



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31846

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 1639 and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 1639 on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot.

**Notes:**

Date  
Filed with City Clerk: 10/29/2018

Mayor's Signature: 10/26/2018

**Sponsors:** González

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

### History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

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Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	10/18/2018	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	10/18/2018	sent for review	City Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the City Council						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	City Council	10/22/2018	referred	City Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the City Council						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	City Council	10/22/2018	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						
	<b>Notes:</b> <u>ACTION 1:</u>						

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31846.

ACTION 2:

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION 31846**

In accordance with Revised Code of Washington 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code 2.04.300, Council President Harrell provided the public an opportunity to speak in favor of or in opposition to Resolution 31846.

Alex Tsimerman addressed the Council in opposition to Resolution 31846.

Public Comment on Resolution 31846 was closed.

ACTION 3:

In Favor: 8 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien

Opposed: 0

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| 1 | Mayor               | 10/26/2018   | Signed                 |            |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was Signed.                                       |                        |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                        |            |
| 1 | City Clerk          | 10/26/2018   | submitted for          | Mayor      |
|   |                     |  | Mayor's signature      |            |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor |                        |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                        |            |
| 1 | Mayor               | 10/29/2018   | returned               | City Clerk |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk                   |                        |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                        |            |
| 1 | City Clerk          | 10/29/2018   | attested by City Clerk |            |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.                       |                        |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                        |            |
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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 31846**

A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 1639 and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 1639 on the November 6, 2018, general election ballot.

WHEREAS, gun violence in the United States results in tens of thousands of deaths and injuries annually; and

WHEREAS, our country has been wracked by too many tragic shooting deaths; and

WHEREAS, the tragic killing of 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on February 14, 2018, spurred unprecedented activism in Seattle and communities across the nation regarding gun responsibility and community safety; and

WHEREAS, keeping the people of Seattle safe and secure from gun violence is and always will be one of the top priorities for The City of Seattle (City); and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2015, the City passed Ordinance 124833 imposing a tax on the retail sale of firearms and ammunition to raise general revenue for the City and to use that revenue to provide broad-based public benefits for residents of Seattle related to gun violence by funding programs that promote public safety, prevent gun violence, and address in part the cost of gun violence in the City; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2016, the City adopted Resolution 31676 related to responsible and progressive protocols for police gun procurement, including destroying no longer needed firearms rather than selling the firearms out of state; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2016, the City adopted Resolution 31702 related to supporting the creation of Extreme Risk Protection Orders, allowing family members and law

1 enforcement to petition the court to remove firearms from individuals presenting a  
2 serious danger to themselves or others; and

3 WHEREAS, in the 2017-2018 City Budget the Seattle City Council and former Mayor Tim

4 Burgess dedicated funding to create and implement a regional domestic violence firearm  
5 surrender program, comprised of the City Attorney's Office, the King County  
6 Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Seattle Police Department, and the King County  
7 Sheriff's office, to enforce the requirement for persons served with domestic violence or  
8 extreme risk protection orders to surrender their firearms, and track and prosecute  
9 persons violating those orders; and

10 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2018, Governor Jay Inslee signed into law SB 5992, making it illegal  
11 to manufacture, sell, purchase, own, or be in possession of a bump stock in Washington  
12 State beginning July 1, 2019, as well as directing Washington State Patrol to create a  
13 buyback program for individuals to relinquish a bump stock in exchange for \$150; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 8, 2018, Mayor Jenny A. Durkan hosted a Town Hall at Chief Sealth  
15 High School on gun responsibility and community safety to listen and receive input from  
16 the community on actions the City might undertake to reduce gun violence; and

17 WHEREAS, on July 9, 2018, Mayor Durkan signed into law Ordinance 125620, sponsored by  
18 Councilmember M. Lorena González and passed unanimously by the Council, requiring  
19 the safe storage of firearms and increasing the civil penalties for failing to report a lost or  
20 stolen firearm; and

21 WHEREAS, the federal and state Constitutions guarantee the right to keep and bear arms, and  
22 gun responsibility measures in no way conflict with the exercise of these rights; and

1 WHEREAS, suicide is the leading cause of firearm deaths in Washington State: in 2014  
2 alone, 545 individuals, or 49 percent of all those who took their own lives, used a  
3 firearm; and

4 WHEREAS, to reduce the level of gun violence in Washington State, we must take steps for  
5 meaningful suicide prevention as well; and

6 WHEREAS, according to Everytown for Gun Safety, 54 percent of mass shootings between  
7 2009-2016 were related to domestic or family violence; and

8 WHEREAS, while every gun death or injury cannot be prevented, legislative steps can and must  
9 be taken to help prevent future tragedies and the loss of lives; and

10 WHEREAS, concerned Seattle residents have urged the Council to officially support statewide  
11 ballot measures that promote gun and community safety; and

12 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure 1639 ("I-1639"), concerning firearms, will be on the general  
13 election ballot on November 6, 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, I-1639 seeks to make changes to chapter 9.41 RCW, Firearms and Dangerous  
15 Weapons; and

16 WHEREAS, I-1639 would create an enhanced background check system and require firearm  
17 safety training and waiting periods before semiautomatic assault rifles may be purchased  
18 or delivered; and

19 WHEREAS, I-1639 would impose age limitations on who may purchase or possess certain  
20 firearms, including prohibiting purchases by persons under age 21; and

21 WHEREAS, I-1639 would require certain secured firearm storage or trigger locks, and  
22 criminalize noncompliant firearm storage if it results in unauthorized use; and

1 WHEREAS, after notice in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code

2 Section 2.04.300, persons in favor of Initiative 1639 and those opposed to it have been

3 given an equal opportunity to share their views in an open public meeting, NOW,

4 THEREFORE,


5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**

6 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

7 Section 1. The Mayor and Seattle City Council urge Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on

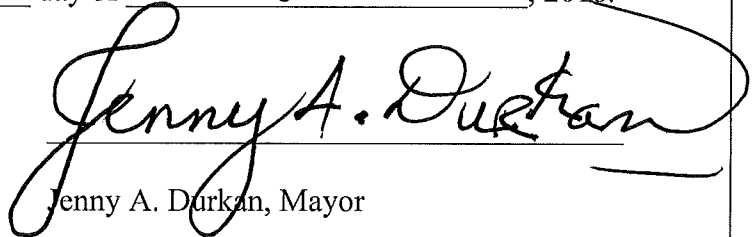
8 Initiative 1639 in the November 6, 2018, general election.

Adopted by the City Council the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
October, 2018.

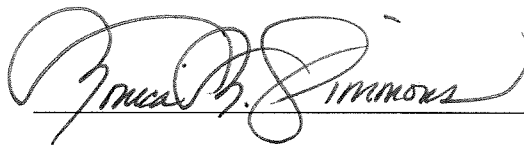


President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

  
Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

Filed by me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2018.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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