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Hon. Richard Blumenthal, United States Senate 706 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC, 20510

RE: S.1923 - Background Check Completion Act of 2017-- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Blumenthal,

I am writing on behalf of the City of West Hollywood to convey the City's support of your bill S. 1923 the "Background Check Completion Act of 2017", requiring background checks for anyone purchasing a gun in the United States.

S. 1923 is consistent with the City of West Hollywood's values, adopted policies and legislative priorities.

The City of West Hollywood has long advocated for stronger regulation of guns and ammunitions. The City was the first city in California, in 1995, to adopt an ordinance (95-453) banning the sale of small, cheap handguns known as "Saturday Night Specials".

The City Council actively supports state and federal legislative initiatives to expand background checks, ensure gun safety, and prevent criminals and people who should not be in the possession of firearms from obtaining them.

Thank you for your leadership and efforts to reduce gun violence in our communities.

Respectfully,

John Heilman,

MAYOR

C: Hon. Dianne Feinstein, D, California

Hon. Kamala Harris, D, California

Hon. Adam Schiff, D, California, 28th District

