

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4956

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF AB  
424 (MCCARTY), TO HELP KEEP GUNS OUT OF  
CALIFORNIA'S SCHOOLS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, although California generally prohibits guns in schools, certain school districts are taking advantage of a loophole in the law to arm teachers and other staff; and

WHEREAS, the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995 makes it a crime to possess a firearm in a place that the person knows, or reasonably should know, is a school zone, unless it is with the written permission of the school district superintendent, his or her designee, or equivalent school authority; and

WHEREAS, the Gun-Free School Zone Act exempts a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm and a retired peace officer authorized to carry a concealed or loaded firearm; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, California enacted SB 707, which removed the exemption for a person with a concealed carry permit from carrying a firearm into a public or private K-12 school unless there is knowledge and written permission from school officials; and

WHEREAS, opponents of gun control measures have used this loophole in existing law to encourage teachers or other staff to bring guns into schools; and

WHEREAS, AB 424, introduced by Assembly Member Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), will close the loophole in existing law by deleting the authority of a school district superintendent, his or her designee, or equivalent school authority to provide written permission for a person to possess a firearm within a school zone; and

WHEREAS, teachers and school safety experts oppose allowing guns in schools, including the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, the nation's two largest teachers' organizations; and

WHEREAS, California schools are extremely safe and the focus on arming teachers and staff ignores the risks and consequences of bringing more guns onto school grounds; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Hollywood has a longstanding history of supporting gun control measures aimed at curbing gun violence and enhancing public safety, including legislation to restrict access to firearms and enhance federal and state gun control laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby supports AB 424, to help keep guns out of California's schools.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.

  
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JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK