

A
RESOLUTION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING
SENATE BILL NO. 02-60
CONCERNING PERMITS TO CARRY CONCEALED HANDGUNS

WHEREAS, violence is a major public problem in our society. Legislation that makes guns more accessible or results in an increase in greater number of guns within the public is not in the best interests of overall health and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 alone a total of 30,708 people were killed by guns in the United States.¹ Of these deaths, 17,424 (56.7%) were gun suicides; 12,102 (39.4%) were gun homicides; 866 (2.8%) were unintentional or accidental shootings; and 316 (1%) were shooting deaths of undetermined intent;² and

WHEREAS, among all consumer products, only motor vehicles outpace guns as a cause of fatal injury and, in 1997, guns outpaced motor vehicles as the number one cause of injury-related death in five states;³ and

WHEREAS, a gun is more likely to be used in a suicide, murder, or unintentional shooting than to kill a criminal in a justifiable shooting. According to the FBI, there were 67 handgun murders for every 1 civilian justifiable homicide with a handgun in 1995;⁴ and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies currently have the discretion to issue permits for concealed weapons and that the discretion allows agencies to reasonably limit the issuance of permits and consider the need for the permit; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 02-60 as introduced before the Colorado Legislature would compe law enforcement agencies to issue permits to carry concealed weapons regardless of any demonstration of need; and

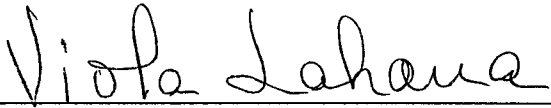
WHEREAS, any increase in the number of guns within the public will further exacerbate the problems associated with gun violence in the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies should be permitted the discretion to issue permits to carry concealed weapons in order to best control the unnecessary and harmful proliferation of guns in Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHERRY HILLS VILLAGE:


The City Council for the City of Cherry Hills Village opposes Senate Bill No. 02-60.

Introduced, passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council this 5th day of February, 2002, by a vote of 6 Yes and 0 No.



Viola Lahana, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pettinger, City Clerk

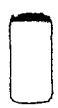
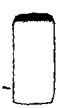
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¹ Violence Policy Center, www.vpc.org.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Deaths: Final Data for 1998. National Vital Statistics Reports, 48 (11), July 24, 2000.

³ Violence Policy Center, www.vpc.org.

⁴ www.gunfree.org.



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