

July 1, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel Assembly Member, District 46 1021 O Street, Suite 8230 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1127 (Gabriel) – Firearms: Machinegun-Convertible Pistols—Support— (As Amended June 19, 2025)

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel,

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 1127, which prohibits the sale, offer for sale, exchange, or delivery of semiautomatic machinegun-convertible pistols by licensed firearms dealers and expands the definition of "machinegun" to include such pistols when equipped with conversion devices.

AB 1127 responds to an urgent and growing public safety threat posed by so-called "pistol converters," small and easily obtainable devices that can transform common semiautomatic handguns into fully automatic weapons capable of firing at extremely dangerous rates. These devices, often made with household tools or 3D printers, pose a significant risk to community safety, law enforcement, and the integrity of our gun control framework.

Santa Rosa has seen firsthand the devastating effects of gun violence. Any measure that helps curtail the spread and misuse of high-capacity, rapid-fire weapons aligns with our commitment to ensuring the safety of our residents. By prohibiting the sale of firearms that can be readily converted into illegal machineguns, AB 1127 takes a thoughtful and proactive step in closing a dangerous loophole in current law.

We particularly commend the bill's balanced approach, which includes exemptions for law enforcement, forensic laboratories, and federally licensed manufacturers or dealers outside California. These provisions ensure public safety is enhanced without unduly impacting legitimate use or commerce.

This bill reinforces the State of California's leadership in responsible firearms regulation and reflects our shared priority of protecting communities from preventable harm. For these reasons, the City of Santa Rosa respectfully supports AB 1127 and urges its prompt passage.

MARK STAPP Mayor

EDDIE ALVAREZ Vice Mayor

CAROLINE BAÑUELOS VICTORIA FLEMING DIANNA MACDONALD JEFF OKREPKIE NATALIE ROGERS Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact Dane Hutchings or Coby Pizzotti at California Public Policy Group (916) 974-9270.

Sincerely,

Mark Stapp

Mayor, City of Santa Rosa

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CC: Members and Staff of the Senate Public Safety Committee
The Honorable Mike McGuire, President Pro Tem of the Senate
The Honorable Damon Connolly, Assembly District 12
The Honorable Chris Rogers, Assembly District 2
Jith Meganathan, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

That you for your work on this!

It's important to Santa Rosa.

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