RESOLUTION NO. 17-4957

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN OPPOSITION TO S. 446 (CORNYN), THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2017

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, every state allows some kind of concealed carry, but 39 states require a gun owner to obtain a permit before carrying concealed weapons in public; and

WHEREAS, the permit requirements vary from state to state, but some include a training requirement before residents are issued permits and other states block people who have committed violent crimes, domestic abusers, stalkers, or people with mental illness that make them a danger to themselves or others from buying a gun or getting a concealed carry permit; and

WHEREAS, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 (S. 446) introduced by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), would force each state to recognize concealed carry permits from every other state; and

WHEREAS, reciprocity would be an extraordinary encroachment on states' rights by overriding states' laws and requiring them to recognize permits for out-of-state residents — even if the permit holder would otherwise not be allowed to possess a gun locally; and

WHEREAS, California is a state with strict gun control laws and currently does not recognize any out-of-state permits; however, reciprocity would require California to recognize permits from other states, making the state with the weakest standards the law of the land; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a longstanding history of supporting gun control measures aimed at curbing gun violence and enhancing public safety, including support of legislation to restrict access to firearms and enhance federal and state gun control laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby opposes S. 446, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017.

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PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 15th day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilmember:

D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro

Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.

NOES:

Councilmember:

None.

ABSENT:

Councilmember:

None.

ABSTAIN:

Councilmember:

None.

JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK