

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gun law ignores Constitution

RECENTLY, ATTORNEY General Hector Balderas sent a letter to 26 county sheriffs stating that, "As law enforcement officials ... we do not have the freedom to pick and choose which state laws we enforce," in reference to the "universal background checks" mandated by the newly passed Senate Bill 8.

So why is Balderas himself choosing to ignore existing state law, specifically Article II, Section 6 of the State Constitution: No law shall abridge the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms for security and defense, for lawful hunting and recreational use and for other lawful purposes, but nothing herein shall be held to permit the carrying of concealed weapons. No municipality or county shall regulate, in any way, an incident of the right to keep and bear arms.

I don't remember seeing an amendment to the State Constitution to repeal Article II, Section 6 on the ballot during the 2018 election. Maybe I missed it?

Never mind that actual criminals and terrorists won't bother with any background check through a federally licensed dealer, as mandated by SB 8. They'll steal them, or get someone else to buy them, or whatever. You see, they've discovered this massive loophole in SB 8 called "breaking the law."

Balderas also said that "the taxpayers of your city or county assume the financial risk of your decision to impose your personal views over the law."

How much liability will Balderas, (Gov. Michelle) Lujan Grisham, or the legislators who pushed SB 8 assume should someone denied a firearm under color of SB 8 be injured or killed after the attempted purchase, say by a deranged ex-spouse?

Most likely they will assume zero liability — if you sue them on this as they deserve, they'll invoke "sovereign immunity" — and avoid any responsibility. After

all, it wasn't one of the political class that was killed or maimed, so who cares, right?

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