



City Council

Consideration of Resolution Expressing City Council Support for Passage of Initiative Measure No. 594 - An Act Concerning Background Checks for Firearm Sales and Transfers and Would Apply Currently Used Criminal and Public Safety Background Checks by Licensed Dealers to All Firearm Sales and Transfers, Including Gun Shows and On-line Sales, with Specific Exceptions

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Accept testimony from everyone who wishes to speak for or against the Initiative.

Motion if Council wishes to support the Initiative: Move to Adopt the Resolution Expressing City Council Support for Passage of Initiative Measure No. 594.

No action is needed if Council does not wish to adopt the Resolution.

Report

Issue:

Shall the City Council adopt the attached Resolution?

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Background and Analysis:

At the City Council's September 9, 2014 meeting, Councilmember Jim Cooper asked that a resolution in support of Initiative Measure No. 594, which seeks to expand criminal background checks for private firearm sales, be scheduled for Council consideration. The Council agreed to schedule the resolution for public comment and Council consideration. Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555 (1), any action taken by the Council to support or oppose a ballot proposition must be done at an open public meeting with an opportunity for anyone to comment prior to Council action.

The full text of I-594 and the I-594 Explanatory Statement written by the Office of the Attorney General can be accessed through the attached hyperlink to the Secretary of State's website.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution as presented.
2. Amend, then take action to approve the Resolution as amended.
3. Do not take any action.

Financial Impact:

The Olympia Police Department anticipates that I-594 will require a small amount of additional work by staff at an estimated cost of \$1,700 - \$3,400.