# Fw: ordinance requiring most gun owners to pay a fee and carry liability insurance

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Wed 1/26/2022 2:53 PM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas < rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Boards and Commissions Support <commissions@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:19 PM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Fw: ordinance requiring most gun owners to pay a fee and carry liability insurance

From: Jerry Peck <

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:06 PM

To: Boards and Commissions Support <commissions@sanjoseca.gov>

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"S.B. 8 Provides \$10,000 Incentive for Individuals to "Enforce" Texas Abortion Ban"

#### And

"Under the law, anyone who successfully sues a health center worker, an abortion provider, or any person who helps someone access abortion after six weeks will be rewarded with at least \$10,000, to be paid by the person sued. Lawsuits may be filed against a broad range of people—considered by the law to be "aiders and abettors"— including a person who drives their friend to obtain an abortion; abortion funds providing financial assistance to patients;

health center staff; and a member of the clergy who counsels or assists an abortion patient.

People who successfully defend themselves from such lawsuits, however, are prohibited under S.B. 8 from recovering their fees and costs."

The U.S. Supreme Court as already deemed those actions as acceptable and outside the reach of the U.S. Supreme Court for any action on such laws.

I hope this email is taken as a serious idea and recommendation as the San Jose ordinance regarding gun control is one of the results which was predicated when the Supreme Court was debating on whether to take action on Texas S.B. 8 ... there will be no grounds to sue the City of San Jose regarding such enforcement and the City of San Jose has no enforcement power in the ordinance, yet every citizen, guest, or visitor in the City of San Jose will be such enforcer, and will be the recipient of the \$10,000.00 from the person successfully sued under the ordinance.

Texas S.B.8 opened the door.

The U.S. Supreme Court pushed the door fully open and set a door stop so as to keep the door open for other similar laws.

Thank you,

Jerry Peck

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

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From: Robert Foster <

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 3:33 PM

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Proposed Change: 10.32.245 Impoundment\*\*

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### Fw: Gun Fee and Liability Insurance - REALLY?

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:30 PM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: Gun Fee and Liability Insurance - REALLY?

From: Greg Kisinger <

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:44 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Gun Fee and Liability Insurance - REALLY?

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Can you please forward this email to each of the San Jose City Council members?

Council Members,

You, and the Mayor are typical politicians. The only tool in your tool box is "ADDITIONAL FEES", which is offensive.

Just like new parents, there should be required classes for new politicians/law makers, since neither group has any idea how to do their jobs correctly. I have yet to see a politician/law maker fix a problem, but they sure know how to collect more money. Doesn't that make you wonder about how effective and efficient you are in your job, or do you even care?

"Yes", gun violence the related cost of that violence is out of control. However, penalizing LEGAL gun owners isn't the way to fix this problem, and what you'll find is that the additional fees collected won't fix the problem either.

I don't know if any of you are parents, but if you are then would you penalize the good child while ignoring the poor behavior of the bad child? Of course not. However, that's what politicians/law makers do every day with their misguided laws. Assessing fees/taxes is an easy thing to do, but it's the wrong thing to do.

I'll give you a couple of tips:

 If a solution to a problem appears easy, then it's probably not the correct solution. In fact, it will probably make the problem worse. Do yourself a favor and invest in a better education for your job. Take Problem Solving classes, including root cause analysis. It will be rewarding and everyone will benefit.

 Learn to live within your existing revenue stream and spend half your time seeking out "waste" in your city and eliminate it. You'd be surprised how much money you'll save if you eliminate wasteful governmental spending.

You're probably basking in the spotlight when the "news" media says "city of San Jose is set to become the first in the United States to enforce an ordinance requiring most gun owners to pay a fee and carry liability insurance", but wouldn't it be better to be a shining example for other city's Council Members with your ability to actually assess and solve problems, without seeking new revenue?

Our country needs more solutions, not more problems. This can start with each of you.

**Greg Kisinger** Washington State

Fw: File 22-045

# Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov >

Thu 1/27/2022 8:30 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas < rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov> Re File No. 22-045: 1/25/2022 CC Item 4.1 - Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 6:30 PM To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: FW: File 22-045

From: Floyd Boyer <

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 4:58 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: File 22-045

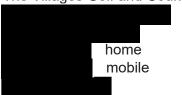
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Please register my opposition to File 22-045 with the city council. I have been considering leaving California for good and this could be the reason to make a final decision to leave.

# Floyd

Floyd L. Boyer The Villages Golf and Country Club



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# Fw: Thank you for passing Agenda Item 4.1 22-045

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To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas < rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Anahid Gregg <

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 5:49 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Thank you for passing Agenda Item 4.1 22-045

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I was delighted to see this was passed by the San Jose City Council. I strongly believe that you have taken a big step in making our City safer, and have saved future lives.

I am disgusted by the NRA filing their lawsuit, it's appalling that they put the desires of their conservative membership ahead of the safety of our citizens.

Thank you for doing the right thing!

Anahid Avakian Gregg & Mark Gregg

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From: Irv Sutley <

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Subject: OBJECTION to San Jose's attempt to require mandatory insurance on each and every firearm privately

owned.

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This is an attempt to confiscate lawfully owned weapons from residents who are unemployed, underemployed, on fixed incomes such as lower Social Security income recipients.

Also badly hurt by this proposal, are those of us with disabilities who have no means of taking a job in order to afford what will be outrageously and ever-increasing high annual premiums.

IMO this measure if passed will ultimately be defeated in the courts - and will cost the city multiple millions of dollars in legal fees and court assessed costs.

Please put me on your city email notification list about this and forward this email to each city council member.

Respectfully submitted.

/ Irv Sutley

#### Fw: OPPOSE File 22-045

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Subject: OPPOSE File 22-045

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#### I oppose 22-045!!

How can a constitutional right require insurance?? Sounds like the 2nd amendment is treated as a government granted privilege. Also, how can I be required to pay a \$25 annual fee for a cause I don't believe in. Seems like a violation of my free speech!

The mayor is sworn to UPHOLD the constitution, not chip away at it; instead it sounds like the mayor has sworn to pursue a gun control agenda. By the way, how exactly would 22-045 solve gun violence?? 22-045 is garbage; just another gun grab & tax scheme.

mark w

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### Fw: Taxing & Licensing Guns

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From: Daniel Alger Sr. <

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**Subject:** Taxing & Licensing Guns

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To whom it may concern:

Taxing and licensing guns is only going to hurt those of us who go through the trouble of doing things the RIGHT way.

It certainly will NOT stop anyone who has "other" intentions. When are politicians going to get this through their extremely thick skulls?

When YOU need help because you are being assaulted or shot at don't cry for help, because it won't be around.

Dan Alger Sr Vancouver, WA

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Subject: Fw: OPPOSE File 22-045

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From: Spartans Never Die <

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:35 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: OPPOSE File 22-045

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Hello,

My name is Carlos Chavez and I am a first generation American citizen, coming from a Mexican family that worked hard to get where we are now and telling you to please oppose File 22-045. This is an attempt to punish law-abiding gun owners for owning a lawful product, by making them pay for the activities of criminals. It is not fair placing this financial burden on us for which we have done nothing wrong and during these difficult times you would cripple your fellow citizens that have the right to arm themselves for self defense especially during hard times like the covid outbreak where crime has increased. For this reason I made firearm purchases in order to keep my family safe due all the crime occuring in our neighborhood. Times are tough and even though my father sacrificed everything for us to have a better life here in the USA, I am telling you that I will not be able to afford this insurance, because I have to take care of my family and even more so due to our father passing away on Sep 11 2021. File 22-045 will cripple those already financially unstable, especially the minority group that live in areas more prone to violence. These years have been tough on everyone and I understand that, but it seems that our city council has no heart in caring about other humans in San Jose, because if you cared about us humans in San Jose you would have addressed the underlying issues to why we were having all these shootings and tackle the problem head on instead of diverting the problem to us?! Please oppose File 22-045, thank you.

take care,

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### Fw: Recent gun control ordinance suggestion

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Fri 1/28/2022 8:25 AM

To: Rules and Open Government Committee Agendas < rulescommitteeagenda@sanjoseca.gov>

From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Sent: Friday, January 28, 2022 6:40 AM

To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov >

Subject: Fw: Recent gun control ordinance suggestion

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From: JOHN ALLER <

Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 10:13 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Recent gun control ordinance suggestion

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To whom it may concern.

I will be as brief as possible.

I would like to suggest insurance for all guns carried in public. If they never leave owners property, they don't have to have insurance.

Another suggestion, if a gun is carried in public, there should not be a bullet in the chamber. If the gun "accidentally" discharges while in public the owner should face a stiff fine and or jail time. A gun that is used to cause harm in a public place, and is not insured, the owner/operator should face immediate jail time and or a fine.

I have proposed this to many gun owners here in Ohio, and they were all for it. A few already have insurance to carry their weapon in public. Having insurance to cover a gun that is used/discharged in public, will help pay for the medical expenses of innocent victims and help pay for law enforcement officers that are harmed.

I don't have a problem with people owning guns, I have a problem with them in public and causing financial or physical harm to people that are innocent victims.

We got the Thompson machine guns off the streets many years ago, legally. We can do more, we need to. The people's right to have a safe life in public, is more important than the misinterpreted second amendment right someone has, that never needed a gun to protect themselves out in public their entire life, to carry one.

Thank you for your time. Good luck!

Regards, John Aller

This is clearly a violation of the second Amendment, and will never go into affect once the courts that know and understand the Constitution. The only cost that fire arms have to the city are criminals. Guns don't kill or hurt anyone..it is MORONS who aren't trained and criminals.

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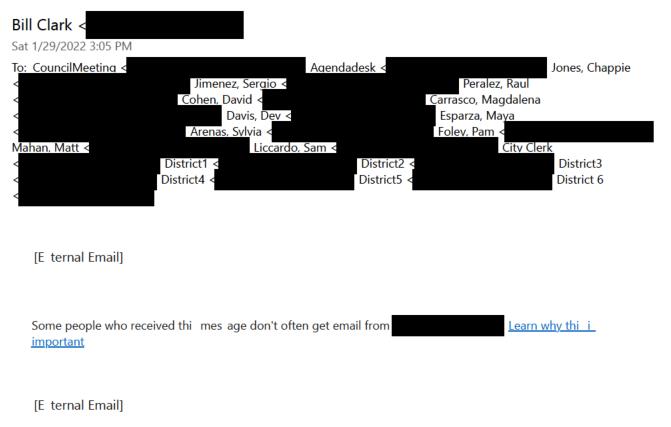
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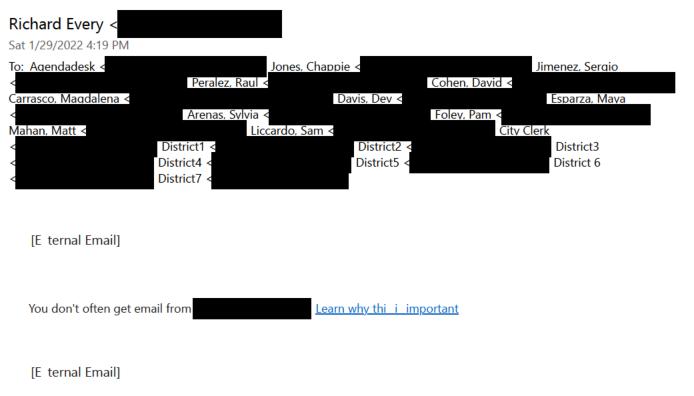
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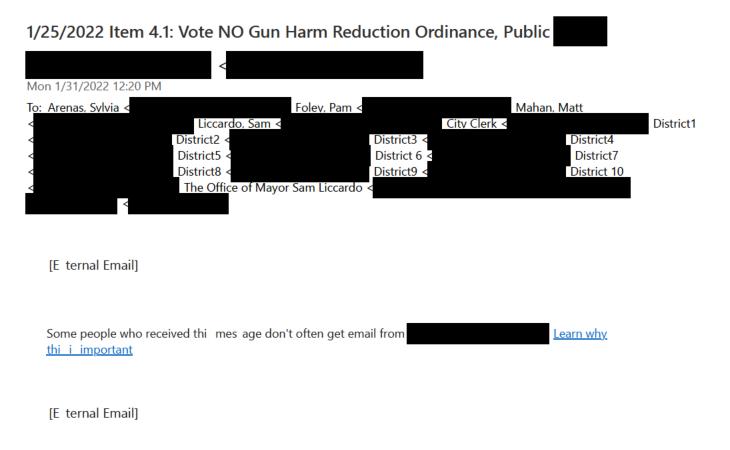
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# FW: Gun ownership

City Clerk <

Mon 1/31/2022 2:31 PM

To: Agendadesk <

From: John Carr <

Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:44 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun ownership

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Since when did constitutional rights change to allow municipalities to charge for exercising them? At the same time, why are only law abiding citizens being held accountable for criminal behaviors? This is a classic example of form over substance and why few if any people have faith in government anymore.

