

**2023-8 Resolution in Support of AB 28: Funding Evidence-Based Gun Violence  
Prevention Programs  
Adopted June 15, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, gun violence continues to be a pressing issue in our communities, threatening the safety and well-being of Californians, and Assembly Bill (AB) 28, introduced by California State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, proposes an excise tax on firearms and ammunition to generate funding for evidence-based gun violence prevention programs, school safety measures, and other initiatives aimed at ending gun violence in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the CalVIP program, needing sustainable funding, has proven to be one of the most cost-efficient community-based violence prevention programs in California, consistently demonstrating its effectiveness in reducing gun violence, communities and community-based organizations that received CalVIP funding in the 2018 cycle witnessed a significant decrease in homicides, three times greater than those that did not receive CalVIP support; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of these evidence-based programs has been particularly notable in reducing gun homicide rates among the high-risk age group of 15 to 29 years old, reaching the lowest rate since 1970 in 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Mateo County Democrats, as a leading voice for progressive values and the promotion of safe communities, call upon the California State Senate and Governor Newsom to support Assembly Bill 28; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the San Mateo County Democrats urge the State Senate and Governor Newsom to sign AB 28 into law, recognizing the critical need for sustained funding to support evidence-based gun violence prevention programs, school safety measures, and other initiatives aimed at ending gun violence in the state of California.

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