

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-050

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 230 REGARDING UPDATED USE-OF-FORCE STANDARDS AND TRAINING

WHEREAS; California's law enforcement is charged with a vital role in protecting our communities and keeping people safe; and

WHEREAS; we expect our law enforcement officers to engage with the public in a safe and respectful manner at all times; and

WHEREAS; peace officers rely on their training to guide interactions with the public and split-second decisions in often tense and life-threatening situations; and

WHEREAS; California's policies with regard to the use of force need to be updated; and

WHEREAS; California's use of force training policies need to be standardized across all 500 law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS; there are evidence-based best practices based on sound research and community input that are proven methods to effectively reduce the use of force; and

WHEREAS; the U.S. Supreme Court has established case law and reaffirmed a reasonable and enforceable threshold for the use of force as well as strict and objective criteria upon which to judge use of force interactions; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 would modernize and update California's use of force policies, and align the standards with the U.S. Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 would mandate that all California law enforcement agencies adopt comprehensive training requirements based on best practices; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 would provide California's law enforcement communities with the tools and resources needed to minimize the use of force through rigorous training and education; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 would ensure California's peace officers will be able to continue to serve their communities and keep them safe; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 would establish the most comprehensive use of force policies and guidelines in the nation; and

WHEREAS; it is in the state's best interest for all California law enforcement officers to undergo the best use of force training possible; and

WHEREAS; AB 392 would criminalize law enforcement actions in life-threatening situations by creating an unclear, arbitrary, subjective standard for use of force; and

WHEREAS; AB 392 is a dangerous and disingenuous approach—lacking in collaboration—that will only serve to leave communities unpoliced and less safe by creating a disastrous disincentive for law enforcement officers to engage; and

WHEREAS; AB 392 does not improve training standards nor does it incorporate best practices; and

WHEREAS; AB 392 would criminalize California's first responders for doing their jobs; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 goes further than any other policy anywhere in the country; and

WHEREAS; SB 230 sets a new national precedent in establishing use of force policy requirements for all departments, and mandates robust, standardized training for all California public safety officers on force scenarios, including de-escalation, intervention and medical-aid; and

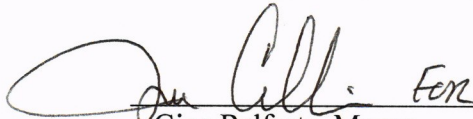
WHEREAS; SB 230 would tangibly minimize the use of force and AB 392 would not.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that it does hereby support Senate Bill 230.

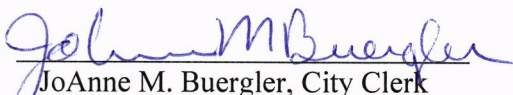
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute documents pertaining to same for and on behalf of the City of Rohnert Park.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED this 14 day of May, 2019.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK


Gina Belforte, Mayor

ATTEST:


JoAnne M. Buergler, City Clerk



ADAMS: Aye MACKENZIE: Aye STAFFORD: Aye CALLINAN: Aye BELFORTE: Aye
AYES: (5) NOES: (0) ABSENT: (0) ABSTAIN: (0)