

## S.F. seeks to crack down on ammunition

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Saying that high-powered, military-style weapons and ammunition have no place in San Francisco, city leaders on Thursday announced a proposal to ban the possession of hollow bullets and require anyone buying more than 500 rounds at a time to notify the Police Department.

The announcement by Mayor **Ed Lee**, Supervisor **Malia Cohen** and Police Chief **Greg Suhr** came

less than a week after the Connecticut school massacre in which 26 people were killed by a gunman wielding a semiautomatic Bushmaster rifle. San Francisco tried banning semiautomatic weapons altogether in city limits, but was stymied by the courts; Lee said the latest proposal will also probably face legal challenges, but city officials decided "we've got to do something more."

The legislation, which will be introduced by Cohen Jan. 15, would bar anyone from possessing hollow-point bullets and other ammunition meant to cause extreme damage, and require sellers - including online stores - to automatically notify police when anyone in San Francisco purchases more than 500 rounds of ammunition at a time. Cohen said she is responding not just to the recent school shooting but to ongoing violence in her district.

"Ammunition designed especially for law enforcement and the military has no reason to be in our homes and on our streets," Lee said, adding that he supports Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** at the federal level and of state lawmakers' proposals to tighten background checks and other requirements.

Dr. **Andre Campbell**, a trauma surgeon at San Francisco General Hospital, said he has worked in emergency rooms for 24 years and watched injuries become more devastating as high-powered weapons and bullets have become more commonplace.

"When they strike a victim, it's like a bomb going off," said Campbell. "The reality is, there are people killed every day with these weapons."

Suhr, who was standing next to a table of artillery claimed by police in last week's gun buyback, said getting even one weapon off the streets makes a difference.

"I would say to the **NRA** and anyone else who says these guns are not a problem - then if

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it's not a problem, if it's not making a difference, it shouldn't make a difference banning it," he said.

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**Cover girl:** The Insider caught up with **Rose Pak**, who's back from a month-long visit to China, and got her to weigh in on the question on everyone's mind: What DID she think about that Nov. 26 San Francisco Magazine cover story and photo?

The photo, you may recall, is a close up of Pak holding a giant cigar and exhaling a plume of smoke. It has "power broker" - a term she hates - written all over it. But Pak took it in stride.

"The article was fair," she said (flattering, argue some critics).

As for the photo?

"I understand what they are trying to do, and I play right into it," she said. "The joke is still on them."

That's because, as Pak tells it, she's not a cigar smoker or heavy drinker.

"Many moons ago, 20 years ago, the Chronicle or Examiner, I don't remember which, got a picture of me smoking a cigar, and it started a story that I drink like a sailor and smoke cigars," she said.

But Pak said she has inner-ear equilibrium problems and doesn't actually drink or normally smoke cigars.

"But I just let it ride, hoping some cigar firm will contact me and give me a contract," she said. "I told **Willie Brown**, 'I bet you that's the picture they will use.' And when I came back (from China), he said, 'I can't believe you predicted that.' I said, 'If I have an offer, will you be my attorney?' Unfortunately, nobody has called."

Pak said one guy from a cigar store on the Peninsula did ask her to autograph the photo so he can hang it up next to a photo of former Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, a known cigar aficionado. She plans to sign the photo.

"You have to look at life with a little sense of humor," she said.

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P.S. What are the odds that we can ever get rid of these radicals on both left & right who are our "leaders" & get some real middle of the road Americans leading our country again?

Me? A gun-totin' social liberal.

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