



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

January 15, 2013
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-006 SUPPORTING DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S UPDATED ASSAULT WEAPONS BILL

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I. SUMMARY

This item is on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Davis-Holmes.

In the wake of the December 14, 2012 mass killing at an elementary school in Connecticut, Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) has announced that she plans to introduce an assault weapons ban bill on the first day of the new Congress. The legislature reconvenes on Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 13-006, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING DIANNE FEINSTEIN'S UPDATED ASSAULT WEAPONS BILL"
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to Congresswoman Hahn, Senator Boxer and Senator Feinstein.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The shocking murder of 27 children and adults in Newtown, CT, on December 14, 2012 has sparked a national discussion on gun control, with mostly Democratic legislators saying laws need to be tightened. President Bill Clinton signed an assault weapons ban into law in 1994, but the measure expired a decade later. Democrats have tried several times since then to renew the ban, without success.

Feinstein called for the ban to be renewed after the mass shooting in an Aurora, CO, movie theater that killed 12 people and injured 58 others. Feinstein has reported that her bill will ban the sale, the transfer, the importation and the possession, of assault weapons and ban the sale of clips of more than ten bullets. Her purpose of the bill is to remove weapons of war from our streets.