

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF DAVID O. LIVINGSTON SHERIFF - CORONER

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VIA EMAIL & US MAIL

Re: Further Update from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office on Its Concealed Carry Weapons License Process

Dear Mr. Moros:

This is an update from the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office ("Sheriff's Office") regarding the concealed carry weapons ("CCW") license process in Contra Costa County.

Since February 7th, when the Sheriff's Office provided detailed information about the CCW process, the Sheriff's Office has continued to steadily work through the pending CCW applications and issue new licenses. In fact, since early February, the Sheriff's Office has approved 78 CCW applications. In addition, since the beginning of 2023, the Sheriff's Office has conditionally approved an additional 129 CCW applications. These applications are conditionally approved, pending verification of completion of training and qualification requirements.

The Sheriff's Office is also moving forward with other measures which will improve the process. For example, on February 28th, the County Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with Permitium. The Sheriff's Office is now working with Permitium regarding website updates and software implementation. Also, as we previously advised, the Sheriff's Office obtained approval for additional staffing in the CCW unit. A Sheriff's Specialist started in the unit on March 7th and is being trained on the CCW application review and approval process by existing staff.

The Sheriff's Office continues to be inundated with calls, emails, records requests, and in-person visits from applicants, requesting updates regarding their applications. If the Sheriff's Office took the time to immediately respond to each request, it would necessarily detract from the Sheriff's Office's ability to review and process the pending applications. It may be these same individuals who are contacting you with complaints about the process. It is also important to

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note that perceived delays may be due to the applicant's own conduct, related to matters outside of the control of the Sheriff's Office, or because the applicant simply does not understand that the application process is a multi-step process.

As the information above confirms, the Sheriff's Office is taking great efforts to review and process the applications (and new applications arrive every day) in a timely and efficient manner. We trust this information is sufficient to demonstrate the continued commitment of the Sheriff's Office to efficiently review and process applications, and issue licenses, consistent with the decision in *Bruen*.

Sincerely,

DAVIDO. LIVINGSTON

Sheriff - Coroner

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