

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

November 18, 2008

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of citizens to bear arms; and

WHEREAS, California State law permits citizens to carry a concealed weapon ("CCW"), subject to reasonable local standards and regulations; and

Whereas, current CCW permit holders have met all legal requirements and have held their CCW permits without any evidence of systemic abuse; and

Whereas, Orange County does not have a history of profligate issuance of CCW permits; with a current rate of 4.7 permits per 10,000 people, Orange County ranks 43<sup>rd</sup> highest out of 58 counties in the State with respect to CCW permits issued; and

Whereas, the Orange County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Sheriff's legal discretion in defining the regulations and policy controlling the issuance and renewal of CCW permits; however, the Board of Supervisors believes that any revocation or non-renewal of such permits should be done only when there is a clear showing that good cause was inadequately established.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Supervisors requests that Sheriff Sandra Hutchens clearly define and maintain fair and equitable standards for the issuance of CCW permits to ensure that our citizens' Constitutional rights are protected. Given the fact that there appears to be a dramatic deviation from former practices with respect to CCW permits, these standards and practices should be clearly illustrated and explained, so that current CCW permit holders whose status may be changed by this deviation can understand and adjust their conduct accordingly.

Since Good Cause is the most often challenged criterion by which decision on CCW permit applications are made, the Orange County Board of Supervisors recommends that the following standards as to Good Cause be applied:

The finding of "Good cause" could include, but not be limited to, documented instances of threats to the personal safety of the applicant or his/her family or employees. Threats to personal safety may be verbal or demonstrated through actual harm committed in the place of work, neighborhood, or regular routes of travel for business. And;

The finding of Good Cause should recognize that individuals may also face threats to their safety by virtue of their profession, business, or status and by virtue of their ability to access or possess materials that if forcibly taken would be a danger to society.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on November 18, 2008, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: JANET NGUYEN, CHRIS NORBY, BILL CAMPBELL  
PATRICIA BATES, JOHN M. W. MOORLACH  
NOES: Supervisor(s):  
EXCUSED: Supervisor(s):  
ABSTAINED: Supervisor(s):

  
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CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA   )  
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COUNTY OF ORANGE    )

**I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors .**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.**



  
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DARLENE J. BLOOM  
Clerk of the Board  
County of Orange, State of California

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I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors , Orange County, State of California

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy