



RESOLUTION NO. 39013

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND, DEPUTY MAYOR WOODARDS, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBERS MELLO AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Initiative Measure
4 No. 594, submitted for the November 4, 2014 General Election; and urging
5 Tacoma voters to vote "Yes" concerning background checks for firearm sales
and transfers.

6 WHEREAS, as the federal law is currently written, a background check is
7 required for all types of firearms, but only if the seller is a firearms dealer, and there
8 are exceptions to the law, including instances in which the buyer holds a concealed
9 pistol license, and dealers may complete a sale if the results of the background
10 check are not returned within three business days, and
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12 WHEREAS, similarly, under Washington state law, criminal background
13 checks are only required for buyers who intend to purchase a pistol from a licensed
14 dealer, and exceptions exist for buyers with concealed pistol licenses and sales can
15 be completed if background check results are not provided within five days, and
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17 WHEREAS, under current state and federal law, those individuals who wish
18 to avoid submitting to a background check can purchase firearms at gun shows or
19 via the Internet, and
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21 WHEREAS, on May 6, 2014, the Tacoma City Council adopted Resolution
22 38901 requiring that background checks be performed for firearm sales occurring
23 on City-owned and/or City-managed property, and
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WHEREAS Initiative Measure No. 594 seeks to strengthen the existing law by ensuring that private gun sales go through the same process as those processed through a licensed dealer, and

WHEREAS, if enacted into law, Initiative Measure No. 594 would close the loophole that allows firearm buyers to avoid undergoing a background check, which would help prevent guns from getting into the hands of those who have been convicted of serious crimes; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the passage of Initiative Measure No. 594, submitted for the November 4, 2014 General Election; and urging Tacoma voters to vote "Yes" concerning background checks for firearms sales and transfers, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:



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GENERAL ELECTION – INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 594

Initiative Measure No. 594 concerns background checks for firearm sales and transfers.

This measure would apply currently used criminal and public safety background checks by licensed dealers to all firearm sales and transfers, including gun show and online sales, with specific exceptions.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes
 No

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney