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## **San Diego Police Department Releases Report on Proliferation of “Ghost Guns” in San Diego**

SAN DIEGO- In response to Councilmember von Wilpert’s request for a comprehensive report on the proliferation and enforcement of “ghost guns” in San Diego, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) released a detailed report highlighting the dramatic increase in untraceable firearms and the immediate need to act to protect San Diego communities.

Most notably, SDPD stated that “the vast majority of ‘ghost guns’ recovered by SDPD are seized from people who cannot pass state or federal background checks because of a criminal conviction involving a felony or violent misdemeanor, and from persons prohibited from possessing firearms due to mental illness.”

SDPD continued by stating that, “it is believed these numbers will continue to rise unless new legislation is enacted to address loopholes in the purchase, manufacture, and assembly of ‘ghost guns.’”

**“Now is the time to act to protect our communities from the spread of unserialized, untraceable ‘ghost guns’ being used by criminals and fueling gun violence in San Diego,”** said Councilmember von Wilpert. **“I am working with the City Attorney’s office to bring forward an ordinance to close this loophole and keep guns out of the hands of dangerous individuals.”**

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