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Reducing Gun Injuries and Deaths in Minneapolis

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I am working to identify effective actions the City can take to reduce gun deaths and injuries in Minneapolis. This will include, first, a set of state and/or federal legislative initiatives the City formally supported through the Intergovernmental Relations Committee in late January and, second, items included in a resolution that will come to the Public Safety, Health and Civil Rights Committee in February. I am working closely with the Mayor's office, Council colleagues, the Police Chief, City Attorney, the Minneapolis Commissioner of Health and the Intergovernmental Relations staff. I welcome feedback and support from others and especially from the Youth Violence Prevention Executive Committee. Ideas so far include the following:

1) Legislative agendas

- a. Repeal or amend the state preemption statute to allow local innovations,
- b. Ban on semi-auto,
- c. Ban on high-capacity magazines,
- d. More discretionary power to municipalities to grant or deny gun permits,
- e. Better, universal, background checks,
- f. Gun violence commission,
- g. Change age for purchasing guns from 18 to 21,
- h. Mandatory reporting of gun theft or loss,
- i. Renew the prohibition on people convicted of felony domestic abuse owning guns,
- j. Explore including violent misdemeanors in background checks,
- k. Raise the excise tax on ammunition to fund violence prevention efforts.

2) Resolution

- a. Lay out the case for residents voluntarily getting guns out of their homes
- b. Remind residents that guns must be stored locked and/or unloaded if there are children under 18 in the home
- c. Ask residents to promptly report theft or loss of any gun
- d. Possible acceptance of funds and staff direction to develop a gun buy-back program or illegal gun reporting program (see below).
- e. Staff direction to MPD to come back to Council with costs and use projections for a voluntary registration program.

3) Gun buy-back and/or illegal gun reporting program

- a. Limit weapon types: handguns and semi-automatic rifles with greater than 5-round capacity
- b. Decide between a targeted gun buy-back program and/or a program to pay for tips that lead to the recovery of illegal guns (ex: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Want-1000-Turn-in-anonymous-tip-on-an-illegal-gun-115158084.htm>)
- c. Individual contributions: a Second Ward constituent is willing to donate \$10,000 to this effort
- d. Business contributions: in other cities, retailers have stepped up
- e. City contributions: MPD officer support, possible monetary participation

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