## Agenda item 22 045 1 4.1

Jotaro Aoi < Mon 1/24/2022 12:56 AM To: City Clerk <

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Hello City Clerk,

I have the following issues with Agenda Item 22-045 1 4.1 "Gun tax/insurance", that is open for public comment.

- 1. The ordinance does not actually specify what are the requirements for a qualifying insurance policy.
- 2. There is nothing in the ordinance that addresses what happens if such a policy is unavailable to purchase.
- 3. 180 days is not enough time for people to know about this. The City Council also needs time to figure out how to implement this. Such as setting the fee schedule, and publishing it. 180 days isn't enough time for the Council to figure out the details AND have the public enough time to find out about it and do something about it. This is something that the public should have at least a year notice about. 180 days is much too short of a time.
- 4. It doesn't put any limits on how the tax would be levied. Making it open for any value to be specified. 5. It doesn't say anything about people who are unable to comply with the new ordinance. For example, what if someone was in a coma, or in the ICU with COVID? They were unable to know about or perform any action on this ordinance. What are they supposed to do?

Those are the issues I have specifically with how the ordinance was written.

Furthermore, I do not believe such an effort will have any impact on gun violence. I believe the effort should be placed into suicide prevention, and greater requirements on firearm training for gun owners

Thank You, -Jotaro Aoi Japantown, District 3

Re: item 4.1 San Jose City Council Agenda 1/25/2022



<sup>&</sup>quot;For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

On Jan 23, 2022 at 5:13 PM, Walter Wood < > wrote:

Please OPPOSE the proposed ordinance item 4.1 on the San Jose Council Agenda for 1/25/2022. It is a proposed tax on the right to keep and bear arms, which like the right to vote, is a fundamental constitutional right. A "poll" tax to exercise the right to vote would not be tolerated by the San Jose City Council because it would disproportionately affect poor people and discriminate against their ability to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Similarly, this proposed tax on gun ownership, along with its burdensome mandate

<sup>-</sup> Jesus Christ

<sup>&</sup>quot;The introduction of numbers as coordinates is an act of violence."

<sup>-</sup> Herman Weyl

to buy expensive insurance, would disproportionately discriminate against poor people and indirectly discriminate against minorities, who might want to exercise their constitutional right to keep and bear arms for any number of legitimate reasons, including self defense. This is a racist ordinance which would if enacted, discourage poor people from gun ownership, harming them by taxing them for the constitutional right to defend themselves. No government should be allowed to impose a discriminatory tax or expense upon those who wish to exercise their fundamental constitutional rights, including the right to keep and bear arms.

Walter Wood

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# Fwd: Support for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance 4.1 22 045

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:17 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Susie MacLean <

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 5:37:22 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Support for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance 4.1 22-045

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## Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As a doctor I care deeply about reducing firearm deaths and injuries. I practiced primary care medicine at Kaiser Santa Clara for 30 years. Most of my patients were San Jose residents. When I retired a few years ago I decided to dedicate all of my volunteer efforts toward reducing gun violence from a public health perspective. I am now on the Board of Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE), a nonprofit organization of physicians and medical students founded at Stanford. We work to improve medical education and research on all aspects of preventing firearm injury and death.

I believe the Gun Harm Reduction Proposal ordinance is a much needed innovation in the field of gun violence prevention. Requiring firearm owners to have liability insurance has the potential to significantly incentivize safer firearm practices. And using the small annual fees to fund local gun violence prevention programs to reduce firearm deaths is something we should all stand behind. No one wants to lose a loved one to a firearm injury that could have been prevented.

I applaud you in advance for voting yes on the San Jose Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance.

Respectfully,

Su ie MacLean, M D

## Susie MacLean, M.D.

**Board Member** Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc. (SAFE) Palo Alto, California

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# Fwd: Oppose Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

City Clerk <	
Mon 1/24/2022 8:17 AM	
To: Agendadesk <	

From: David Gonzalez <

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 6:33:48 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Oppose Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

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## To Whom it may concern.

This city ordinance the mayor is trying to pass is unfair and unconstitutional. Why punish us legal and law biden citizens for what your police is unable to complete successfully. It's unconstitutional and not legal. Then every citizen of San Jose should be taxed not just us legal gun owners. Our current police department is incompetent of completing their job.

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Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:17 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: nita moore <

Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 8:14:16 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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When are you people going to wake up, the innocent gun owner is not the problem the criminal is the problem. All of you that support gun control are no less than that of supporting a Nazi regime, wake up, this law will not solve crime in any way, stop supporting the criminal.

Fwd: Gun Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:17 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Ken McClain <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:12:27 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun Tax

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I ask you to not pass this gun tax, guns in the hands of normal law abiding citizens are safe and quell violence. Criminals will not be affected in any way by this measure.

Please reconsider and do not punish law abiding citizens for crimes committed by criminals that just stand to benefit from this measure......

KM

Fwd: Gun ownership tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Wayne Price <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:18:05 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun ownership tax

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To whom it may concern,

Taxing gun owners for exercising a constitutionally guaranteed right will not stand up to critical review. It will be overturned by the SCOTUS.

