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## PRESS RELEASE

### Compton City Council Voices Support For Gun Control Measure

*Council supports expanding the definition of 'firearm'*

**COMPTON, CA** – The Compton City Council officially joined a chorus of Americans calling for nationwide action on gun control in the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting in recent U.S. history. On Tuesday, members of the Compton City Council unanimously voted to support **Assembly Bill 1673** (AB 1673), a bill that would expand the definition of a firearm.

Initiated by State **Assemblymember Mike Gipson**, AB 1673 would expand the definition of “firearm” to include a frame or receiver blank, casting, or machined body, that is designed and clearly identifiable as a component of a functional weapon, from which a bullet is expelled.

Existing law defines the term “firearm” for various regulatory purposes, including, among others and subject to exceptions, the requirement that firearms be transferred by or through a licensed firearms dealer, the requirement of a 10-day waiting period prior to delivery of a firearm by a dealer, the requirement that firearm purchasers be subject to a background check, and the prohibition on certain classes of persons, such as felons, possessing firearms.

“I want to thank Assemblymember Gipson for his leadership on this item and for it to pass so quickly through the Assembly is a great indication of where we are going as a state,” commented **Mayor Aja Brown**. “I also want to commend our legislators for getting behind this much needed reform.”

“This is something that is really going to help all of us here in the state in dealing with the gun violence we have to deal with everyday,” said **4<sup>th</sup> District Councilmember Emma Sharif**. “I really want to thank Assemblymember Gipson for his due diligence in bringing forth this bill.”

*AB 1673 recently passed the Senate Appropriations and Public Safety Committees and is headed to the floor for debate before a vote.*

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