacity magazines are used, 155% more people are shot." Begs the question: Do the @NRA & their Congressional stooges want more Americans shot?

Brady @bradybuzz

New poll shows that 62% of Americans want a ban on assault weapons. DYK? In shootings where assault weapons or large capacity magazines are used, 155% more people are shot. --> abcn.ws/2HFJ6Vd #BanAssaultWeapons



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 23 Apr 2018

The @NRA and their Congressional stooges are empowering people like this across the country. They still refuse to consider sensible #GunSafety laws supported by a strong majority of Americans. This madness can end in November. #vote

**CBS News** @CBSNews

MORE: Travis Reinking in possession of semiautomatic weapon, .45 caliber ammunition when apprehended by police, authorities say cbsn.ws/2JgHFKb



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 21 Apr 2018

A reminder: The @NRA is under investigation by the FBI for taking contributions from a Russian Banker and Putin ally during the 2016 election.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 17 Apr 2018

Replying to @shannonwatts @NRA @MomsDemand

Everyone should be suspicious of a man in a park carrying a firearm! @NRA leaders and the gun manufacturers who enrich the organization are trying to normalize this insanity.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 16 Apr 2018

Now we're talking! @amazonprimenow @FedEx @Apple - where are you on your ties to the @NRA & @NRATV ?Dick's Sporting Goods will destroy assault-style rifles pulled from shelves post-gazette.com/business/money... via @PittsburghPG

Dick's Sporting Goods will destroy assault-style rifles pulled from sh...

Typically a retailer may return unsold merchandise to the manufacturer, but Dick's said it will dispose of them in accordance with the law.

post-gazette.com



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 16 Apr 2018

"Thoughts and prayers" are clearly no longer acceptable. @NRA @MomsDemand @Everytown @eqca @WAGV @latimes

Big banks take a stand against the gun industry - L...

Several major banks have decided to end support for some gunmakers. Congress should take its cue from them.

latimes.com



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 13 Apr 2018

More reckless propagandizing by @DLoesch of the @NRA - reaching an all new low in the process.

Shannon Watts @shannonwatts



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Time for EVERYONE to take on the [@NRA](#)

Brady @bradybuzz

When Congress won't act, states and local governments will. The @NRA is taking notice --> bit.ly/2qht2PO



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 9 Apr 2018

What more proof does anyone need that the [@NRA](#) leadership's "weapons of war for domestic use everywhere" agenda must be stopped? [@Everytown](#) [@MomsDemand](#) [@eqca](#) [@drainthenra](#)

WomenAgainstGunViol @WAGV

"These shootings occur in the Walmart parking lot, in church, in the bowling alley, in the gym — they're happening at places we go to all the time, that we never think of as unsafe," said Kathy Shorr, the Brooklyn-born photographer. #Enough nyti.ms/2uWR0of



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 3 Apr 2018

Replying to [@tedlieu](#) [@davidhogg111](#)

Wait, [@BillOReilly](#) is still on TV? Overwhelming majority of Americans AND [@NRA](#) members support [#gunsafety](#) legislation even if Bill O'Reilly and his bosses don't.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 3 Apr 2018

[@amazon](#) [@FedEx](#) and all companies that have deals with the [@NRA](#) -this is what their leadership is encouraging with their terrorist propaganda on [@NRATV](#) -Time to [@drainthenra](#) [@Everytown](#) [@MomsDemand](#) [@WAGV](#) [@eqca](#)

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

In light of the shooting in San Bruno at YouTube, will the @NRA apologize for this disgusting tweet in which it calls on its members to "rise up" against the company's decision to take down how-to gun videos? twitter.com/NRATV/status/9...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Mar 2018

[@NRA](#) is under investigation by the FBI to see if their 30 million to help Trump included funds from Russian money launderers. What an upstanding organization they are!



Ron Wyden @RonWyden

I'm requesting further information from the @NRA after



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their reaction. @WAGV @Bradybuzz @MomsDemand #GunControl #EnoughIsEnough



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Mar 2018

Replying to @DLoesch @NRA

One could say you're "sweating bullets" because your organization is on the run, but that would be a bad metaphor. Now you can go back to promoting your daily falsehoods.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Mar 2018

Great quote re: the @NRA - "Creatures that refuse to adapt ultimately perish."

Pit a youth movement for firearms regulation again...