Shame on you for ignoring the Constitution. Shame on you for wasting your residents money on a scheme bound to fail.

Wayne Price Addison, Illinois

Fwd: Gun Ownership Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Greg Gohlke <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:20:57 AM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Gun Ownership Tax

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You will be voted out and jobless, if this unconstitutional path continues

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Don't do it

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Jack Eisenberg <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:42:27 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Don't do it

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Do not pass the unconstitutional gun tax. It's a blatant overreach and will just be overturned in the courts.

Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: William Kee <afdchiefreti

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:42:50 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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Tell me where it says you can tax a constitutional right? What's next, religion or speech taxes! Grow up and enforce the laws we already have and stop the schemes!

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City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: larry Pollard <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:28:31 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: GUN TAX

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Why do you need to tax guns???? Its just another way for the GOVT. To have gun confiscation, which they are trying to do with this.

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City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Jerry Burt <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:31:34 AM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Gun ownership tax

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What is going to be your next attempt at gun control. This article was intended to prevent government taking over our freedom and government is doing all it can to weaken and eliminate. Need to pass laws eliminating professional politicians.

Fwd: Firearms Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: SAMUEL ZUMMO <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:34:44 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Firearms Tax

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Sirs and Madams,

We have been made aware of the gun tax proposal possibly submitted very soon. Although we don't have any firearms, we support the right to bear arms against all foes, foreign and domestic. This right is God-given. I suggest you pray on this issue to seek Divine-direction before proceeding. It occurred to me that you folks have ARMED guards. Aren't we given the same right? I can only assume that if you go against this God-given right, that God will expect the same be practiced by political people inclusively at the local, state, and federal levels. Shouldn't laws you make apply to you and not exclude you? For instance, we know you approved of the vaccine shots for us, but exempted yourselves. Did you feel that that law applied to us but not you? Is not your job to protect those God-given rights? Is there a Godgiven exemption for you or should all laws apply equally to the entire population. That's what you need to think about before you move forward.

Sam Zummo

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Fwd: Gun o	wner tax
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City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: rgranvill <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:49:10 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun owner tax

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Frankly, I think you should pass a gax on anyone over 18 yrs old who does NOT own a gun since they cause additional expense for the police to protect them ... since they're not capable of protecting themselves.

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Fwd: Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Robert Gorini <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:56:21 AM

**To:** City Clerk <

Subject: Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

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## Greetings:

I am a long-time resident of San Jose, a retired Federal law enforcement officer that includes service in Iraq and Afghanistan, and a taxpayer. I'm writing to explain my strong opposition to the proposal entitled above. I feel it is a total affront to those of us who lawfully have acquired and retain ownership of firearms for legitimate purposes, i.e., shooting sports, hunting, and personal protection. The imposition of additional costs of liability insurance and a so-called annual fee to own a firearm merely because we reside in a specific geographic location seems arbitrary and specious. The City appears to be faulting law abiding citizens who exercise a right as being responsible for the criminal acts that are increasingly pervasive throughout this City and the surrounding Bay Area. My law enforcement experience has provided me with the knowledge that we have sufficient Federal, State, and local criminal and civil sanctions that can address gun violence, crime related and otherwise. Those remedies need to be applied to those who are committing the firearm related criminal acts. Although I've been an advocate for firearm safety and storage, addressing accidents and harming oneself with a firearm, has to be dealt with on a case by case basis. Again, I think there are statutory remedies to address this that are already in place. They need to be applied and applied aggressively.

I respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council not continue to promote or consider this Ordinance which appears to be nothing more than an opportunity to extract additional funds (taxes) from a segment of the City's citizenry and a misguided attempt at reducing firearm misuse that will most certainly result in costly and lengthy civil litigation.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert A. Gorini, CFE, CA

Fwd: 22 045 Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance"

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Martin Scott <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:02:07 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: 22-045 Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance"

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I respectfully Oppose the City's So Called "Common Sense" Gun Control Measures..

. It is common knowledge and supported by Nationwide Crime Studies, that the Vast Majority of Crimes, and Often Violence involving a Gun are committed by a Small number of the Population, and are Associated with either Gangs or Career Criminals...

I would Ask WHY THEN DOES THE COUNCIL SEEK TO ADVANCE ORDINANCES THAT HARM LAW ABIDING GUN OWNERS?

CRIMINALS ALREADY IGNORE LAWS, So what makes the COUNCIL Think they will Adhere to these New Ordinances?

THESE ORDINANCES ARE VERY LIKELY TO BE DEEMED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, ILLEGAL and DO NOT REPRESENT THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF LAW ABIDING CITIZENS...

I would Support Additional Law Enforcement Personnel, Outreach in to All Communities by SJPD, Community Based Neighborhood Councils or Groups that Regularly Meet/Correspond with Law Enforcement..

Hard Working, Tax Paying, Law Abiding Gun Owners ARE NOT THE SOURCE OF GUN VIOLENCE in the CITY, and the COUNCILS Proposed Ordinances will only further HARM SAFETY and PEACE in the City and Alienate further Citizen's from their Leaders....

