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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Lorrie McKay, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Date: September 17, 2014

Subject: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INITIATIVE 591 ON THE NOVEMBER 2014 BALLOT.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council holds a public hearing and considers the attached Resolution R-5073 expressing support for Initiative 591, which will be on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot.

BACKGROUND:

If approved by voters, the measure would prevent the government from confiscating firearms without due process and implementing background checks unless a federal standard is established. The full text (one page) of the Initiative is included as Attachment A.

The certified ballot title reads as follows:

This measure would prohibit government agencies from confiscating guns or other firearms from citizens without due process, or from requiring background checks on firearm recipients unless a uniform national standard is required.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

Resolution Supporting Initiative 591:

At its September 16, 2014 meeting, the City Council requested staff draft a resolution in support of Initiative 591 for hearing and consideration.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Under RCW 42.17A.555, the Council may vote on a resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition "so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of any opposing view;..."

Following tonight's public hearing, Council may: Approve or Reject Resolution R-5073; Modify the resolution; Ask staff to provide additional information for action at a later date; or Take no action on the resolution.

Attachments: A. Full text of Initiative 591
B. Resolution in support of Initiative 591

Initiative Measure No. 591

(filed May 23, 2013)

PROTECT OUR GUN RIGHTS

AN ACT Relating to protecting gun and other firearm rights; adding new sections to chapter 9.41 RCW; and creating new sections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW to read as follows:
It is unlawful for any government agency to confiscate guns or other firearms from citizens without due process.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW to read as follows:
It is unlawful for any government agency to require background checks on the recipient of a firearm unless a uniform national standard is required.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The provisions of this act are to be liberally construed to effectuate the intent, policies, and purposes of this act.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is known and may be cited as the “Protect Our Gun Rights Act.”

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RESOLUTION R-5073

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 591, CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF GUN OWNERS.

WHEREAS, Initiative Measure No. 591 (I-591) will be presented to the voters of the State of Washington at the general election on November 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, I-591 will prohibit government agencies from confiscating guns or other firearms from citizens without due process; and

WHEREAS, I-591 will prohibit government agencies from requiring background checks on firearm recipients unless a uniform national standard is required; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17A.555, the City Council of the City of Kirkland desires to show its support of I-591.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council supports Initiative 591.

Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote yes on Initiative 591 on November 4, 2014.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this ____ day of _____, 2014.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2014.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk