

Your Committee, to which this proposal was referred, has amended the proposal to read as follows:

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CITY COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL NO. 112, 2018  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY, INDIANA

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INTRODUCED: 04/09/2018

REFERRED TO: Community Affairs Committee

SPONSOR: Councillor Oliver

DIGEST: urges the Indiana General Assembly and Congress to support a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; to take effective and comprehensive action to protect our school children; and to require comprehensive and universal background checks to transfer any type of firearm

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SOURCE:

Initiated by: Councillor Oliver

Drafted by: Fred Biesecker, General Counsel

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADOPTION:  
Subject to approval or veto by Mayor

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:  
Adoption and approvals

GENERAL COUNSEL APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 5, 2018

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CITY-COUNTY SPECIAL RESOLUTION NO. , 2018

A SPECIAL RESOLUTION urging the Indiana General Assembly and Congress to support a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; to take effective and comprehensive action to protect our school children; and to require comprehensive and universal background checks to transfer any type of firearm.

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2018, according to the event organizers, approximately 800,000 people participated in the "March for Our Lives" in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on that same day in Indianapolis, despite a near-record snowfall, several thousand people attended the "March for Our Lives" at the Indiana Statehouse; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 Pew Research Center poll [taken before the Stoneman Douglas (Parkland, Florida) massacre of 17 high school students and teachers] found that 68 percent of adults favor banning assault weapons and 65 percent support a ban on high-capacity magazines; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, as reported by USA Today, students from about 2,800 schools nationwide, including our own Herron H.S. and Center for Inquiry School # 2, participated in National Walkout Day to show solidarity with the 17 victims of the Parkland attack; and

WHEREAS, a federal assault weapons ban was in effect from 1994 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, deaths by gun massacre (defined as 6+ deaths) were substantially lower during the period of the assault weapons ban (89 deaths between 1994 and 2004), compared to both the decade before (155 deaths between 1984 and 1994) and the decade after (302 deaths between 2004 and 2014); and

WHEREAS, put another way, compared with the 10-year period before the federal ban, the number of people dying from gun massacres fell by 43 percent, and after the ban lapsed in 2004, there was a 239 percent increase in gun massacre victims; and

WHEREAS, several constitutional challenges were filed against the federal ban, but the courts rejected them all; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2018, a 13-year-old student at Noblesville West Middle School opened fire in a classroom at the school, shooting student Ella Whistler seven times and teacher Jason Seaman three times. But for the heroic actions of Mr. Seaman, many other students and employees would have been injured or killed; and

WHEREAS, since the school shooting at Columbine High School in 1999, there have been many other school shootings, including those in Red Lake (MN), Lancaster (PA), Blacksburg (VA), Chardon (OH), Cleveland (OH), Sandy Hook (CT), Parkland (FL), and Santa Fe (TX); and

WHEREAS, during the first five months of 2018 alone, there have been 30 school shootings in the United States, resulting in 40 deaths and 73 injuries; and

WHEREAS, Americans make up only about 4.4 percent of the world's population but own some 42 percent of the world's guns; and

WHEREAS, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 would allow people with concealed carry permits in one state to take their weapon to any other state, even if the other state has stricter limits on concealed carry weapons than the home state in which they obtained their permit; and

WHEREAS, Indiana does not require background checks on some types of transfers of firearms; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY-COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS AND OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA:

SECTION 1. The City-County Council urges the Indiana General Assembly and Congress to support a ban on assault weapons and a ban on high-capacity magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds, which were the key provisions of the former federal assault weapons ban, and are also the key provisions of the proposed assault weapons ban of 2017, introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein and 22 of her colleagues.

SECTION 2. The City-County Council stands with the students of Noblesville West Middle School, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Santa Fe High School, and other students from across the nation, including those right here in Indianapolis, in demanding effective and comprehensive action from the state and federal governments to protect schoolchildren.

SECTION 3. The City-County Council urges the Indiana General Assembly and Congress to require comprehensive and universal background checks for transfer of any type of firearm.

SECTION 4. The City-County Council of Indianapolis/Marion County goes on record opposing H.R.38 and S.446, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, and calls on its representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate to vote against these bills, and to work with their colleagues to oppose these bills, and authorizes the Clerk of the Council distribute letters to that effect.

SECTION 5. The Clerk of the Council shall distribute a copy of this resolution to the Governor and to each member of the Indiana General Assembly.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon adoption and compliance with IC 36-3-4-14.

The foregoing was passed by the City-County Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

ATTEST:

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President, City-County Council

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SaRita Hughes  
Clerk, City-County Council

Presented by me to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

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SaRita Hughes  
Clerk, City-County Council

Approved and signed by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Joseph H. Hogsett, Mayor