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Fwd: Fire arn tax
City Clerk <
Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

From: Nicholas Pipitone <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:04:01 AM

To: City Clerk <

To: Agendadesk <

Subject: Fire arn tax

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This tax is unconstitutional. and is another GUN GRAB by the extreme left politicians. It also serves as another ploy to milk taxpayers of more of their hard earned money.

Sincerely,

Nicholas F. Pipitone

Fwd: No New Gun Tax!!

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:19 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: RICHARD ROWLAND <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:06:27 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: No New Gun Tax!!

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Fwd: Gun Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Frank Cox <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:12:12 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun Tax

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See you in the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOUS).

Fwd: Tax on weapons.

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Wilbur Parker <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:17:10 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Tax on weapons.

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You should not proceed with the protocol to tax weapons.. This is an infringement on a weapon owner's constitutional right.

Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Kathy Tinker <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:18:39 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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I oppose the gun tax. It harms leagal owners. Will do Nothing to prevent crime. It would not follow the 2nd Amendment.

Thank you.

Fwd: Gun Ownership Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: bornusfamily <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:19:08 AM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Gun Ownership Tax

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A gun ownership tax is not only unconstitutional, but divisive and would have no public benefit. Such measures only serve to hold the unit of government up to ridicule and highlight a radical liberal ideology.

Steven Bornus

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City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Danny Kilcrease <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:20:31 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun grab

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Jesus is here you better slow your roll and decide what side of the fence you want to be on because your time is running out.

Fwd: LET MY GUNS ALONE. NOT EVERYONE DOES WRONG WITH THEM. JUST THE OUTLAWS. AND BESIDES THAT WE'RE TAXED OUT THE YING YANG ON EVERYTHING ELSE. HOW DO YOU GUYS SEE THAT IS RIGHT. IT'S NOT. WE CAN'T EVEN MAKE A LIVING AS IT IS. BECAUSE YOU GU...

City Clerk <	
Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM	
To Agendade k <	

From: williamstringfellow0 <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:20:33 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: LET MY GUNS ALONE. NOT EVERYONE DOES WRONG WITH THEM. JUST THE OUTLAWS. AND BESIDES THAT WE'RE TAXED OUT THE YING YANG ON EVERYTHING ELSE. HOW DO YOU GUYS SEE THAT IS RIGHT. IT'S NOT. WE CAN'T EVEN MAKE A LIVING AS IT IS. BECAUSE YOU GUYS TH...

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# Fwd: Proposed Gun owner tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Glenn Phelps <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:32:58 AM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Proposed Gun owner tax

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How insane and decisive your proposal to tax gun ownership. Another attempt by the anti gun cabal to punish people who want to exercise their Second Amendment rights

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Fwd: Oppose gun ownership tax.

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Randy Brown <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:35:57 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Oppose gun ownership tax.

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I am opposed to any tax of this nature. Rights should not be taxed .

# Fwd: Gun harm reduction ordinance

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:21 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Becky O'Loughlin <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:44:29 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun harm reduction ordinance

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Do Not Pass this proposed ordinance! Agenda item 4.1 22-045

Concerned citizen.

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Fwd: Gun ownership tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:21 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: ned grant <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:27:54 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun ownership tax

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How can you tax an item that our constitution provides uncompromising rights for ownership. Looks like another Left leaning power grab that will result in more citizens leaving the state because of such unconditional activity.

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Fwd:
City Clerk <
Mon 1/24/2022 8:21 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Linda McFadden <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:32:34 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject:

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No gun tax. Stop the insanity! Follow the 2nd. Amendment! Citizens can't stand anymore taxes! Going to bankrupt America! Are politicians reducing their pay to help pay for the taxes?? I think Not!

Fwd: Nazi gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:21 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Georgia Garr <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 9:51:21 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Nazi gun tax

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A RIGHT protected by the constitution cannot be converted to a privilege for the purpose of taxation! Look it up you idiots

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Fwd: Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Richard Boissonneault <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:05:35 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Tax

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Dear sirs, It sickens me to always hear about new proposals to undermine our Constitution and the 2nd amendment! All of you public officials swore to uphold our rights as free citizens of the United States of America, and you blatantly undermine and scheme to circumvent our freedoms constantly! Your mentality and reasoning is childish and we are tired of being blamed for every tragedy that happens when a shooting is involved. Any normal thinking human being would put the blame on the individual or individuals responsible, and not a whole group of law abiding people. I hope you trash this proposal where it belongs, and start thinking of how fortunate we are to live here!

Fwd: Please do not pass this proposed ordinance on taxing gun ownership!

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:22 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Rick Fette < rickfett

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:27:44 AM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Please do not pass this proposed ordinance on taxing gun ownership!

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Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Willy Donahue < crossoft

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:36:18 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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I do not support The Gun Ownership Tax Please Do Not Pass this new tax Will Donahue

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Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Susan King <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:53:09 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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Do not pass the gun tax law Sent from Susan king

## Fwd: Gun ownership tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Bruce Rademacher <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 10:55:29 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun ownership tax

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Keep your dumb asses in commifornia Is it any wonder why your state is failing so miserably

Why don't you raise your taxes some more

You need to pay for the health care for all the criminals that are there

What about the great citizens that obey the laws

Screw them(right)

You shouldn't call yourselves Americans

Your anti everything American Az native

Sent from my iPhone

## Fwd: You can't tax a Constitutional Right!

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: R Tucker <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:23:17 AM

To: City Clerk <

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Subject: You can't tax a Constitutional Right!

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City Clerk,

Please pass this on and have it placed into the minutes of any meeting regarding taxing gun ownership.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

You will be in for a long, costly, legal challenge that you will be forced to defend using your citizens tax dollars if you pursue a tax on gun ownership. Taxing a Constitutional Right is in fact, unconstitutional and violates the 2nd Amendment at it's core. You will have to expend far more tax dollars than you could possibly gain by this tax. In the name of fiscal responsibility, I urge you to not tax guns or gun ownership.

J R Tucker Citizen

United States of America

Please excuse any errors, Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Concerning Gun tax bill 4.1 22 045

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Eric Stacy <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:09:56 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Concerning Gun tax bill 4.1 22-045

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#### Hello

Please do not pass this anti American, back door attempt, at destroying this country's constitutional rights!

Every unethical overreach starts with these seemingly small, seemingly well guided guises. The state of California has already become one of the worst states in America, and people know it, leaving in larger numbers then ever before! The state squeezes hard working people of their hard earned money, calling it bigger and bigger taxes when it's a lousy excuse for those in Sacramento who recklessly spend and steal without remorse or regard! Gas prices are a crime in themself!Crime is out of control with no end in site while so called "politicians",build higher walls around themselves and pay for private security, all while taking the safety and security away from the states citizens! And all the while these uncaring, selfish crooks call to "defund the police", while trying everything above and under the table to take people's own ability to protect their families away!!

Do not let San Jose continue this wreckless demise, which has already forced born and raised Californians like myself, to move to safer, greener pastures, leaving the filth and degradation behind!!

One day, all this self centered behavior will come full circle on to your own children and grandchildren in a lawless, dirty, third world nation that long ago lost all the principles that once made America the greatest nation on earth!Do not continue the March towards destruction by enacting this tax that is nothing more then California's further assurance of a lawless, sold out society!

Thank You

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City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Terence Barker <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:27:30 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject:

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Don't pass the gun tax law!

# Fwd: 4.1 22 045 gun harm ordinance

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: josh lorz <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:34:53 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: 4.1 22-045 gun harm ordinance

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This ordinance will only push a fractured country closer to an inevitable civil war!

Fwd: Gun owners tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Ken Fincher < kenfi

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 12:39:30 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun owners tax

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Please do not pass a Gun owners tax ordinance! It would be a violation of our National Constitution. Thank you.

# Fwd: Taxation without representation

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Ann Telling <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:11:48 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Taxation without representation

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Tax on gun ownership will be challenged in court.

- 1. Second Amendment
- 2. Taxation without representation

Rather tax the bureaucrats for making honest people's lives miserable and causing law abiding citizens to be vulnerable in so many ways.

Fwd: Ownership tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:23 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: George Eicher <

**Sent:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:19:52 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Ownership tax

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Fwd: Gun ownership tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Mike Cutright <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:48:23 PM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Gun ownership tax

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Regarding your supposed attempt to put a gun owners tax in place for law abiding citizens. Anyone with critical thinking skills realizes that this is skating that line of creating a gun registry and that simply will not do. I suggest that you oppose any and all attempts in doing this.

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City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: usmclapd <usmclapd@sti.net>

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 2:32:25 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: GUN TAX

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Taxing gun ownership is not constitutional. Re-read the 2nd amendment. SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. liberal moves to satisfy an ignorant idea will never last.

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#### Fwd: Unconstitutional ordinance

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Bruce Fry <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 3:30:47 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Unconstitutional ordinance

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Your proposed firearms ownership tax is unconstitutional and violates the rights of legal firearms owners (and only the legal, law abiding citizens). You undoubtedly will be sued and undoubtedly will loose.

You need to focus your efforts toward criminals not law abiding citizens.

Bruce Fry

## Fwd: Mandatory gun insurance

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: elmar santos <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 3:58:36 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Mandatory gun insurance

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This is unfair and unjust. Just another way San Jose and California trying to make money off safe legitimate gun owners like myself.

I completely do not agree with this and need to know where I can place a formal complaint.

Mr. Santos

Fwd: Gun grabbing? Dated 01/23/2022

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: stuart george <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:29:23 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun grabbing? Dated 01/23/2022

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Hi I not agree with what going ,in this country guns been a way of life for 100s of years? God Fearing folk feel safe in there homes, as there lots of crazy folk wishing to hurt old folk like use? We live in Fear with out owe guns to defend owe self? There as to be a better way to control with what's going on with in owe country over the last years with out taking owe guns away from use, I'm Mr Stuart George Florida

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# **Fwd: Stupid Gun Proposals**

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: MailLater <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:14:46 PM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Stupid Gun Proposals

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Your plan to require mandatory liability insurance and payment of annual fees to fund violencereduction initiatives is idiotic and everyone knows idiotic idea only come from idiots.

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**Fwd: Stupidity** 

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: paul pedersen <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 6:38:40 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Stupidity

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Drop this stupid idea of a draconian gun owner tax!!! This will come back to bite you! Talk about discrimination! Don't blame me for others actions. Blame them and punish them, not innocent people who are law abiding citizens. Punish the criminals not the victims.

**PMP** 

Sent from my iPhone

Fwd: Gun Harm Reduction

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Gail Durance <

Sent: Saturday, January 22, 2022 8:27:43 PM

**To:** City Clerk <

Subject: Gun Harm Reduction

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Agenda Item 4.1 22-045

The suggestions made under the Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance pretend that the gun violence will become less, which is unlikely.

It does appear that responsible gun owners will be penalized for already doing the right thing with their guns. These proposal would take guns from responsible gun owners leaving them defenseless to protect their families while the streets of San Jose are still filled with illegal guns moving across the border without any effort to be stopped by the state of California or the federal government. Maybe the illegal immigrants, which are many, should be paying taxes for bringing guns into the United States.

This proposal would seem to be good for social support and media approval, but lacking in respect to many of your citizens and their right to gun ownership, without added infringement on their personal liberties.

Gail Durance

Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Ronald Steagall <

**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:29:24 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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Do not pass any gun or ammo taxes.

Fwd: 4.1 22 045 Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance.

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Leonardo DiBlackio <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:21:28 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: 4.1 22-045 Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance.

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This law and anything like it is truly absurd. Simply ridiculous. How about you stop neglecting the facts and tackle the real issues. I can tell you it's not guns. You're trying to impose fees and taxes on people who aren't committing crimes. You think criminals have guns registered in their names. This will only harm law abiding citizens, like all gun laws do. This is why good people don't support politicians in San José. You guys are corrupt and only push your agendas that help the political elites, law enforcement and wealthy. You're breaking the law. Most crime happens in poverty stricken area, but you're exempting the poor? Please stop this foolishness. Do not pass this bill. Matter of fact, do not bring up gun control again. Focus your time in office on mental health and homlessness.

#### Fwd: Support Letter for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

City Clerk <	
Mon 1/24/2022 8	:25 AM
To: Agendadesk	<

From: Agnes Veith <acmduff@gmail.com> Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:37:47 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Support Letter for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

I want to applaud you on the bold move you are taking to mitigate gun violence with your vote to pass the gun harm reduction ordinance on 25 January. As I write these words it seems incredulous to feel the need to congratulate and encourage a yes vote after the unprecedented gun violence in cities throughout our country.

As a Sunnyvale resident, I felt safer when our community passed Measure C. In retrospect, this measure set the stage for new gun legislation on the county and state level as I hope your ordinance will do as well.

Thank you for your concern with gun violence and the safety of all members of our community.

Kind regards,

Agnes Veith

## Fwd: Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance shouldn't pass

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Elias Romero <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:36:03 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance shouldn't pass

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Oakland, Stockton, Fresno and San Jose are cities you don't want to be in at night. So preventing people to defend themselves and one of the cities is a stupid idea. And since this law works against the law abiding Citizen and not no criminal, they should not pass

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City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Rawlings (US), Mark B <

**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 2:58:25 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Tax on guns

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Way to be unconstitutional in your efforts to tax gun ownership. You must be proud of yourselves. America is not in favor of you registration attempt on guns. If you want to start a revolution your on the right path.

Fwd: Gun laws

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Dawn Chike <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:01:50 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun laws

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Have you forgotten the 2nd amendments affords we Americans the right to keep and bear arms, with no infringement!

No law shall supersede these laws of the constitution!

Try reading them for yourself.

Sincerely

Dawn Chike

## Fwd: Gun Ownership Tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Gary Nelson <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:17:56 PM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject:** Gun Ownership Tax

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#### Dear City Clerk,

Where in the world do you get your authority to tax the ownership of a gun? The Second Amendment of the United States Constitution is quite clear, and the U.S. Government and City and State governments do not have the authority to do that.

If you try this, you may end up starting a civil war that is not too civil.

Gary Nelson

Fwd: Gun ownership tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Cathy Druck <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:27:54 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun ownership tax

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Before a gun ownership tax is passed would you please consider the ramifications an action such as this will have on every American. If you think it will discourage gun owners from buying more guns, think again. The American people are fed up with taxes and bureaucrats

Sent from my iPhone

#### Fwd: Support for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance 4.1 22 045

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Julie Parsonnet <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:16:56 PM

**To:** City Clerk <

Subject: Support for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance 4.1 22-045

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#### To the City Council,

As a physician in Santa Clara County and Board Member of Doctors for America--an organization of thousands of physicians that aims to promote healthy families and communities--I am writing in strong support of San Jose's Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance. Firearms homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths have all been on a steep rise, costing our country approximate \$280 billion dollars per year; this total translates into over \$2000 per household annually. Requiring liability insurance and using a Gun Harm Reduction fee to promote programs for gun owners will serve three important purposes:

- 1. It will promote safer behaviors, such as firearms storage, reducing accidental deaths and suicides
- 2. It will provide injury prevention resources such as firearms education, mental health services, and violence prevention programs, to gun owners
- 3. It will reduce costs to all citizens—gun owners and non-gun owners alike—by reducing injuries and by ensuring liability insurance covers some of the costs

Just as car insurance supports good drivers without decreasing car ownership, requiring small fees for gun owners will not inhibit legal gun ownership but has the potential to reduce costs for everyone.

