



Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

RESOLUTION # 21 — Submitted by Los Angeles Lodge

TITLE: Firearms Safety

Whereas more than 30,000 people die annually from gun-related homicides and suicides;

Whereas research has shown there is a direct correlation between gun ownership and suicide rates;

Whereas recent 2012 mass shootings were by mentally ill persons, in a movie theatre in July at Aurora, Colorado, killing 12 people and injuring 70 others; again in December at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Connecticut, killing 20 school children and six adult staff and other mass shootings;

Whereas criminals and the mentally ill persons shouldn't own and possess guns;

Whereas America needs to address these mass tragedies with enhanced gun control so more lives will not be lost that could have been saved; while maintaining the second amendment on the rights to bear arms and respecting those who own lawfully possessed weapons for hunting and other legal uses;

Whereas, polls in recent months have shown support for stricter gun control measures that aim to extend background checks, including firearms sales at gun shows and online;

Whereas, a Justice Department study of the assault weapons ban found that assault weapons are disproportionately involved in murders with multiple victims and multiple wounds per victim;

Whereas the 1994 federal assault weapons ban was found to be effective in reducing gun violence and police departments reported seeing a noticeable increase in criminals' use of assault weapons since the federal ban expired;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chinese American Citizens Alliance supports legislation, both at the federal and local levels, for stricter gun control measures that aim to extend background checks including firearms sales at gun shows and online, toughen penalties against illegal gun trafficking, ban semi-automatic weapons and set limits on high-capacity magazines.

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