

2008 California Report

Recent Developments in
Federal, State and Local Gun Laws



A Publication of

Legal Community Against Violence



Legal Community Against Violence

May 8, 2008

Dear Community Leader,

Legal Community Against Violence (LCAV) is pleased to provide you with the *2008 California Report: Recent Developments in Federal, State and Local Gun Laws*. This report is being distributed to elected officials, government attorneys, police chiefs, sheriffs, public health officials and gun violence prevention advocates statewide.

LCAV is a national law center dedicated to preventing gun violence. Founded by lawyers in the wake of the July 1, 1993 assault weapon massacre at 101 California Street in San Francisco, LCAV is the country's only organization devoted exclusively to providing legal assistance in support of gun violence prevention. We provide free assistance to public officials and advocates working nationwide to advance gun violence prevention, focusing on measures that can be implemented at the state and local levels.

Guns kill or injure more than 100,000 Americans – including more than 7,700 Californians – each year. Yet, as discussed in the *2008 California Report*, the federal government repeatedly fails to act to stem the tide of gun violence. As a result, it is up to state and local governments to adopt policies to prevent gun-related deaths and injuries. Fortunately, gun violence prevention remains a priority in the State of California, both at the state and local levels.

LCAV is grateful to the donors and foundations whose encouragement and financial support enabled us to produce this report, in particular, The California Wellness Foundation, David Bohnett Foundation, The Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation, The Joyce Foundation, the Five Bridges Foundation, and the van Löben Sels/RembeRock Foundation.

We hope you find the *2008 California Report* informative. To learn more about LCAV's services and how to get involved, please contact us or visit our web site, www.lcav.org – the most comprehensive resource for information on U.S. firearms laws in print or electronic form.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to make our communities safer from gun violence.

Very truly yours,

Juliet A. Leftwich
Senior Counsel

**Legal Community Against Violence
welcomes your interest and support.**

**To request assistance, become a member,
or for more information,
please visit www.lcav.org
or call our office.**

MAILING ADDRESS

**268 Bush Street, #555
San Francisco, CA 94104
TEL (415) 433.2062
FAX (415) 433.3357
WEB www.lcav.org**



Legal Community Against Violence

expertise, information & advocacy to end gun violence