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ARLETA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL Community Impact Statement

March 18, 2025

RE: **Assembly Bill 1333 (2025-2026)**

Dear Councilmembers/elected officials:

The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes [AB 1333](#). This bill seeks to destroy the inalienable right to self - defense in your own home and is a complete violation of the United States Constitution as it nullifies both the Second and Fifth Amendments. It obligates victims to retreat when there might be no time, space, capacity, or safety to do so. Furthermore, AB 1333 is government overreach as it restricts a person's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The proposed state bill's legislative counsel's digest reads *"the bill would eliminate certain circumstances under which homicide is justifiable, including, among others, in defense of a habitation or property."*¹

AB 1333 reads that a homicide is justifiable:

- (2) When committed in defense ~~of habitation, property, or person, against one who manifestly intends or endeavors, by violence or surprise, to commit a felony, or against one who manifestly intends and endeavors, of a person, against one who manifestly intends or endeavors~~ in a violent, riotous, or tumultuous manner, to enter the habitation of another for the purposes of offering violence to any person therein. (Proposed amendment to Cal. Penal Code §197(a)(2)).²

The use of lethal force by the victim(s) becomes illegal within your own home as this bill proposes by striking out "*habitation, property*" from existing law. This piece of legislation is a threat to the safety of everyone including elected officials and law enforcement personnel in the State of California. It protects criminals and it undermines **current law**—California Penal Code Section 198.5 where it states:

Any person using force intended or likely to cause death or great bodily injury within his or her residence shall be presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily injury to self, family, or a member of the household when that force is used against another person, not a member of the family or household, who unlawfully and forcibly enters or has unlawfully and forcibly entered the residence and the person using the force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry occurred. As used in this section, great bodily injury means a significant or substantial physical injury. (Cal. Penal Code §198.5)³

¹ https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1333

² https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1333

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The Arleta Neighborhood Council opposes Assembly Bill 1333 (2025-2026) and it requests that the City of Los Angeles City Council, the Mayor, and other elected officials communicate with State Assembly and State Senate elected officials to kill this bill as it is a threat to all law-abiding citizens and past and current survivors of violent crimes.

Respectfully,

The Arleta Neighborhood Council

³ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=PEN&division=&title=8.&part=1.&chapter=1.&article=