



PREVENTING VIOLENCE
AND DEVELOPING
YOUTH LEADERS

April 2, 2015

Senator Jackson
State Capitol, Room 2032
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: (916) 651-4019
Fax: (916) 651-4919

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 347

Dear Senator Jackson:

On behalf of Youth ALIVE!, a violence prevention and intervention program, I write to express support for Senate Bill 347. Working with the survivors of gun violence and the families of those lost to gun violence, Youth ALIVE! is acutely aware of the disastrous impact guns have in California. SB 347 will strengthen our gun laws by adding to the list of person prohibited from purchasing firearms for a 10-year period to include those convicted of specified firearm-related misdemeanors.

Studies have shown that handgun purchasers who have had a single prior conviction for a nonviolent firearm-related offense are seven times as likely to be charged with new nonviolent firearm offenses, four time as likely to be charged with new violent offenses, and five time as likely to be charged with murder, rape, robbery, or aggravated assault than a person with no prior convictions.

This bill would add the dealing handguns without a license, supplying ammunition to a prohibited person, and bringing or carrying ammunition onto school grounds, among other misdemeanors, to the 10-year-ban on purchasing firearms prohibited persons' list.

I support SB 347 Firearms: Prohibited Persons; it will help make California safer.

Sincerely,

Anne Marks
Executive Director

YOUTH ALIVE!
3300 Elm Street
Oakland, CA 94609
Tel: (510) 594-2588
Fax: (510) 594-0667
mail@youthalive.org
www.youthalive.org

**HONORARY
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA
Former Mayor of Los Angeles

DIANNE FEINSTEIN
United States Senator

EDWARD JAMES OLMOS
Actor

AL JARREAU
Singer/Musician

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PHILLIP S. CHANG
Principal
Redondo Surgical
Los Angeles, CA

ALISA DEWYS
Consultant
Resources Global Professionals
San Francisco, CA

DAVID E. DURANT
General Counsel
Blackhawk Network
Pleasanton, CA

ANGELA JENKINS
Director
N. Cal Community Benefit Funded
Programs
Kaiser Permanente
Oakland, CA

MICHAEL NIETO
Deputy District Attorney
Alameda County
District Attorney's Office
Oakland, CA

ELIZABETH SEKERA
Clinic Director
Lyon-Martin Health Services
San Francisco, CA

SIARA SPRIGGS
Residential Counselor
The Refuge, Inc.
Oakland, CA

LA'BAN WADE II
Student
UC Berkeley

STAN WEISNER
Director Behavioral and
Biological Sciences
UC Berkeley Extension
Berkeley, CA

GREGORY VICTORINO
Chief, Division of Trauma
Alameda Health System
Oakland, CA

ANNE C. MARKS
Executive Director
Youth ALIVE!
Oakland, CA