

Resolution on Commonwealth Gun Control Legislation

Whereas, each year, thousands of criminals use guns that have been lost or stolen from legitimate owners; and

Whereas, Pennsylvania does not mandate the reporting of lost or stolen firearms; and

Whereas, unreported lost and stolen firearms put law enforcement at a disadvantage in tracking down those guns and the criminals who use them; and

Whereas, the LCDC supports legislation on a state level that will require the reporting of all lost and stolen firearms; and

Whereas, studies indicate people who carry illegal guns pose a very high risk of recidivism; and

Whereas, the LCDC supports legislation on a national and state level that will require mandatory background checks on all purchases and transfers of ownership of firearms, and

Whereas, hand guns are responsible for the majority of gun deaths in Pennsylvania's cities and towns; and "straw" sales allow for the proliferation of guns to individuals who would not be allowed under Commonwealth law to purchase firearms; and

Whereas, some of Pennsylvania's municipalities, school districts, and non-governmental organizations have created policies establishing "gun free zones" for certain public spaces which are owned, rented or occupied by those entities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee supports legislation that authorizes the right of municipalities, school districts and non-governmental organizations to create and enforce these policies; and

Be it further resolved, that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee supports legislation that would make "straw" sales illegal.

Be it further resolved, that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee supports legislation that would require the reporting of all lost and stolen firearms.

Be it further resolved, that the Lancaster County Democratic Committee supports legislation that would require mandatory background checks on all purchases and transfers of ownership of firearms.