Throughout my career at Stanford, I have cared for countless patients from San Jose. On behalf of them as well as my many colleagues at Santa Clara Valley Hospital and the County Health Department, I strongly endorse this common-sense ordinance.

Julie Parsonnet, MD George DeForest Barnett Professor of Medicine and Professor of Epidemiology and Population Health

Board of Directors, Doctors for America

# Fwd: Oppose Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

City Clerk <	
Mon 1/24/2022 8:25 AM	•
To: Agendadesk <	

From: Julius LoBianco <

**Sent:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:38:59 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Oppose Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

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It is unconstitutional AKA illegal to put a tax on a right have fun in court simpletons.

#### Fwd: Please pass the Gun Harm Reduction ordinance on Tuesday

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:26 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Don V <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:22:35 PM

To: City Clerk < The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo

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Subject: Please pass the Gun Harm Reduction ordinance on Tuesday

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## Dear Mayor and City Council:

I applaud your proposal to regulate firearms as we do other risk factors for injury and death.

Gun owners accuse you of violating their rights, but the right to life and limb and to live free from fear are more basic and universal rights. Please keep true to the purpose of saving lives.

As so many have come to realize, "thoughts and prayers" are not a sufficient or honorable response to America's gun violence problem. It is indeed long past time to take action. Thank you for stepping up. I wish the United States Senate was as courageous.

Sincerely, Don Veith

Fwd: Opposed To Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:26 AM To: Agendadesk <

From: Steven Peck <

Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:48:51 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Opposed To Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

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# Subject:

Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance TO BE HEARD AT 6 00 PM on Tuesday 1/25/2022

Recommendation Consider approving an ordinance amending Title 10 of the San José Municipal Code to add Part 6 to Chapter 10.32 to reduce gun harm by requiring gun owners to obtain and maintain liability insurance and to provide for a fee to apply to gun harm reduction programs.

I am a citizen of San Jose and I urge the City Council to not pursuit the Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance as listed above.

I think the proposed ordinance will be a big mistake if pasted by the San Jose City Council. Be assured, if this Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance passes there will be litigation, and the big question will be how much money is the City willing to spend defending this ordinance remember this will be the only law of its kind in the United States. Before the City Council thinks about approving, they better have a clear understating of how much City money (citizen's money that could be spent on crime prevention, current gun law enforcement, drug addiction treatment, homelessness, healthcare, affordable housing, poverty reduction, job growth, etc.) are they willing to spend trying to defend this ordinance years after they all leave office.

If any Council Member would like to discuss this issue in more detail, then give me a call.

Regards,

**Steve Peck** 

#### Fwd: The Gun Harm Reduction Proposal

City Clerk <	
Mon 1/24/2022 8:26 AM	
To: Agendadesk <	

From: Don Marcott < Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:18:19 AM To: District9 < Cc: The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo < The Offi City Clerk Subject: The Gun Harm Reduction Proposal You don't often get email from Learn why this is important [External Email]

#### Councilmember Pam Foley,

I live in your district and am against the proposed Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance. It will do nothing to solve the real problems, to stop the causes of firearm deaths, and criminal activity. There must be a better way to reduce these problems.

This proposed ordinance seems to punish responsible law-abiding citizens for merely exercising their constitutional rights. It will eventually end up in the court system, costing much wasted money and time for all concerned. I can never support / vote for anyone who attempts to take away / restrict any of our constitutional based rights. Respectfully,

Don Marcott

Fwd: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Mon 1/24/2022 8:26 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Peter Cooper <

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 5:29:56 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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Another tax don't you think we've all been taxed enough in this country. Just another dollar wasted .Why don't you just use the tax dollars you got wisely don't you think you should try and take care of the homeless And support your police department that would help with crime rather than trying to make the people tax poor

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# Oppose Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance; Agenda Item #4.1

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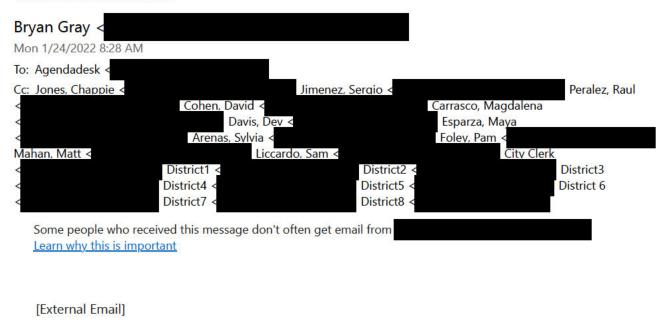
I am writing in opposition to the Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance. This ordinance does nothing to prevent gun violence. In fact, this ordinance will make it harder for members of poorer communities to protect them elve with a firearm by making it more e pen ive for them to legally own and po e a firearm Thi ordinance will only allow criminals to commit more crimes because they know their victims are disarmed by the government. I don't live in San Jose. I live in a neighboring county. I will never be traveling to San Jose or doing business with any business in San Jose if this ordinance passes.

