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Year-End Edition

NRA to File Lawsuit Challenging San Francisco Gun Ban

Fairfax, VA - Even with opposition from San Francisco law enforcement and major media outlets, Proposition H -- a measure banning the lawful possession, sale and manufacture of handguns and ammunition within city limits -- passed yesterday. The National Rifle Association (NRA) has filed a lawsuit challenging this severe gun ban.

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre stated, "We are disappointed, but this fight is just beginning. Lawful residents of San Francisco are being stripped of their freedom because of an illegal measure that defies common sense. We will fight this outrageous assault on the rights of law-abiding San Franciscans and I believe that we will prevail."

Many San Francisco residents who initially supported the ban changed their opinion after NRA and local volunteers began voter education efforts throughout the city. The campaign received an additional boost when the San Francisco Police Officers Association condemned the gun ban, declaring it would "nullify the personal choice of city residents to lawfully possess a handgun for self-defense purposes." Major San Francisco newspapers also voiced opposition to Proposition H.

In response to the passage of this proposition, NRA is leading a coalition of organizations and has filed a lawsuit against this illegal ban in San Francisco. Proposition H, in addition to violating federal guarantees, also violates various California state laws and is therefore preempted.

Chris W. Cox, NRA's chief lobbyist, concluded, "This is a hollow victory for the gun control lobby because this scheme is in clear violation of California law. We will file suit and fight this to the highest courts in the country until good sense prevails once again in San Francisco."

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What's an NRA MC ???

What's an NRA Members' Council? OK, its alphabet soup time: The Cal NRAMC is directly under the NRA Exec VP. Got that? Here's an easier way to explain it: look at the picture on your driver's license ... THAT'S who the NRA is!! Now, look at it again along with your NRA membership card ... that's who CAN be an NRA Members' Council member. Easy!

You see, the National Rifle Association is made up of over 4 million Americans who, like you, believe in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and are willing to stand up and defend it. We can be a powerful voice for freedom when we all stand together to protect our right to keep and bear arms.

It all started in 1871, when Col. William Church and Gen. George Wingate were shocked by the poor marksmanship of their Union troops. Together, they formed the National Rifle Association to "promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis." From that day on, the NRA has continued to promote all forms of marksmanship, hunting, and firearms safety programs to men, women, youth, and law enforcement all over the country.

Today, the NRA has had to expand that mission. The Second Amendment is under constant attack by those who want to limit or even take away our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. California, especially, has an unprecedented need for this kind of vigilance. In the 80's, a group of California NRA activists sought to fulfill this urgent need by forming "grass-roots" groups of pro-Second Amendment believers. Thus was born the NRA Members' Council program.

The MCs operate directly under the authority of the NRA's Executive Vice President's office. We're not a hunting club, or a shooting club. We are NOT aligned with any particular political party or politician. We are a single issue group that focuses on preserving the

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For more information on the Proposition H lawsuit:

<http://calnra.com/calerts/calert110905.shtml>

<http://www.calgunlaws.com/>

<http://nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml?summary=proph>

To donate money to support the NRA lawsuit:

<https://secure.nraila.org/Contribute.aspx>

Or send your check to:

NRA-ILA
11250 Waples Mill Road,
Fairfax, VA 22030

OTHER NEWS:

The California Legislative Session for 2005 is over and five bills made it to the Governor's desk.

He Signed Two Good Bills:

AB 86- "Serialized Property"

AB269-"Firearms: Unsafe Handguns"

He Signed Two Bad Bills:

AB 88 - "Assault Weapon: Penalties"

SB 48 - "Firearms: Ammunition"

Finally, He Vetoed a Very Bad Bill:

AB996"Ammunition: Storage & Sale"

**Below is the list of bills YOU STOPPED!!!
(Though they may come back next year):**

AB 98 "Illegal Handgun Carry"

AB 352 "Firearms Micro-stamping"

AB 944 "Firearms: Dealer Warnings"

AB 1002 "Hunting: Non-lead Ammo"

SB 357 "Ammunition Serialization"

Final Score for 2005: 8 to 2 in our favor.

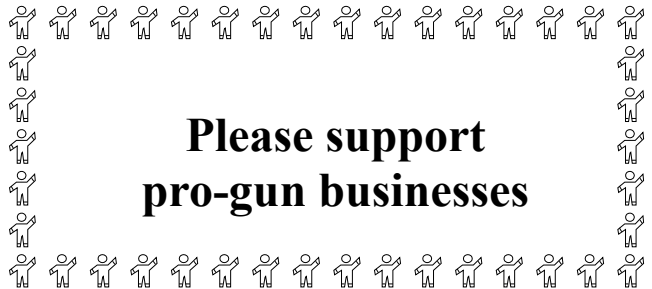
For more detailed information on these bills go to <http://www.ggnra.org> and click the "Legislative Updates" Tab on the left side of the webpage.

Gerard J. Cecchettini, President

Our Meeting Schedule

General Meetings: Meetings held in San Francisco occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7PM. The location is Round Table Pizza @ Geary & 16th Avenue (in the Richmond District; street parking paid lot above Ross next door). Check our 24-hour info line at (415) 221-9333 or www.ggnra.org to confirm the meeting date and location.

Steering Meetings: Officers, chairpersons, and council members approved by the council president may attend. Contact an Officer for the Steering meeting schedule.



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San Leandro Rifle & Pistol Range

The San Leandro Rifle & Pistol Range is now open until 10:00PM on Saturday nights. A "steel shooting match" is also offered on Saturday nights from 5:00PM until 10:00PM on the outside range. It only costs \$10.00 for either event. Located at 3001 Davis St., San Leandro, CA. 94577, (510)-638-9605. Ask for Richard Lyons.

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Second Amendment by working at a local community level.

What the NRA Members' Council does is draw together concerned NRA members and organize them into efficient groups on a local level. The Members' Councils can channel important information and facts to its members for organized and effective action, whether it's a letter writing campaign, a phone calling project, or attending a city supervisors meeting.

We are the ones that make the phone calls, send the faxes, and write the letters and e-mails to our elected representatives to tell them not to infringe our rights. We are the mighty army that can mobilize on a moment's notice to contact our senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, and supervisors.

What happens when you come to a typical Members' Council meeting? Well, to be truthful, "legislative action" doesn't always mean lighting the torches and sharpening up the pitchforks to storm the castle! We don't scream and yell and work ourselves up to a fever pitch and run out of the meeting foaming at the mouth!

"Legislative Action" is often a long deliberate process, with much of our action dictated by events in the Sacramento Capitol Building. Ed Worley, the full-time NRA lobbyist up in Sacramento keeps us informed on up-to-the-minute changes and maneuvers by the lawmakers on gun-related bills. We custom-tailor our responses based on his timely reports from the State Legislature.

When you attend a Members' Council meeting, you will be updated on the most recent changes to various gun bills in the legislature. You may be asked to spend some time writing letters to elected officials or newspaper editors. You may even be asked to volunteer for handing out information at gun shows, rodeos, outdoor sports and hunting expos, or other public events. You may be treated to a guest speaker that may discuss topics ranging from firearms legal questions, to local hunting areas, or a new recreational shooting program.

The Members' Councils also provide firearms safety instruction, special training for new women shooters through our "Women On Target" program, gun safety for kids through our "Eddie Eagle" program, and many other outreach and training programs to our communities.

When it does come down to the political fight, the Members' Councils ARE EFFECTIVE! In 2003, we defeated *five* major anti-gun bills, and had *five* pro-gun laws signed into law. In 2004, we defeated or stalled out

six anti-gun bills. In 2005, we got *six* anti-gun bills stalled or vetoed. Two especially important bills we got stopped this year are the firearms microstamping bill, which would require ALL new semi-automatic handguns to have parts that will micro stamp an identifier on each and every round fired, and the ammunition serialization bill which would have required EVERY bullet sold in California to have a serial number on it. We got one pro-gun bill passed as well this year.

All this would NOT have happened if NRA members in California just stood back and did nothing. Instead, concerned California NRA members got involved and joined the Members' Councils. They made the phone calls, wrote the letters and e-mails. They wrote letters to the editors of various newspapers. They talked with friends and co-workers. They MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

Come to an NRA Members' Council meeting near you and make a difference here in California. You can visit the California NRA Members' Council website at <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com> and find a Council near you, or you can visit a gun store or shooting range and find our newsletters and flyers. There are 32 Members' Councils up and down the state, with 10 in the San Francisco Bay Area alone, so there is plenty of opportunity for you to get involved no matter where you live in California. By the way, the Members' Council is a FREE benefit of your NRA membership, so come out and take advantage of this great program.

It's been said that there are three kinds of people in this world: Those that MAKE things happen, those that WATCH things happen, and those that WONDER what happened! By joining and attending an NRA Members' Council near you, you can make things happen and become a proud participant in the fight to save your Second Amendment rights here in California.

NRA Websites

NRA Homepage : www.nra.org

NRA-ILA Legislation Homepage : www.nraila.com

Women On Target Program : www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp

Refuse To Be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar :
www.nrahq.org/rtbv

Year End Activities of the NRA Members' Councils of the San Francisco Bay Area:

Alameda County

www.alamedanramc.org_letsroll@alamedanramc.org 685 East 14th St., San Leandro, CA, 94577

Meets 7:30 pm, 1st Tuesday of each month @ Sergio's Pizzeria, (510) 895-4005, 151 West Juana, San Leandro, 94577

Our December meeting at Sergio's is our annual Christmas party. Come meet your fellow Alameda County NRA MC members!

Contra Costa County (East)

www.nramemberscouncils.com/contracosta_779-1075, eastcoco@nramemberscouncils.com ,PO Box 2364, Antioch, CA., 94531-2364, **Meets 7:00 pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month @ Aladino's Pizza, (925) 757-6363, 1324 Sunset Dr., Antioch, 94509. Our December meeting at Aladino's is our annual Christmas party.** Come meet your fellow East Contra Costa County NRA MC members!

Contra Costa County (West)

www.nramemberscouncils.com/contracosta_223-5207, westcoco@nramemberscouncils.com ,P O Box 21677, El Sobrante, CA., 94820, **Meets 7:00 PM, 3rd Thursday of each month @ Richmond Rod & Gun Club (west of I-80) 3155 Goodrick Ave. (off Richmond Parkway)**

Golden Gate United (San Francisco)

www.ggnra.org_(415) 221-9333 (24 hr) info@ggnra.org. 3739 Balboa St., #147, San Francisco, CA., 94121, Newsletters Archive: <http://ggnra.org/newsletters/>, **meets 7:00 pm, 3rd Tuesday of each month @ the Round Table Pizza (upstairs meeting room) at Geary and 16th Ave. Our Christmas party is a fun shoot, Tuesday evening Dec 20th, come visit us at Jackson Arms Indoor Range., 710 Dubuque Ave., South San Francisco from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. NRA members shoot for half price on Tuesdays at Jackson,** we will have volunteer NRA Instructors on hand and refreshments are on us. Come see what we have planned for 2006, read the Prop H lawsuit we filed, and spend the evening with like-minded folks!

Marin County

www.nramemberscouncils.com/marin_415-382-9601 (24 hr), or email to: nramc@sbcglobal.net_P O Box 11552, San Rafael, CA 94912. **Meets 7:00 PM, 3rd Tuesday of the month (except December) @ Bullseye Precision Indoor Range, 1281 Anderson Dr., San Rafael, 94901, (415-453-7465), Contact us next year for Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinics (women only); we've sold out this year!**

Silicon Valley (Santa Clara Co., San Jose & North)

www.nramemberscouncils.com/siliconvalley_(408) 235-9175 (24 hr) or email to: silval@ggnra.org, PO Box 640756, San Jose, CA., 95164-0756. Meets 7:00 pm, Last Tuesday of each month. **Xmas Open House Tue Dec 27th: 5 to 8 pm,** shoot ½ price during open house with visit validation and alerts sign up, refreshments served. **at Reeds Indoor Range,** www.reedsindoorange.com 1100 Duane Ave., Santa Clara, 95054 (Frontage Rd off 101)

South Valley (South Santa Clara Co. & San Benito Co. (Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Hollister Areas)

www.nramemberscouncils.com/southvalley_(408) 235-9175 (24 hr), InfoOnSouthValley@nramemberscouncils.com ,P O Box 1554, Morgan Hill, CA, 95038-1554, Meets 7:00 pm, 1st Wednesday of each month @ Sunrise Cafe, 6120 Monterey St, in So. Gilroy. **See you at the TS Gun Show, Santa Clara Co., Fairgrounds (Tully Rd., San Jose), Saturday & Sunday Dec 10th & 11th.** Save \$10 off an NRA membership, new (w/ hat) or renew.

Vallejo (Solano and South Napa Counties)

www.nramemberscouncils.com/vallejo_(707) 643-5932 – rbabcock@EV1.net , 436 Moorland St., Vallejo, CA., 94589 **Meets 7:00 PM, 1st Wednesday of each month @ Norman C. King Community Center, (@ corner Magazine & Sonoma) 545 Magazine St., Vallejo**