The young people who marched for gun control all over the country showed this: The unyielding firearms lobby is in deep trouble with the next generation.

latimes.com



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 29 Mar 2018

Replying to @DLoesch @NRA

And you've had time to come to your senses on #gunsafety legislation but no one's holding their breath. #DrainTheNRA



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Mar 2018

The @NRA "assault weapons everywhere" agenda can and will be challenged in the City of Los Angeles. It's time for action. @WAGV @MomsDemand @Bradybuzz @eqca @shannonrwatts

Emily Alpert Reyes @AlpertReyes

L.A. councilman wants city to boycott companies with NRA ties
latimes.com/local/lanow/la...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Mar 2018

@DLoesch & @NRA engaging in more scapegoating to further their catastrophic "assault weapons everywhere" agenda.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Retweet if you're "anti gun lobbyists"! twitter.com/DLoesch/status...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Mar 2018

Replying to @DLoesch @NRA

Vulgar & anti-intellectual? That's brazen coming from you, actively promoting domestic use of weapons of war. So as "spokesperson," are you disavowing the official **NRA** attacks on the Parkland students then? That would be your job.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Mar 2018

Replying to @DLoesch @NRA

google.com/amp/thehill.co... -For starters.

NRA host criticizes Parkland students ahead of 'Ma...

A host for the National Rifle Association's (NRA) broadcast arm NRATV criticized survivors of the Parkland, Fla., school shooting in a video ahead of the thehill.com

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 27 Mar 2018

@DLoesch -How will you spin this one? Will the @NRA stand by its earlier claims despite the facts? Maybe you'll just return to attacking the Parkland High students and call it a day.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Well, this destroys the @NRA's narrative. A teen took his father's loaded gun to school to fatally shoot his ex-girlfriend and himself. The armed guard did not dissuade him from carrying out the crime, nor did it ultimately stop him from doing so.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 26 Mar 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @NRA

@glennbeck -Just another @NRA stooge masquerading as a "conservative" commentator.

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 25 Mar 2018

Replying to @shannonrwatts @NRA

@RickSantorum and his way of thinking, along with all other tools of the #NRA are Dinosaurs who are clueless to the fact the ground has shifted under their reptilian feet. @Everytown @Bradybuzz @WAGV @MomsDemand @eqca

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Mar 2018

Replying to @NRA

Your fascist Joseph Goebbels style propaganda nonsense is again in full swing. It's

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He STILL doesn't get it & never will.

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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 24 Mar 2018

Hey @NRA @DLoesch & your stooges in Congress: "Be afraid, be very afraid." Your monied support of domestic terrorism will no longer B tolerated!

@RepBarragan @MomsDemand @WAGV @Bradybuzz @eqca @kdeleon @Frances_Fisher @AshleeMPreston @RichardBloom #MarchForOurLivesLA #DrainTheNRA



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 23 Mar 2018

@eqca @HRC @LambdaLegal Now is the time to step it up against the @NRA - They are very afraid of the #LGBTQ community, as they should be. @DLoesch

The Task Force @TheTaskForce

I survived Pulse and am ready to March For Our Lives shar.es/1Lxg9J via @washblade #NeverAgain #MarchForOurLives

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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 23 Mar 2018

Replying to @bikinginla @NRA

Nice try

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Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

"I'll march for the 96 Americans who are shot and killed every day, and hundreds more who are wounded, and whose deaths and traumas receive little to no media attention." newsweek.com/march-our-live...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 23 Mar 2018

More fascist propaganda from America's #1 domestic terrorist organization, the @NRA -Engaging in Joseph Goebbels style attacks on Stoneman Douglas High School students.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

My God. This is so disgusting. So despicable. Shame on any lawmaker or company in this country that is in any way aligned with the @NRA's agenda.

Every one of these NRA shells will end up in the ash heap of history. ...
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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 22 Mar 2018

Hey @NRA mouthpiece @DLoesch - You are not growing your "pro-assault weapons of war for domestic use" base with this lying, gun fetish propaganda. You may however, stir up the deranged who believe you & motivate them to commit gun violence. Does this make you proud? #drainthenra

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

Did someone force this @NRA lobbyist to attend the CNN Town Hall (where she spouted misinformation and rhetoric)? Gun lobbyists have no place in the national discussion about gun violence. twitter.com/dloesch/status...

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 21 Mar 2018

Thank you @WAGV for collaborating with me on ways to advocate for #gunsafety and #gunsafetylegislation! Onward to the #marchforourlives this Saturday! #drainthenra #enoughisenough #nra #guncontrol





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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 20 Mar 2018

And the city is lucky to have you! Lookout @NRA and Congressional stooges doing your bidding. Forces are uniting in an unprecedented way to bring you down. #StoptheNRA #GunSafety @eqca @MomsDemand

**Jessica Craven** @Craven7Jessica

Fantastic meeting with @MitchOFarrell about ways @MomsDemand and his office can work together to make #GunReformNow a reality! Thanks for your time, Councilman. Your district is lucky to have you.



