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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: July 14, 2022

RE: **RESOLUTION URGING ATF TO REVIEW ALL GUN SALES AT
ACTION IMPACT FIREARMS AND TRAINING CENTER**

Council member Scott Benson requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION URGING ATF TO REVIEW ALL GUN SALES AT ACTION IMPACT FIREARMS AND TRAINING CENTER.

Attached, please find our draft of the aforementioned resolution.

Attachment

RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCOTT BENSON

RESOLUTION URGING ATF TO REVIEW ALL GUN SALES AT ACTION IMPACT FIREARMS AND TRAINING CENTER

WHEREAS, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 81,300 nonfatal injuries and 31,672 deaths involving guns occur every year. This works out to about three hundred eight shootings and eighty six deaths every day; and

WHEREAS, Access to firearms increases the risk of homicide by more than five times. It is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, This is not an attack on the Second Amendment, or an attempt to curb gun rights, but the level of enforcement for laws already on the books has been inadequate to stop gun violence in America. According to the FBI, more than two-thirds of murders nationwide are committed by criminals using handguns. In addition, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the leading cause of death for African Americans aged 25 to 34, is homicide committed by firearm; and

WHEREAS, No one person, Detroit's Mayor, City Council, state legislature, or organization, can solve this problem. The entire community must work together to take control of gun violence. To help curb gun violence throughout the city of Detroit, everyone needs to be involved; and

WHEREAS, As a direct result of an alleged straw gun purchase¹ of a Draco gun, which is essentially a mini Ak-47, from the Action Impact Firearms & Training Center in Eastpointe, fallen hero, Detroit police officer Loren Courts, was viciously murdered; and

WHEREAS, Given this appearance of the facts, the Detroit City Council is seeking action to ensure that this set of circumstances never occurs again; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council strongly urges that the Detroit office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), review Action Impact Firearms & Training Center's federal firearms license for potential revocation, as a direct result of this sale. In addition, Council implores the ATF to review all of the gun sales at Action Impact Firearms & Training Center for additional gun crimes, to determine how many illegal transactions can be traced back to this dealer; **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Clerk is directed to send this resolution to the Detroit office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

¹ A straw buyer is a person who makes a purchase on behalf of another person.