



July 7, 2022

TO: LOCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 8A – 7/07/2021 Board Meeting
Consideration of Writing a Letter to the U.S. Senate, and/or to other Legislative Bodies, Supporting Additional Gun Safety Legislation

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board adopt the following motion:

Motion: I move that the Board direct staff to draft a letter to the Board specified legislative bodies conveying Board determined issues on gun safety legislation.

DISCUSSION

With the most recent flurry of gun violence gripping the United States (U.S.), Director Cesena requested that a Board item be placed on the July agenda to discuss and consider writing a letter to the appropriate federal and/or state representative(s) requesting additional action be taken on gun safety legislation. Since the mass shooting in Uvalde, Texas, legislation was signed into law by President Biden on June 25th that will help states implement and run crisis intervention programs, implement and manage red flag programs, and temporarily prevent individuals in crisis from accessing firearms among other issues. Though the legislation signed into law is an important first step, the question is does the Board believe that more can be done? Since this is an issue of local, state and national importance but outside the authority and jurisdiction of the District, staff is requesting guidance and direction from the Board on this matter.

Decision Points

Staff is specifically seeking guidance and direction on the following decision points:

1. Does the Board want to send a letter regarding supporting additional gun violence and safety related legislation to our elected representatives?

If yes:

2. What views, concerns and/or measures do you want included in the letter?
3. Do you want the Board President or all Board members to sign the letter?
4. Who do you want the letter to go to, i.e., the entire U.S. Senate, the U.S. Senators from California, the State legislator, etc.?
5. Should the draft letter come back to the Board in August for approval or is there an alternative approval process that the Board can support?

Staff will proceed, or not, upon the direction of the Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct fiscal impact related to the recommended action in this report.