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 18 Mar 2018

@ChuckGrassley - tool of the @NRA - is actively blocking what 97% of Americans want; a sensible #GunSafety law that would save lives across the country. Is this the kind of representation in the US Senate that lowans or anyone else wants?

Brady @bradybuzz

.@SenDurbin questions why Senate Judiciary Chair won't hold hearing on popular bill to expand background checks to all sales. "It isn't safe if you can buy a gun over the internet" without one. - bit.ly/2lBcTw6

**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 18 Mar 2018

Walls closing in: The Fred Meyer chain latest to halt gun & ammo sales but many others continue to sell assault rifles. Zealous, delusional, fringe @NRA backed "weapons of war" enthusiasts universe shrinking but still supported by @GOP & @realDonaldTrump

Fred Meyer says it will stop selling guns, ammuniti...

Superstore company Fred Meyer says it will stop selling firearms and ammunition at its stores.

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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 17 Mar 2018

@NRA mission is to thwart this and all sensible #gunsafety legislation from happening across the country. Decision time: #StoptheNRA

**Brady** @bradybuzz

Did you know? 1 in 5 guns are sold without a background check. Background checks for every gun sale. It seems simple. It is simple. Now we just need to get Congress to act! #GunReformNow



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 6 Mar 2018

Dear all: Bear witness to this terrorist threat from the @NRA a non-profit organization that rules the @GOP party & @realDonaldTrump actively endangering the lives of all Americans.



NRATV @NRATV

"To every lying member of the media, to every Hollywood phony, to the role model athletes who use their free speech to alter and undermine what our flag represents... Your Time is running out. The clock starts now."...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 1 Mar 2018

Hey @Apple & @amazon -Not too late to join the movement & stand up to the @NRA like @DICKS & even @Walmart #StopNRAmazon #March1NRABoycott



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 1 Mar 2018

Today is the #March1NRABoycott -We've canceled our @amazon subscription & @Apple is next. Children are our future, not the @NRA & domestic weapons of war.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Feb 2018

Replying to @warrenleightTV @MomsDemand

I will stop shopping at the @WholeFoods 365 in #SilverLake in the 13th District, my go-to market, until @amazon breaks ties with the domestic terrorist organization @NRA



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 28 Feb 2018

@NRA @NRATV -You can spin & propagandize the insanity of domestic proliferation of weapons of war all you want. It's not working. Your terrorist agenda is coming undone. #NRAKillsKids

huffpostqueer @huffpostqueer

"We've just decided, based on what happened, and with these guns, we don't want to be part of this story." huffp.st/GXfvtbs



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 26 Feb 2018

Replying to @CaseyCagle @Delta @NRA

Dear Lt. Governor: The @NRA is a domestic terrorist organization and you are one of their mouth pieces. Time to step down sir.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 25 Feb 2018

@NRA stooges in state houses & the @GOP Congress will propose marginal #GunSafety legislation & propagandize it as a "win." We must not accept this. Only a comprehensive overhaul ending domestic access to all "weapons of war" will do. @shannonrwatts



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Feb 2018

Here is an updated list of organizations that do business with the domestic terrorist organization @NRA - @FedEx continues to support them. Time to #BoycottFedEx google.com/amp/s/www.esqu...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Feb 2018

Replying to @JoyAnnReid

But the tide may be turning as we join forces in demanding that @NRA stooges pivot away from that ridiculous and dangerous notion.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Feb 2018

Keep it coming! We need a forensic approach to outing and disempowering any and all enablers of the @NRA -a #domesticterrorist organization. #ParklandStudentsSpeak

The Washington Post @washingtonpost

United and Delta cut ties to NRA as boycott movement spreads to global corporations wapo.st/2Ci4JZG



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 24 Feb 2018

The rot of corruption in the @NRA has tentacles beyond endangering all of our lives by supporting crazed gunmen. They are actively working to restrict freedom of information & our freedom from gun violence. #terrorists #NoNRABloodMoney

Ted Lieu @tedlieu

Just when you thought @NRA could not be more out of touch with the overwhelming majority of Americans, it turns out the NRA randomly supports repealing net neutrality. What's next, is the NRA going to support repealing seat belts?...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 23 Feb 2018

Domestic terrorist organization @NRA has a stranglehold on the @GOP and the White House, halting the prevention of gun violence in our schools, churches, and everywhere else across the country. #StoptheNRA

Chris Murphy @ChrisMurphyCT



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@NRA -You may need to tap back into your Russian friends for additional funding.

Kyle Griffin @kylegriffin1

Home security startup SimpliSafe is cutting ties with the NRA.
bostonglobe.com/business/2018/...



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 23 Feb 2018

Keep them coming. **@NRA** -The walls are closing in. You and your enablers will try and delay the inevitable but change is coming.

