

HAHN REPORTS

Supervisor Won't Stop Efforts for Gun Control

By **KENNETH HAHN**
County Supervisor

I do not intend to abandon the efforts to secure the strongest gun control ordinance in the nation for Los Angeles County.

As of July 5, neither Congress nor the State Legislature has passed a strong law. Pressure is mounting daily from powerful lobbying groups such as the National Rifle Association to block effective legislation.

On my motion of June 25, the Board of Supervisors directed the County Counsel to draft a strong firearms control ordinance for this county.

nity" the report on the basis the state and federal governments might preempt the field.

There is too much buck-passing on this whole question of gun control between the federal, state, and local governments.

CONGRESS WANTS the states to pass an effective law, the state legislators want local government to do the job, and it appears local government wants to pass the buck back to Congress.

The easiest thing to do in a situation like this is nothing, deferring to other agen-

cies and levels of government.

But I feel the national expects more from the county in which Sen. Robert Kennedy was assassinated.

IT IS TIME for Los Angeles County to exercise its leadership and pass a really effective ordinance which would serve as a model for the nation.

I have instructed County Counsel John Maharg to prepare the ordinance as he was originally directed, and submit it to me. If there is

a legal doubt whether the county can pass such an ordinance, let the courts decide the function of "home rule" government in California.

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EVERY police chief in the county was asked to submit his recommendations on such a law.

The County Counsel was scheduled to report to the board on July 9 on the gun control proposal.

However, on July 2, while I was on vacation, three supervisors reversed that action and "deferred indefi-

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