Please REJECT Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance; Agenda Item #4.1.

Thanks.

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#### Gun Harm Reduction



I am writing to inform you of my objection to the proposed changes to Chapter 10 of the San José Municipal Code as defined in the Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance Memorandum dated January 14, 2022, scheduled to be heard on January 25, 2022 as Item 4.1. I urge you to VOTE NO on this item.

Item 4.1 proposes unlawful and unenforceable changes to the Municipal Code which will not stop gun violence in San José. Legal owners of firearms will be unduly punished because, by definition, they are the only people that will be impacted by these proposals. Taxing and isolating a group of people purely based on their decision to embrace an enumerated constitutional right is discriminatory.

### Proposed Change: 10.32.210 Liability Insurance Required

"Specifically covering losses or damages resulting from any negligent or accidental use of the Firearm, including but not limited to death, injury or property damage."

- Negligent use of a firearm is defined in CA Penal Code 246.3 as someone who willfully discharges a firearm (pulls the trigger intentionally) which could result in injury or death to a person.
- The City Council is requiring firearm owners to purchase insurance for intentionally pulling the trigger of a firearm to harm life and/or property, which is already defined as a serious violent crime.
- This type of insurance does not exist and if it did, would be so cost prohibitive that it would place an unconstitutional barrier to the free exercise of the Second Amendment.

- Lawmakers are allowed to approve the ordinance without defining the insurance coverage type and limits, having up to six months after the vote to define it.
- Murdock v. Pennsylvania, 319 U.S. 105 (1943) established that the government "may not impose a charge for the enjoyment of a right protected by the federal constitution"

#### Proposed Change: 10.32.215 Annual Gun Harm Reduction Fee

"A person who resides in the City and owns or possesses a Firearm in the City shall pay an Annual Gun Harm Reduction Fee to the Designated Nonprofit Organization each year"

- San José is taxing gun owning, law abiding residents and visitors for the illegal actions of criminals.
- The City is creating a law which forces gun owners to financially support a business they may not agree with.
- The City Council is opening the floodgate for corruption, allowing former City employees to sit on the board of this nonprofit to be paid using additional monies from taxpayer dollars in the form of City grants. No former city employee should ever be allowed to sit on this board
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#### Proposed Change: 10.32.245 Impoundment

"The Firearm or Firearms of a person that is not in compliance with this Part may be impounded subject to a due process hearing."

- Violation of the proposed changes will most likely result in an infraction.
- State law only allows for the impoundment of firearm for a felony or one of 20 defined violent misdemeanors Infractions do not reach the state threshold requirement to legally confiscate and/or impound property.
- Because the ordinance improperly compares the Second Amendment right to the privilege of owning a car for justification of these changes:
  - oCalifornia state law does not grant peace officers the authority to impound a vehicle on site for lack of insurance and requires a minimum of six months registration expiration before they can impound a vehicle [CVC 16028(a-c) and CVC22651(o)]

#### Focus on Real Solutions to Stopping Gun Violence

Our elected officials need to address the criminals who commit violence in our city and the solution to this problem should not be to punish the innocent law-abiding residents of San José. Please look at taking the following actions to stop gun violence:

- 1. Have the city council write and approve an amicus curia resolution to send to the California Assembly and Senate to repeal Propositions 47, 57, and AB109
- 2 Establish the Gun Harm Reduction Commission (GHRC) pilot program with balanced community representation
- 3. Enforce and prosecute existing gun laws
- 4 Support recommendations 1 through 5 of the 9/16/2021 Rules and Open Government Committee memorandum entitled, "Community Violence Prevention & Response"
- 5. Fund attorneys that will prosecute gun crimes in the county
- 6. Hire more police officers
- 7 Build mental health hospitals and fund sobriety programs

Yours Sincerely, **Your Constituent** 





### Fwd: My comments not showing Gun Tax

City Clerk < Mon 1/24/2022 8:52 AM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Tiffany Cheuvront <

Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:33:31 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: My comments not showing-Gun Tax

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#### Good morning.

I commented on the proposed gun ordinance last week. It appears that those comments have not made it into the written comments for the meeting.

The fact that the links have been changed and the meeting time changed twice is extremely suspect to the open process that the Mayor speaks about. It is disappointing that I am having to track my comments to make sure my voice is heard.

Below are my comments to submitted last week. Please add this to the meeting document.

