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**Councilmember Whitburn Secures Unanimous Council Support for  
AB 1127 to Stop Deadly DIY Machine Guns**

**SAN DIEGO, CA** – The San Diego City Council today unanimously approved a resolution authored by Councilmember Stephen Whitburn in support of California Assembly Bill 1127 (AB 1127), groundbreaking legislation to close a deadly loophole that allows semi-automatic pistols to be easily converted into illegal machine guns.

AB 1127, authored by Assemblymembers Jesse Gabriel (AD-46) and Catherine Stefani (AD-19), would prohibit the future sale in California of semi-automatic pistols that can be readily modified using “Glock switches” or similar devices—transforming them into fully automatic weapons capable of firing up to 1,200 rounds per minute. These modifications, often made with small plastic or metal components, present a growing danger in California communities.

*“DIY machine guns have no place on our streets,” said Councilmember Stephen Whitburn. “These modified weapons are fueling gun violence and making our neighborhoods less safe. AB 1127 is a common-sense step to stop the spread of these dangerous firearms and protect the lives of all Californians.”*

The need for this legislation is underscored by the devastating 2022 mass shooting in Sacramento, where a converted pistol was used to kill six people and injure twelve others—leaving over 110 shell casings at the scene.

*“It’s clear that no one should be able to turn a pistol into a DIY machine gun in minutes”, said Kasey Zahner, Volunteer with the California Moms Demand Action chapter. “Councilmembers are warning Sacramento that the real danger lies in how easily these conversions happen — and while gun makers look the other way, they shouldn’t be raking in profits here in California. We thank the San Diego City Council for standing up for the safety of our community and look forward to continuing working together to protect our city from gun violence.”*

AB 1127 carefully balances public safety with the rights of responsible gun owners. It applies only to future sales and includes exemptions for law enforcement and military personnel. It also supports enforcement through the Firearm Industry Responsibility Act by holding manufacturers and sellers accountable.

This resolution aligns with the City of San Diego’s Strategic Plan priority to “Protect and Enrich Every Neighborhood,” ensuring safer communities and a higher quality of life.

Councilmember Whitburn continued: *“We must close the loophole that allows bad actors to turn handguns into battlefield weapons. I’m proud San Diego is standing with our state leaders to get this done.”*

The resolution sends a strong message of support to Sacramento as AB 1127 moves through the legislative process.

