

1 [Gun Violence Restraining Orders – Public Awareness]

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3 **Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to improve and expand**  
4 **public awareness of Gun Violence Restraining Orders, particularly to middle**  
5 **school students, high school students, higher education students, educators,**  
6 **school administrators, and other school staff.**

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8 **WHEREAS,** Gun violence is a national crisis in the United States that disproportionately  
9 impacts youth and transitional aged youth; and

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11 WHEREAS, Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teens in the  
12 United States<sup>1</sup>; and

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14 WHEREAS, Communities of color are disproportionately impacted by gun violence, with  
15 Black Americans experiencing 10 times the gun homicides, 18 times the gun assault  
16 injuries, and nearly 3 times the fatal police shootings of White Americans<sup>2</sup>; and

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18 WHEREAS, Black youth are four times more likely to be killed from gun violence than  
19 White youth<sup>3</sup>; and

**Commented [3]:** @raybird1805@gmail.com can you work on SF specific data? I'll also take a look at local news to see if there is anything there

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21 WHEREAS, Following the Isla Vista terror killings in 2014 when a college student killed  
22 six people and wounded 13 others near the University of California, Santa Barbara  
23 campus, California enacted Assembly Bill 1014,<sup>4</sup> which was the first Gun Violence  
24 Restraining Order (GVRO) law, or “red flag” law, in the nation; and

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26 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1014 authorized law enforcement officers to file a petition for  
27 and allowed courts to issue a GVRO when a court deems reasonable cause to believe  
28 that an individual poses an immediate and present danger of causing personal injury to  
29 themself or another by having in their possession a firearm and/or ammunition; and

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31 WHEREAS, Since Assembly Bill 1014 was first enacted it has been amended multiple  
32 times to strengthen and expand the program; and

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<sup>1</sup> *Current Causes of Death in Children and Adolescents in the United States*, New England Journal of  
Medicine, 5/19/2022 (<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2201761>)

<sup>2</sup> *Impact of Gun Violence on Black Americans*, Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy  
(<https://everytownresearch.org/issue/gun-violence-black-americans/>)

<sup>3</sup> *Gun Violence Prevention*, Children’s Defence Fund (<https://www.childrensdefense.org/policy/policy-priorities/gun-violence-prevention/>)

<sup>4</sup> California Assembly Bill 1014, 2013-2014 Legislative Session  
([https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140AB1014](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB1014))

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1 WHEREAS, Current California law allows 1) an immediate family member, 2) an  
2 employer, 3) A coworker (if they have had substantial and regular interactions with the  
3 individual for at least one year and have obtained the approval of the employer), 4) an  
4 employee or teacher of a school that the subject has attended in the last six months (if  
5 they have obtained the approval of a school administrator or a school administration  
6 staff member with a supervisory role), and/or 5) a law enforcement officer to petition for  
7 a GVRO to be issued<sup>5</sup>; and

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9 WHEREAS, Current California law also allows a court to issue Ex Parte GVROs and  
10 Emergency GVROs (before a notice and hearing) in the case that the court finds there  
11 is a substantial likelihood that the individual poses a significant danger to themselves or  
12 others in the near future<sup>6</sup>; and

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14 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 1014 has been proven to be effective,<sup>7</sup> yet public awareness  
15 of GVROs and their effectiveness remains low<sup>8</sup>; and

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17 WHEREAS, A survey<sup>9</sup> conducted in 2020 by the University of California Firearm  
18 Violence Research Center reported that approximately 65% of California respondents  
19 were not aware of GVROs nor of “red flag” laws; and

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21 WHEREAS, The aforementioned survey also reported that approximately 52% of  
22 California firearm owners were not aware of GVROs nor of “red flag” laws; and

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24 WHEREAS, The aforementioned survey also reported that approximately 71% of  
25 California respondents who lived with a firearm owner(s) were not aware of GVROs nor  
26 of “red flag” laws; and  
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<sup>5</sup> California Penal Code

<sup>6</sup> *Extreme Risk Protection Orders in California*, Giffords Law Center, 11/10/2022  
([https://giffords.org/lawcenter/state-laws/extreme-risk-protection-orders-in-california/#footnote\\_0\\_16192](https://giffords.org/lawcenter/state-laws/extreme-risk-protection-orders-in-california/#footnote_0_16192))

<sup>7</sup> *‘Red Flag’ Law in California Kept Guns From 58 Potential Mass Shooters, Research Shows*, Madeleine List, The Sacramento Bee, 6/9/2022 (<https://www.sacbee.com/news/nation-world/national/article262319527.html>)

<sup>8</sup> *Red Flag Laws Are Saving Lives. They Could Save More.*, Matt Vasilogambros, Pew - Stateline, 10/5/2021 (<https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2021/10/05/red-flag-laws-are-saving-lives-they-could-save-more>)

<sup>9</sup> *Public Awareness of and Personal Willingness to Use California’s Extreme Risk Protection Order Law to Prevent Firearm-Related Harm*, Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, PhD, MPH; Amanda J. Aubel, MPH; Rocco Pallin, MPH; Garen J. Wintemute, MD, MPH, JAMA Health Forum, 6/4/2021  
(<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/fullarticle/2780806#aoi210014t2>)

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1 WHEREAS, The aforementioned survey also reported that the main reason someone  
2 would not pursue a GVRO from a judge was that they did not know enough about  
3 GVROs; and

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5 WHEREAS, The San Diego Office of the City Attorney has championed the use of  
6 GVROs through the creation of a specific team dedicated to processing and pursuing  
7 GVRO requests and working with local police to implement these orders<sup>10</sup>; and

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9 WHEREAS, In July 2022, the San Diego Office of the City Attorney was awarded a  
10 \$1,000,000 grant from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to train  
11 and educate city attorney offices and law enforcement groups in California on how to  
12 utilize GVROs<sup>11</sup>; and

**Commented [4]:** Emily asked: can we as SF receive the same or similar grant from the state -- can urge city to apply for that grant

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14 WHEREAS, A key component of any effective strategy to keep schools safe from gun  
15 violence is schools sharing information on gun violence prevention programs/strategies  
16 like GVROs; and therefore be it

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18 **RESOLVED**, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the City and County of  
19 San Francisco to improve and expand public awareness of Gun Violence Restraining  
20 Orders, particularly for middle school students, high school students, higher education  
21 students, educators, school administrators, and other school staff; and be it

**Commented [5]:** add a clause possibly to urge city to find and apply for grants

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23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges both the City  
24 and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District to  
25 collaborate to improve and expand public awareness of Gun Violence Restraining  
26 Orders for San Francisco Unified School District students, families, and staff; and be it

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28 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Office of  
29 the City Attorney and Police Department to create a team dedicated to processing and  
30 pursuing Gun Violence Restraining Order requests from members of the public; and be  
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33 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are directed to  
34 transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, San  
35 Francisco Unified School District Board of Education, Office of the City Attorney, and  
36 Police Commission.

<sup>10</sup> *Inside the Team Pioneering California's Red Flag Law*, Alexei Koseff, CalMatters, 9/19/2022 (<https://calmatters.org/gun-violence/2022/09/red-flag-laws-california/>)

<sup>11</sup> California Announces New Details on Efforts to Promote Nation-Leading Red Flag Laws, Office of the Governor of California, 7/4/2022 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/07/14/california-announces-new-details-on-efforts-to-promote-nation-leading-red-flag-laws/>)

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