John Carr

San Jose

Fw: File 22 045

City Clerk <

Tue 2/1/2022 6:31 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Scott Boyd <

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 2:33 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: File 22-045

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The people of San Jose need to immediately remove anyone in support of this wholely communist ordinance from public office. Do these people have NO respect for the Constitution. We don't need your approval to own firearms, under the second amendment, you have no right or authority to implement this attack on personal freedom. Those in support of this ordinance are the very reason for the second amendment.

Fw: 22 045

City Clerk <

Tue 2/1/2022 12:09 PM

To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Joel Foster <

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:06 PM

To: City Clerk <

**Subject: 22-045** 

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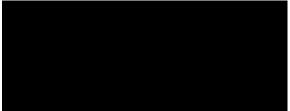
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Your proposed gun bill would only affect law abiding citizens. It is so typical of the idiotic measures proposed and enacted by liberal cities that are all now in peril across this nation as probated violent criminals rule the streets. Even in the People's Republic of California San Jose is run by liberal lunatics. The Constitution is a bitch ain't it?

Captain J.T.Foster Roebuck, South Carolina. California Escapee.

Sent from my iPhone

Fw: OPPOSE File 22 045.
City Clerk <
Wed 2/2/2022 6:52 AM
To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Brian Wang <

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 6:06 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: OPPOSE File 22-045.

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Hi,

This proposal is unconstitutional. Please do not waste resources on what will be destroyed in court

It would be nice if our city council would focus on actual matters that are your responsibility, such as the trash and homeless problems, instead of squandering taxpayer dollars on the violation of civil rights.

В

Thanks!

Brian Wang

Fw: Taxing and requiring of liability insurance of gun owners

City Clerk < Wed 2/2/2022 6:53 AM

To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: antonio rial <

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 5:23 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Taxing and requiring of liability insurance of gun owners

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Just heard about the city's plan to tax guns and require liability insurance for gun owners in San Jose. That is blatant move to suppress a Constitutional right. I strongly urge the city council members to OPPOSE file 22-045. The wealthy should not be the only people capable of defending their family in their home, the right to bear arms to defend yourself and your family is a Constitutional right and infringing on it like this is terrible. With the cost of living and inflation right now, people will not be able to afford to own a gun if it is taxed and liability insurance is required. As I said before, only the well to do will be able to afford that. The blue collar workers and middle class will have their Constitutional rights infringed when they can't afford gun ownership. Guns are already expensive, ammo is expensive, and training, which all gun owners should do, is expensive! OPPOSE file 22-045!

Antonio Rial

#### Fw: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Tue 2/1/2022 10:18 AM

To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: James Cannon <

Sent: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:23 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

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A tax on guns, like any other progressive tax, is a tax on the poor, which ultimately is racist, as it targets certain types of people.

Stop racist taxes that impact the poor unfairly.

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#### Fw: Ordinance File 22 045

City Clerk <

Thu 2/3/2022 12:00 PM

To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Kenneth Werner <

Sent: Thursday, February 3, 2022 11:34 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Ordinance File 22-045

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2/3/2022

#### Gentlemen:

The following is in regards to your proposed ordinance File 22-045 which would require those possessing guns within San Jose to acquire liability insurance and pay an "annual gun harm reduction fee."

This ordinance would do nothing to reduce crime and/or promote public safety. It appears to be a blatant attempt to price law abiding citizens out of their ability to possess a fire arm for the protection of themselves and their families. It also appears to be an unconstitutional restriction on our second amendment rights. I urge the City Council to reject this proposed ordinance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this matter.

Sincerely, Ken Werner

### Fw: Gun tax and insurance

City Clerk < Fri 2/4/2022 12:46 PM

To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Victor Lewkowitz <

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:16 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax and insurance

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I'm against any vote for tax or insurance for owning a gun. Go after the criminals who commit gun crimes. This proposed law dose not make sense.

