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### **Gun Control Position Statement**

The Milwaukee Jewish Council, concerned that Milwaukee be a safe place for its citizens to live, is convinced that the dangers posed by the unregulated presence of firearms in the hands of so many outweighs the potential security benefits which they might bring.

Therefore the Council, with the goal of reducing the presence of handguns, urges passage of legislation at both the State and local level which includes the following:

- 1) Lengthening the current 48 hour waiting period necessary for the purchase of a firearm,
- 2) Imposing significant sentences for all weapon offenses,
- 3) Prohibiting the possession of a dangerous weapon or firearm in a public place (so as not to limit the legally permitted rights of hunters),
- 4) Creating "violent felony crime" courts, modeled after the "speedy trial drug courts" project, to hasten trials and sentencing for firearms-related crimes,
- 5) Creating gun-free school zones, with penalties for carrying or discharging firearms within an identified distance from any school,
- 6) Reasonable registration or licensing of firearms,
- 7) Banning private ownership and sales of all semi-automatic assault rifles, and
- 8) Banning the sale and possession of handguns.