

Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco



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Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

In November 2005, 58% of San Francisco voters passed Proposition H making it illegal for city residents to possess handguns in their home or business. It also prohibits the manufacture, distribution, sale and transfer of firearms and ammunition in the city.

In accordance with Proposition H and in consultation with the Chief of Police, District Attorney, Sheriff and the City Attorney, we are calling for the maximum penalty under state law for city residents who violate this voter approved ordinance. As you review this important legislation, we recommend that the City and County of San Francisco enact a \$1,000 fine for handgun forfeiture, with a minimum imprisonment in county jail of 90 days, not to exceed 6 months.

I look forward to working together in our ongoing efforts to create a safe environment for our city residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these recommendations. Should you have any questions, please contact Julian Potter in my office at (415) 554-6502.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
Mayor