Kyle Griffin @kylegriffin1

Home security startup SimpliSafe is cutting ties with the NRA.
bostonglobe.com/business/2018/...



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 23 Feb 2018

Is it any surprise that the domestic terror organization **@NRA** dismisses calls for gun control?

WomenAgainstGunViol @WAGV

Actually, Wayne La Pierre, what we "hate" is our children being murdered in schools, and in movie theaters, and malls, concerts, churches...and we "hate" our Congress members being beholden to your blood-soaked gun lobby.
#RejectTheNRA twitter.com/BBCWorld/statu...



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 21 Feb 2018

Thank you for calling out gun violence enablers & the **@NRA** -We must out them for the lying frauds they are. There is nowhere for them to hide except for their "no guns allowed" terrorist convention.

Shannon Watts @shannonrwatts

.@NRA lobbyist Dana Loesch blaming mental illness for violent crime. People with mental illness commit less than 5% of violent crimes. They are more likely to be victims than perpetrators....



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 21 Feb 2018

Replying to **@theTonyGee** **@NRA**
Exactly!



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 17 Feb 2018

Replying to **@PizzaGirl78** **@GOP** **@NRA**



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over 90% of Americans want meaningful [#GunSafety](#) legislation. That will not happen with [@GOP](#) control of Congress. Their boss is the [@NRA](#)

Anna B

@PizzaGirl78

Americans Opposed to Being Shot Seek Representation in Washington
newyorker.com/humor/borowitz...



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 16 Feb 2018

[@ChuckGrassley](#) and other shills for the [@NRA](#) are actively supporting domestic terrorists who murder children. Time to change the direction of this country and throw them all out.

Rachel Maddow MSNBC @maddow

Re these comments from Senator Chuck Grassley today:

Sen Grassley was the lead Senate sponsor of a bill to make it easier for mentally ill people to buy guns -- it was a standalone bill; that's all it did....

**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 15 Feb 2018

Dear all: No one is safe in Florida or any state that has an "anything goes" [@NRA](#) backed reckless gun proliferation policy. This is indeed the definition of insanity.

Tony Gee @theTonyGee

You don't need a permit or a license to buy a gun in Florida.



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 15 Feb 2018

Replying to [@WAGV](#) [@SenatorBurr](#) [@NRA](#)

Please post individually every last legislator so people can know who are the true enemies of children, families, and a safer America.

**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 15 Feb 2018

What a legacy of shame these members of the house & senate will leave. Over 90% of Americans want [#GunSafety](#) legislation but the [@NRA](#) controls Congress and the White House. That's right, a domestic terrorist organization makes all of us sitting ducks for the next crazed gunman.

Tony Gee @theTonyGee

These people have no interest in protecting America's children. Sandy Hook was the litmus test. [#NRA](#) nytimes.com/interactive/20...



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 14 Feb 2018

NRA from:mitchofarrell

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 12 Feb 2018

The human & financial costs for survivors of gun crime with little or no gun safety regulation is a tragic by-product that the zealous gun-crazed lobby would have all of us ignore. @NRA @GOP



Brady @bradybuzz

The costs associated with surviving a shooting can be staggering and many gun violence survivors don't get the assistance they so desperately need. --> bit.ly/2nWFZx2

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 14 Dec 2017

We have a solemn responsibility to reign in the vast weaponry that is easily accessible across the U.S. The overwhelming majority of Americans want #gunsafety legislation. Our natl leaders are failing us miserably by kowtowing to the @NRA - We R less safe everywhere as a result.



Brady @bradybuzz

We will always remember and we won't stop working until we make sure another tragedy like this will never happen again. #SandyHook #ENOUGH

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 1 Dec 2017

The @NRA is at it again. They'll stop at nothing in their campaign to terrorize this country.

Brady @bradybuzz

"Police officers think this is a terrible idea. Prosecutors think this is a terrible idea. You should listen to them."

Law enforcement leaders call "Arm Anyone" concealed carry a threat to public safety- cnn.it/2Bp2ILU

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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 13 Oct 2017

@NRA -Out of step with majority of Americans and most gun owners, lobbying to provide tools for terrorists. @GOP -Stop them!

Brady @bradybuzz

.@NRA opposes @SenFeinstein bill to ban bump stocks after earlier expressing support for bump stock regulation--> cnn.it/2hFGQys



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 2 Oct 2017

Prayers & waxing poetic about coming together are inadequate. Claims of "playing politics" so soon are an @NRA diversion tactic & total BS.



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 2 Oct 2017

@NRA -Is your organization still lobbying for silencers, making it ILLEGAL to ban guns at schools, & federalizing open carry?

**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 2 Oct 2017

OVERWHELMING majority of Americans want #gunsafety legislation incl strong support 4 assault weapons BAN. @GOP & some Dems, where r u? @NRA



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 2 Oct 2017

No trite responses needed for those slaughtered in Vegas. We need #gunsafety legislation & a STOP to @NRA push 4 gun silencers!



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 29 Aug 2017

Replying to @OfficialCLM

Frustratingly, the gun lobby & @NRA will benefit if we DON'T act. We have to AMEND state law, then RE-ENACT the ban. @Mike_Feuer



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**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 14 Aug 2017

@NRA Do you support Nazi white supremacist thugs carrying fire arms where ever they wish?

**WomenAgainstGunViol** @WAGV

Did anyone feel "SAFE" seeing these unofficial self-proclaimed militiamen show up armed with assault weapons at the Nazi rally in VA?

**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 12 Aug 2017

It is well documented that the @NRA foments domestic terrorism. Now they are encouraging hostile governments (jokingly or not) to nuke us.

John Myers @johnmyers

Actually, it was just about nuking the capital city. twitter.com/xeni/status/89...

**Mitch O'Farrell** @MitchOFarrell · 10 Aug 2017



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 17 Jul 2017

Replying to @WAGV

The infantile #TexasMilitia must need their assault rifles & camouflage to feel like real men & the @NRA openly supports domestic terrorism.



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 12 Jun 2017

2/2 #Orlando-ZERO action by @NRA zealots in Congress. Over 15,000 Americans killed by guns every year. @Bradybuzz



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 4 Jun 2017

@CDCgov -Ave. of 93 Americans killed DAILY by guns. @realDonaldTrump -That's a "reason to be alarmed." #tool of the @NRA @WAGV #nobannowall



Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 23 Feb 2017

Replying to @bradybuzz @YouTube

-90% of Americans support gun control legislation. Kudos to all everywhere who challenge @NRA stooges in Congress!



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 10 Jul 2016

The fraudulent rationale of the NRA. #guncontrol now! latimes.com/opinion/oped/...



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Mitch O'Farrell @MitchOFarrell · 21 Jun 2016

Replying to @Slate

-A good tool for following the NRA blood money. #guncontrol





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Replying to [@Slate](#)

[@Slate](#) If we don't act in U.S., all public & private facilities will one day have guards armed w/AK-47's. Maybe that's the goal of the **NRA**.



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**Mitch O'Farrell** [@MitchOFarrell](#) · 15 Dec 2012

What qualifies one to become member of "well regulated militia?" **NRA** thinks everyone. Time for Supreme Court to decide. [#gunviolence](#) [@WAGV](#)



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EXHIBIT “4”

File No. [18-0896](#)

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to disclosure by prospective contractors with the City of Los Angeles of contracts or sponsorships with the National Rifle Association (NRA).

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian):

REQUEST the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, to prepare and present an ordinance directing any prospective contractor with the City of Los Angeles to disclose under affidavit: any contracts it, or any of its subsidiaries, has with the NRA; and, any sponsorship it, or any of its subsidiaries, provides to the NRA.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on October 1, 2018, the Budget and Finance Committee considered Motion (O'Farrell - Krekorian) relative to a request to the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Bureau of Contract Administration, to prepare and present an ordinance directing any prospective contractor with the City of Los Angeles to disclose any contracts with the NRA or sponsorships provided to the NRA.

During discussion of this matter, Councilmember O'Farrell, mover of the Motion, addressed the Committee and provided background on the Motion (as detailed in the Communication from Councilmember O'Farrell dated October 1, 2018, attached to the Council file).

After consideration, and after providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN:	YES
ENGLANDER:	ABSENT
KORETZ:	ABSENT
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES

REW 10/3/18 FILE NO. 18-0896

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EXHIBIT “5”

HOLLY L. WOLCOTT
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this matter, please refer to the
Council File No.: [18-0896](#)

OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

October 12, 2018

Council File No.: [18-0896](#)

Council Meeting Date: October 10, 2018

Agenda Item No.: 13

Agenda Description: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to disclosure by prospective contractors with the City of Los Angeles of contracts or sponsorships with the National Rifle Association.