I am writing in opposition to the proposed taxes or mandatory insurance on lawful gun owners. Your attack on gun owners to combat the costs of crime are severely misplaced and offensive. You choose to be easy on criminals and come after lawful gun owners instead. This approach is ignorant and misplaced at best and unconstitutional because you are attempting to tax a fundamental right thus disproportionately affecting women, minorities, and the less fortunate segments of the community.

The ordinance is window dressing to make it appear like you are doing something when in fact this does nothing to stop crime and will place you in the position of spending tax payer dollars that will be wasted. You have already been told in numerous meetings that passing this ordinance will bring a swift response and great legal cost.

Do not bring this on us. Take a stand against the gun control groups who want this for purely policy wins. Handle the crime problems which is what you should be doing anyway and VOTE NO on this bad law.

# Support for Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance Agenda item: 4.1 22 045

Jessica Blitchok <	
Mon 1/24/2022 9:05 AM	
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Dear Mayor and City Council,

As a resident of San Jose, volunteer leader with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and a volunteer member of the Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety, I am in support of the proposed Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance with the amendment recommended by Councilmember Peralez in hi memo dated 1/21/22

I am grateful to live in a city with lawmakers that understand the importance of taking an innovative and holistic approach to ending gun violence. This ordinance will incentivize safer practices that can potentially prevent firearm death and injurie

We all want to live in world free from gun violence and this ordinance helps moves us closer to that goal.

Regard,

Jessica Blitchok

JESSICA BLITCHOK (She/her/hers)

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### Oppose Public Safety Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance; Agenda Item #4.1

Steven Webb <	
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As a resident and law abiding gun owner in San Jose, I am opposed to the ordinance put forward by the city. I am opposed to the idea that I should be required to pay into a fund to offset city costs related to gun violence incidents when I am not responsible for said violence. Gun owners are being singled out to bear the burden of cost proposed by this ordinance as if implying that we, legal and law abiding owners of firearms, are responsible for the violence in our city.

Rather than adding another obstacle for San Jose residents to e ercise their second amendment rights, the city should be working harder to hold the criminals and gangs accountable for the violence, as these are the true perpetrators of the violence we are seeing. Perhaps the city can consider those convicted of gun related crimes be made to pay fines to offset the costs this ordinance seeks to cover. Thereby making those causing the problems to be the source of the solution. If this does not work for the city, and a levy is truly required to offset these costs related to gun violence, then that cost should be shared by all residents of the city, as this violence is a threat to all.

I further oppose this ordinance as it calls for costs to be determined after it would be adopted. How can we be asked to support a city ordinance when the true cost and impact are not known at the start?

Yours Respectfully.

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## 1/25/2022 Item 4.1: Vote NO Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance, Public Record



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Yours Sincerely,

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Yvonne Freund < Mon 1/24/2022 9:59 AM To: City Clerk <

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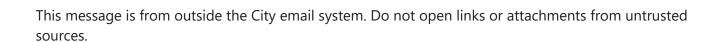
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With the COVID pandemic, there has been a very large increase in the numbers of guns purchased by ordinary citizens for potential self defense. This increase has also been seen in the numbers of suicides and deaths in the case of domestic violence. The money which will be raised from the \$25-\$35 annual fee is a very small price for a gun owner to pay to a NON-PROFIT organization whose sole purpose is to reduce the incidence of gun violence in our community. We all want a community where we don't live in fear of another Gilroy Garlic Festival incident or a VTA shooting.

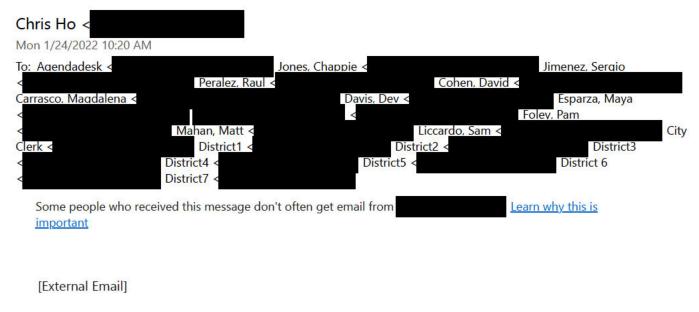
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Thank you,

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## 1/25/2022 Item 4.1: Vote NO Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance, Public Record



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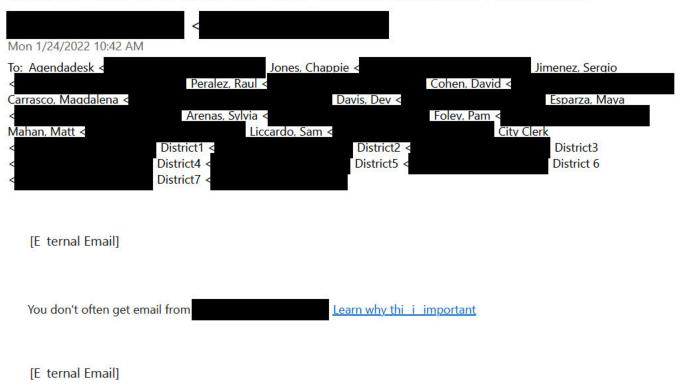
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