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The Honorable Rick Zbur
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ASSEMBLY BILL 2917 (ZBUR)
SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Zbur:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2917.

AB 2917 authorizes a court, when considering whether there exists grounds for granting a gun violence restraining order (GVRO), to consider evidence of stalking, evidence of animal cruelty, evidence of threats toward a person or group based on a protected characteristic, and evidence of threats of violence or destruction of property for the purpose of interfering with the free exercise of constitutional rights.

AB 2917 additionally requires a court to consider evidence that a respondent violated an out- of-state protective order that prohibited the respondent from possessing firearms.

Under existing law, when determining whether to grant a GVRO petition, a court must consider certain evidence (including evidence of a recent threat of violence by the respondent, a violation of a protective order by the respondent, or certain criminal convictions) and may consider any other evidence of an increased risk of violence by the respondent. The statute lists several types of evidence about a respondent that may be considered, including evidence of reckless use or display of a firearm, a history of use or attempted use of force, abuse of alcohol or controlled substances, and prior felony arrests.

If a court determines that a respondent poses a significant risk to themselves or others by having access to firearms or ammunition, the court may issue a GVRO that prohibits the respondent from possessing, purchasing, or attempting to purchase a firearm or ammunition.

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AB 2917 is a commonsense gun control measure that updates and modernizes California's GVRO statute. Our office believes that it is not only appropriate for a court to consider the factors included in AB 2917 but that it is essential for the improved operation of California's leading red flag law.

For this reason, our Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2917.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

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