Council Action: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - ADOPTED

Council Vote:	YES	BOB BLUMENFIELD
	ABSENT	MIKE BONIN
	ABSENT	JOE BUSCAINO
	ABSENT	GILBERT A. CEDILLO
	YES	MITCHELL ENGLANDER
	YES	MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
	YES	JOSE HUIZAR
	ABSENT	PAUL KORETZ
	ABSENT	PAUL KREKORIAN
	YES	NURY MARTINEZ
	YES	MITCH O'FARRELL
	YES	CURREN D. PRICE
	YES	MONICA RODRIGUEZ
	YES	DAVID RYU
	YES	HERB WESSON

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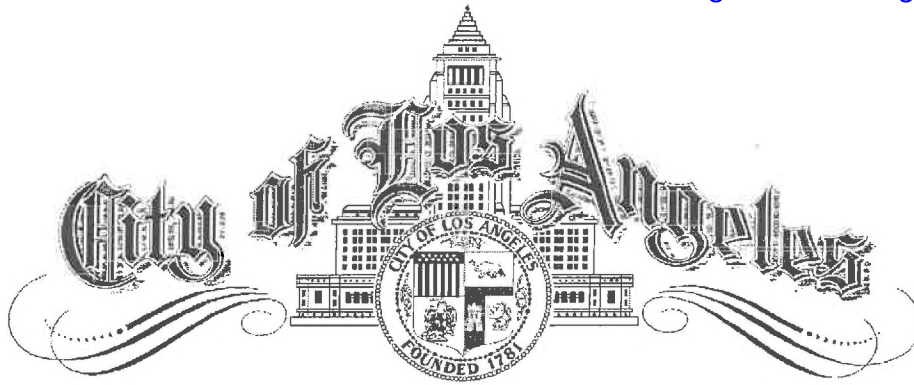
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Report from Budget and Finance Committee

Date

10/01/2018

EXHIBIT “6”



MICHAEL N. FEUER
CITY ATTORNEY

REPORT NO. **R 19-0017**
JAN 18 2019

REPORT RE:

**DRAFT ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 26 TO CHAPTER 1, DIVISION 10 OF THE
LOS ANGELES ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REQUIRING CITY CONTRACTORS TO
DISCLOSE ALL CONTRACTS WITH OR SPONSORSHIP OF
THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Council File No. 18-0896

Honorable Members:

Pursuant to your request, this Office has prepared and now transmits for your consideration the enclosed draft ordinance, approved as to form and legality. The draft ordinance adds Article 26 to Chapter 1, Division 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to require anyone seeking a contract with the City to disclose all contracts with or any sponsorship of the National Rifle Association.

Council Rule 38 Referral

A copy of the draft ordinance was sent, pursuant to Council Rule 38, to the Bureau of Contract Administration, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of General Services, and City Administrator Officer with a request that all comments, if any, be presented directly to the City Council when this matter is considered.

The Honorable City Council
of the City of Los Angeles
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy City Attorney Jaime Suarez at (213) 978-1931. He or another member of this Office will be present when you consider this matter to answer questions you may have.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 

DAVID MICHAELSON
Chief Assistant City Attorney

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Transmittal

EXHIBIT “7”

File No. [18-0896](#)

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC) to require City contractors and prospective City contractors to disclose all contracts with or sponsorship of the National Rifle Association (NRA).

Recommendation for Council, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated January 18, 2019, adding Article 26 of Chapter 1, Division 10 to the LAAC to require City contractors and prospective City contractors to disclose all contracts with or any sponsorship of the NRA.

Fiscal Impact Statement: None submitted by the City Attorney. Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

[Council may recess to Closed Session to confer with its legal counsel pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and (e)(3) based on a threat of litigation. (One potential case.)]

SUMMARY

At its regular meeting held on February 4, 2019 the Budget and Finance Committee considered the City Attorney report and Ordinance relative to amending the LAAC to require City contractors and potential City contractors to disclose all contracts with or sponsorship of the NRA.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee approved the recommendation in the City Attorney report and Ordinance. This matter is now forwarded to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
KREKORIAN	ABSENT
PRICE	YES
KORETZ	YES
BONIN	YES
BLUMENFIELD	ABSENT

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EXHIBIT “8”

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OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

February 13, 2019

Council File No.: [18-0896](#)

Council Meeting Date: February 12, 2019

Agenda Item No.: 4

Agenda Description: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to amending the Los Angeles Administrative Code to require City contractors and prospective City contractors to disclose all contracts with or sponsorship of the National Rifle Association.

Council Action: BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT AND ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION - ADOPTED

Council Vote:

YES	BLUMENFIELD	ABSENT	HUIZAR	YES	PRICE
YES	BONIN	YES	KORETZ	YES	RODRIGUEZ
YES	BUSCAINO	YES	KREKORIAN	YES	RYU
YES	CEDILLO	YES	MARTINEZ	YES	SMITH
YES	HARRIS-DAWSON	YES	O'FARRELL	YES	WESSON

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CITY CLERK

Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 250

FILE SENT TO MAYOR:

02/13/2019

LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT:

02/25/2019



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Mayor

02/18/2019

DATE SIGNED

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Title

Date

Final Ordinance No. 186000

04/01/2019

Report from Budget and Finance Committee

02/04/2019

EXHIBIT “9”

ORDINANCE NO. 186000

An ordinance adding Article 26 to Chapter 1, Division 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code requiring a prospective contractor of the City to disclose all contracts with or sponsorship of the National Rifle Association.