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Fw: File 22 045

City Clerk <

Fri 2/4/2022 12:48 PM

To: Agendadesk <



How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Felix Katich <fkati

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 10:20 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: File 22-045

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This piece of legislation does absolutely nothing to reduce crime or take illegal firearms off the streets. It penalizes the law-abiding firearm owner. As a lifelong resident of San Jose of over 60 years this is one of the most idiotic things I've heard. Want to take guns off the street and minimize gun violence, then change the city's stance on releasing these criminals that are arrested and released. We need to keep them off the street. The city has the police officers hands constrained. Knowing several officers myself they are disgusted with how criminals are cited released and continue to be repeat offenders. It's no wonder the city is losing so many fine police officers.

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### Fw: Oppose File 22 045

City Clerk <

Fri 2/4/2022 12:49 PM

To: Agendadesk <



From: James Stewart <

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 12:31 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Oppose File 22-045

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#### To the City Council

Taxing gun owners that follow laws will do nothing to reduce crime. Wouldn't be better to make sure that people who own guns store them properly and have the training to handle them safely? Common sense says that. People who have illegal firearms and use them to commit crimes could care less. I am disappointed that the mayor and the city council don't do enough to make sure the laws we have are followed. Who is going to pay for the lawsuits that are coming? How much is it going to cost? I believe this is just political.

#### Fw: Gun control

City Clerk <

Fri 2/4/2022 6:45 AM

To: Agendadesk <



From: george hanson <

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 5:18 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun control

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Hi

We do have a second amendment that protects our right to own a gun. I think you are inteferring with that right by making it too expensive for the average person to afford one.

If I were a criminal, San Jose would be a great place to spend some time. I suggest you read a little George Orwell.

George

Fw: File 22 045

City Clerk <

Fri 2/4/2022 10:04 AM

To: Agendadesk <



From: Mike Soetaert <

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 9:43 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: File 22-045

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#### To Whom it May Concern:

Please oppose this Gun Tax and Insurance Requirement. I don't see how this is legal; would you put a tax and insurance requirements on any other Rights guaranteed in the Constitution? I don't even know how to get insurance for a weapon. And it's not my responsibility to help pay for a criminal's gun related misdeeds and deviltry.

I find this a massive overreach and completely onerous.

Please vote no.

Sincerely,

Mike Soetaert

#### Fw: Firearms insurance

City Clerk <

Fri 2/4/2022 10:05 AM

To: Agendadesk <



From: Robert Boomershine <

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 8:47 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Firearms insurance

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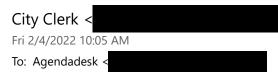
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I recently read about the proposal to force lawful gun owners to carry insurance and the idiotic attestation form. I know there are many good intelligent law abiding citizens in San Jose but obviously none of them are on the city council. You gun hating sheeple are setting yourselves up for a legal battle that you will lose. I hope for a Judge to award punitive damages to the law abiding citizens that are the target of your gun control hysteria.

Robert Boomershine Bethalto IL

### Fw: Vote YES Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance, Public Record





From: Bob Davis < Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 8:29 AM To: CouncilMeeting < CouncilMeeti Agendadesk < Jones, Jimenez, Sergio < Chappie < Peralez, Raul Cohen, David < Carrasco, Magdalena Davis, Dev < Esparza, Maya Arenas, Sylvia < Foley, Pam Mahan, Matt < Matt. Liccardo, Sam City Clerk < District1 < District2 < District3 < District4 < District5 < District 6 < District7 < District8 < District9 District 10 < The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOffi

Subject: Vote YES Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance, Public Record

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Please vote YES to the proposed changes of the San Jose Muni Code as defined in the Gun Harm Reduction Ordinance.

I am proud that San Jose has stepped up the fight to reduce gun violence.

Sincerely,

James Robert Davis

### Fw: File 22 045 Gun Harm Reduction

City Clerk < Fri 2/4/2022 11:24 AM

To: Agendadesk <



From: Steven Papoulias <

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 11:09 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: File 22-045 - Gun Harm Reduction

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# San Jose City Council

I am sending this to ask that you do not pass this legislation. Figure out some other way to combat gun violence rather than trying to tax law abiding citizens who are simply benefitting from the freedoms guaranteed in our constitution. This will NOT help stop criminals from obtaining guns and using them in their evil ways.

It is clear that this is an attempt by Liccardo to try to stop awful gun violence. I agree that any crime is awful, and clearly guns can be used in a very destructive way. But this is not going to help, and the government does not even have the right to do this. This measure will only be fought in the courts and San Jose will lose both money and the eventually the actual case.

Thanks for your consideration.

Steve Papoulias San Jose, CA