SUBJECT: Referral by Mayor for Consideration of Possible Legislation Related to Firearm and Ammunition Safety Measures

REFERRAL

In the wake of the Newtown and other recent national tragedies, there is a renewed effort by local, regional, and state lawmakers to consider what measures can be undertaken to stop preventable deaths caused by gun violence. The cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento are currently considering local regulatory options. Although a lot of gun control legislation is preempted by state or federal laws, there may be some areas for local regulation. I would like to look at regulations the City could adopt related to sale and possession of firearms and ammunition. Some possible areas might be:

- Prohibiting possession or ownership of high capacity magazines
- Requiring a permit to sell ammunition, and requiring permit holders to keep sales logs
- Requiring that lost or stolen weapons be reported to Public Safety

I am requesting that the Council direct staff to review the legislation being considered by San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Sacramento, as well as our existing regulations, and bring back for Council consideration a draft ordinance, insofar as it is in the City’s control, to adopt restrictions on ownership or possession of high capacity magazines, and other related measures.