January 14, 2020

The Honorable Ralph Northam

The Honorable Justin Fairfax

The Honorable Mark Herring

Members of the Virginia General Assembly

RE: Second Amendment Sanctuary City

Members of the Norfolk City Council have been presented with a petition requesting the City of Norfolk to adopt a resolution declaring Norfolk a “Second Amendment Sanctuary City.” It is enclosed along with correspondence and formal remarks provided by citizens regarding this matter.

Upon taking office in accordance with Section 49.1 of the Code of Virginia, members of City Council swear an oath to:

* support the Constitution of the United States (this includes the 2nd Amendment)
* support the Virginia Constitution of 1971
* faithfully and impartially discharge all the duties incumbent upon us

**Neither the US Constitution or Virginia’s constitution provides municipalities with the legal means to choose not to uphold the laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

Norfolk City Council members respect their role and hope that you will find the enclosed documents helpful as you deliberate this issue during the 2020 Session of the General Assembly.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

Richard A. Bull

City Clerk

Enclosures