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The Honorable Dave Min
State Capitol, Room 5050; Sacramento, CA 95814
Email: Alyssa.lee@sen.ca.gov

RE: SB 264 Firearms: State Property- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dave Min,

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for SB 264 Firearms: State Property which would prohibit the sale of firearms or ammunition on state property, effectively ending gun shows on public property across the state of California. State properties such as fairgrounds, which should be family-friendly venues have instead become widely known for gun shows.

As one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members, SBWPC advocates for a diverse set of positions which include safety for all <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We support legislation that promotes community safety and are aware that under current law gun shows have brought dangerous incidents to our community. These include but are not limited to the following: an official vendor being accused of trafficking illegal firearms, sales of firearms to individuals registered in the Department of Justice Bureau of Firearms Prohibited Persons System, and illegal importation of large-capacity magazines. Recent years have seen an alarming increase of gun violence including mass murders that have devastated communities at large. By prohibiting gun shows on state properties, SB 264 would open these properties to more family-friendly venues and avoid the use of taxpayer dollars to facilitate placing more guns on our streets.

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards SB 264 as an important step forward in prioritizing the well-being and safety of our communities by closing some of the gun-sales loopholes that exist today. **Therefore, SBWPC wishes to sign on as a supporter of SB 264.**

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martin
President SBWPC

CC: Hon. Monique Limon, email: Jimmy.Wittrock@sen.ca.gov

Submitted through California Legislature Position Letter Portal:
<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates>