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**NYC & LA CITY COUNCILS
INTRODUCE REZO FOR FEDERAL BAN ON
LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**

LAPD Chief calls on congress to pass the ban, Villaraigosa signs Council resolution

*1,808% increase in large capacity ammunition magazines
recovered in LA after ban's lapse*

NEW YORK –City Councils in New York and Los Angeles introduced simultaneous resolutions in support of federal legislation to ban large capacity ammunition magazines (HR308/S32), such as the type used in the tragic shooting in Tucson, AZ, that left 6 dead and 13 wounded.

“This is common sense legislation which aims to protect innocent people from violence. There is no need for the average citizen to possess a weapon which can hold more than ten rounds of ammunition. Large capacity ammunition magazines are a serious threat to American citizens, and a federal ban is the only way to ensure that these dangerous weapons stay off of our streets. I urge Congress to support this legislation before we experience yet another tragedy, such as those witnessed in Arizona and Virginia Tech,” said New York City Council Member Gale A. Brewer who authored Resolution 686.

In LA, City Council President Eric Garcetti, City Councilmember Paul Koretz, and City Attorney Carmen Trutanich joined with LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, to call on Congress to pass the ban:

“As the third largest police department in the nation, the LAPD is responsible for patrolling 470 square miles and protecting a population of nearly 4 million people,” said LAPD Chief Charlie Beck. “Even as crime has declined significantly in the city over the past several years, large capacity ammunition magazines are still being used by violent street gangs. Common sense restrictions on these magazines would help LAPD officers better protect the public and themselves.”

Large capacity ammunition magazines (defined as 10 or more rounds of ammunition) were made illegal as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of

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1994, commonly known as the federal assault weapons ban, but Congress failed to renew the ban when it expired in 2004. A large capacity ammunition magazine was used to carry out the recent shooting in Tucson, allowing the gunman to fire more than 30 bullets in 15 seconds.

“Large capacity ammunition magazines carry far more bullets than any civilian could possibly ever use. Common sense restrictions provide law enforcement with a tactical advantage over criminals, making us *all* safer,” said Richard M. Aborn, President of the Citizens Crime Commission of New York City. As the former President of the Brady Campaign, Aborn is credited as the principal strategist behind the original ban on large capacity ammunition magazines.

“There is no reason for anyone to have more firepower than our law enforcement officials who have pledged to protect our communities. Banning large capacity ammunition magazines is a sensible step to take in order to reduce gun violence and save lives” said Colin Weaver, Deputy Director of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence.

"Large capacity ammunition magazines have no business being on our streets," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said. "H.R. 308 is a step forward in our efforts to curb gun violence and keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of criminals."

"As law enforcement officials, it is our duty to be thoughtful and take a big picture approach in our shared desire to protect the public from criminals using these large capacity killing machines," said City Attorney Carmen Trutanich. "I believe that only a comprehensive, nation-wide federal restriction on these potentially dangerous weapons will ultimately aid our law enforcement partners in maintaining peace on our streets."

Since the ban’s sunset in 2004, the Los Angeles Police Department’s Gun Unit has seen a significant increase in the number of large capacity ammunition magazines recovered. In 2004, the City recovered 725 large capacity ammunition magazines compared to 38 in 2003, a 1,808% increase.

Year	Magazines Recovered	% Change
2003	38	N/A
2004	725	1,808
2005	940	30
2006	151	-84
2007	398	164
2008	870	119
2009	156	-82
2010	326	109

“We all pay a high price for the toll that gun violence takes on our communities. We

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want to make it as difficult as possible for criminals to have access to large capacity firepower, and we definitely don't want to see our law enforcement officers outgunned by criminals," said Council President Garcetti, who authored the Council resolution that established the city's official support of H.R. 308.

Since 2004, lethal large capacity ammunition magazines have been used in several mass shootings in the United States. Examples include:

- 2007 Virginia Tech: 32 dead, 17 wounded, 15-round magazines, hundreds of shots fired
- 2008 Northern Illinois University: 6 dead, 21 wounded, 33- and 15- round magazines, 55 shots fired
- 2009 Binghamton, NY: 13 dead, 4 wounded, 30-round magazine , 99 rounds fired
- 2010 Connecticut Beer Distributor: 8 dead, 2 wounded, large capacity magazines

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