WHEREAS, since the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in December 2012, there have been more than 1,600 mass shootings in the United States. In October 2017, a total of 58 people were killed and 489 wounded in an outdoor concert in Las Vegas;

WHEREAS, on average, 100 Americans are killed with guns on a daily basis, while hundreds more are injured. In 2018 alone, there have been more than 300 mass shooting incidents. On October 27, 2018, 11 people were killed and 6 others wounded in a shooting inside a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The most recent local mass shooting occurred on November 7, 2018, inside a Thousand Oaks' restaurant where 12 people were shot and killed;

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association (NRA) has sought to block sensible gun safety reform at every level of government across the nation. The NRA's influence is so pervasive in Congress that no national gun safety legislation has been enacted since the 1994 assault weapons ban, a ban that expired in 2004;

WHEREAS, the NRA has five million members, 69% of whom support sensible gun control regulation. The NRA's leadership, however, ignores its members' perspective by continuing to lobby for easy access to firearms, no background checks, no limits on magazine capacity, no regulation of assault weapons, no mandatory training, and no age restrictions;

WHEREAS, in 2015, the NRA collected \$163 million in membership dues. In return for membership in the NRA, members receive an array of benefits and corporate discounts to products and services including: home, car, health, and life insurance; travel discounts, including vehicle rentals and hotel stays; online privacy and personal data protection services; club memberships; and access to an exclusive medical network and global security services;

WHEREAS, the benefits and discounts the NRA arranges for its membership entices new members to join and existing members to renew their NRA membership. The millions of dollars generated from the new and renewed membership dues fund the NRA agenda of opposing legislative efforts throughout the country to adopt sensible gun regulations. The membership dues also finance the NRA's nationwide effort to repeal existing gun control measures and to diminish local and state government's ability to adopt sensible gun legislation;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the synagogue shooting, the Pittsburgh City Council is now considering adopting gun control measures, including a measure to

allow the courts to take guns away temporarily from individuals deemed to pose a significant danger to themselves or others. Although the measures have yet to be adopted, the NRA has declared that it will sue Pittsburgh to try and stop its adoption of this and other sensible gun safety measures;

WHEREAS, even with the increasing number of mass shootings throughout the country, the NRA leadership, with the financial support of its dues paying members, continues to lobby against gun safety regulations. For example, the NRA leadership continues to resist efforts by state and local governments to require mental health screenings for firearm purchases, even though between 70-80% of NRA members support universal background checks;

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has enacted ordinances and adopted positions that promote gun safety and sensible gun ownership. The City's residents deserve to know if the City's public funds are spent on contractors that have contractual or sponsorship ties with the NRA. Public funds provided to such contractors undermines the City's efforts to legislate and promote gun safety; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance requires those seeking to do business with the City to fully and accurately disclose any and all contracts with or sponsorship of the NRA.

NOW, THEREFORE,

**THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. A new Article 26 is added to Chapter 1, Division 10 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code to read as follows:

CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 26

**DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTS AND SPONSORSHIP OF THE
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION**

Sec. 10.52. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this article:

A. **"Awarding Authority"** means the governing body, board, officer or employee of the City authorized to award a Contract and shall include a department which has control of its own funds if the department adopts policies consonant with the provisions of this article.

B. **"City"** means the City of Los Angeles and all Awarding Authorities thereof.

C. **“Contract”** means any agreement, franchise, lease or concession, including an agreement for any occasional professional or technical personal services, for the performance of any work or service, the provision of any materials or supplies or the rendering of any service to the City of Los Angeles, which is awarded or entered into with or on behalf of the City of Los Angeles or any Awarding Authority of the City.

D. **“Designated Administrative Agency (DAA)”** means the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration, which shall bear administrative responsibilities under this article.

E. **“Person”** means any individual, proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company, trust, association, or other entity that may enter into a Contract.

F. **“Sponsorship”** means an agreement between a Person and the NRA to provide a discount to the NRA or an NRA member of the customary costs, fees or service charges for goods or services provided by the Person to the NRA or an NRA member.

G. **“Subsidiary”** means any individual, proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, corporation, limited liability company, trust, association, or other entity owned or controlled by a Person.

Sec. 10.52.1. Disclosure Requirement.

A. Each Awarding Authority shall require that a Person fully disclose, prior to entering into a Contract, all of its and its Subsidiaries' contracts with or Sponsorships of the NRA.

B. The disclosure required under this section shall continue throughout the term of the Contract, thereby obligating a Person to update its disclosure each time the Person or its Subsidiary contracts with or enters into a Sponsorship with the NRA.

The Awarding Authority may terminate a Contract if at any time it determines a Person failed to fully or accurately disclose all of its and its Subsidiaries contracts with or Sponsorships of the NRA.

Sec. 10.52.2. Exceptions.

This article shall not be applicable to the following Contracts:

- A. Contracts for the investment of:
 - (1) City trust moneys or bond proceeds;
 - (2) pension funds;

(3) indentures, security enhancement agreements for City tax-exempt and taxable financings;

(4) deposits of City surplus funds in financial institutions;

(5) the investment of City moneys in securities permitted under the California State Government Code and/or the City's investment policy;

(6) investment agreements;

(7) repurchase agreements;

(8) City moneys invested in United States government securities; or

(9) Contracts involving City moneys in which the Treasurer or the City Administrative Officer finds that the City will incur a financial loss or forego a financial benefit, and which in the opinion of the Treasurer or the City Administrative Officer would violate his or her fiduciary duties.

B. Grant funded Contracts if the application of this article would violate or be inconsistent with the terms or conditions of a grant or grant Contract with an agency of the United States, the State of California or the instruction of an authorized representative of any of those agencies with respect to any grant or grant Contract.

C. Contracts with a governmental entity such as the United States of America, the State of California, a county, city or public agency of one of these entities, or a public or quasi-public corporation located in the United States and declared by law to have a public status.

D. Contracts awarded on the basis of exigent circumstances whenever an Awarding Authority finds that the City would suffer a financial loss or that City operations would be adversely impacted unless exempted from the provisions of this article. This finding must be approved by the DAA prior to Contract execution.

E. Contracts for goods covered under a United States patent or only available from a single source.

F. Contracts for repairs, alterations, work or improvements declared in writing by the Awarding Authority to be of urgent necessity for the preservation of life, health or property. The declaration shall give the reasons for the urgent necessity and must be approved by the Council or its designee.

G. Contracts entered into during time of war or national, state or local emergency declared in accordance with federal, state or local law, where the Council adopts a resolution by two-thirds vote and is approved by the Mayor, the suspension of any or all the restrictions of Section 371 of the Los Angeles City Charter or their applicability to the Awarding Authority.

H. Contracts for equipment repairs or parts obtained from the manufacturer of the equipment or its exclusive agent.

Sec. 10.52.3. Administration.

The DAA shall administer the requirements of this article. The DAA shall develop an affidavit to be used by the Awarding Authority in obtaining the disclosure required under this article. The DAA shall promulgate rules and regulations consistent with this article for the implementation of the provisions of this article.

Sec. 10.52.4. Application of this Article.

This article is applicable to Contracts entered into after the effective date of this ordinance.

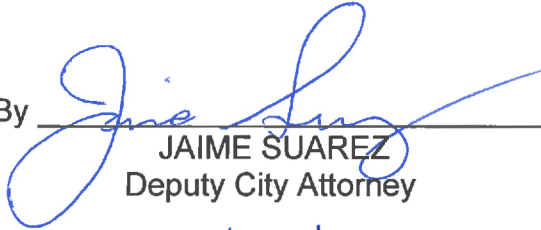
Sec. 10.52.5. Severability.

If any part or provision of this article, including, but not limited to, a section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or word, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this article. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this article and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase and word thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without regard to whether any portion of this article would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance and have it published in accordance with Council policy, either in a daily newspaper circulated in the City of Los Angeles or by posting for ten days in three public places in the City of Los Angeles: one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; and one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records.

Approved as to Form and Legality

MICHAEL N. FEUER, City Attorney

By 
JAIME SUAREZ
Deputy City Attorney
Date 2/12/2019

File No. 18-0896

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of Los Angeles.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR





Ordinance Passed 02/12/2019

Approved 02/18/2019

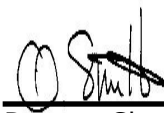
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DECLARATION OF POSTING ORDINANCE

I, **Ottavia Smith** state as follows: I am, and was at all times hereinafter mentioned, a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and a Deputy City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, California.

Ordinance No. **186000** - a copy of which is hereto attached, was finally adopted by the Los Angeles City Council on **02/12/2019**, and under the direction of said City Council and the City Clerk, pursuant to Section 251 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles and Ordinance No. 172959, I conspicuously posted a true copy of said ordinance at each of the three public places located in the City of Los Angeles, California, as follows: 1) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall; 2) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Main Street entrance to the Los Angeles City Hall East; 3) one copy on the bulletin board located at the Temple Street entrance to the Los Angeles County Hall of Records beginning on **02/20/2019** and will be continuously posted for ten or more days.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Deputy Clerk

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