

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED  
STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE DECISION OF THE UNITED  
STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
COLUMBIA IN PARKER ET AL v. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America and the Bill of Rights guarantee that "[a] well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Founders clearly and conspicuously chose to use the words, "the right of the people", to describe that right; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia have interpreted the Second Amendment to guarantee the individual the private right to keep and bear arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court has agreed to review a decision from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that struck down a ban placed by a city on the possession of a handgun in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been historically and consistently shown that the public views the Second Amendment as guaranteeing the individual the private right to keep and bear arms, that the public opposes a handgun ban, and that the public supports the right to self defense especially in the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ridgecrest as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. The City of Ridgecrest supports the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights and supports the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; and
3. The City of Ridgecrest urges the United States Supreme Court to uphold the original and historic view of the Second Amendment in its full and complete meaning, and therefore, to find that neither the City of

Washington, D.C, nor any city, nor any level of government can usurp the right of the individual to keep and bear arms.

4. The City Clerk of Ridgecrest shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and member of the House of Representatives from the Ridgecrest area.

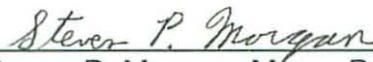
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 16th day of April 2008 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Pro Tem Morgan, Council Members Wiknich, Carter, and Clark

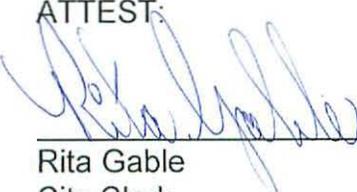
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Mayor Holloway

  
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Steven P. Morgan, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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Rita Gable  
City Clerk