

Support for Item 4.1 Privately Made Firearm Ordinance

Meg Lord [REDACTED]

Mon 5/9/2022 5:32 PM

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To Members of the City Council:

I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, and my family has been impacted by gun violence through two suicides. I support the Privately Made Firearm ordinance, which will ban the manufacture, sale, and possession of "ghost guns" in the City of San Jose. Such privately manufactured firearms can be readily assembled by untrained amateurs using common household tools and are untraceable and unregulated. The ease of access to these untraceable weapons contributes to the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Meg Lord

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Tue 5/10/2022 7:41 AM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Jen [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2022 7:07 PM
To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>
Subject: SUPPORT Privately Made Firearm Ordinance

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Dear City Council,

I'm a mother of four and a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I **support** the Privately Made Firearm ordinance, which will ban the manufacture, sale, and possession of "ghost guns" in the City of San Jose. Such privately manufactured firearms can be readily assembled by untrained amateurs using common household tools and are untraceable and unregulated. The ease of access to these untraceable weapons contributes to the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our community.

Thank you,
Jennifer Burton

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Private Guns

Dennis Gound <[REDACTED]>

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An ordinance to ban Privately Made Firearms is before the City. As a supporter of Moms Demand Action I support this ordinance and the banning of the manufacture, sale and possession of so-called "ghost guns" in the City of San Jose. Guns are already a major plague in our community and these guns will only make that worse.

Dennis Gound

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From: Lawrence Townsend [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:44 AM

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Subject: Ghost gun legislation

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Pleas cc Council and Mayor.

LICENSED FFLs don't sell illegal or ghost guns.
Pointless and unenforceable legislation is a waste of my taxes.
Keep the criminals off our streets.
You don't blame the car when a drunk kills a pedestrian.
A gun isn't the problem the criminal implementing a weapon is.
Thank you for your reasoned vote

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Item 4.1 - Privately Made Firearm Ordinance - May 10, 2022

Jonathan Fleming [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 10:40 AM

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Mayor and Councilmembers,

My name is Jonathan Fleming and I am the CEO and Executive Director for the Silicon Valley Public Accountability Foundation.

A privately manufactured firearm (PMF) is constitutionally protected, and an untraceable PMF is a "ghost gun." Both are PMF's, however one is legal, and the other is illegal.

Council directed staff to address quote "ghost guns" which are specifically Untraceable PMF's. This ordinance as written, bans all PMF's in San Jose, even legally made ones, and this is a violation of our rights.

Our nonprofit would support the ordinance if a couple of very minor language changes are made. Specifically:

- 10.32.280 Prohibitions on **Readily Convertible** Unfinished Receivers and Frames, with the term "Readily Convertible" added for clarification in the title and body.
- 10.32.290 Prohibition on **Untraceable** Privately Manufactured Firearms, with the word "Untraceable" added for clarification that this ordinance is only on ghost guns.

If these very minor changes are made, as outlined in our original letter, we support this ordinance. Without those changes, this is another attack on our constitutional rights.

Thank you and all the best,

Jonathan Fleming

CEO & Executive Director

Silicon Valley Public Accountability Foundation

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Support for San Jose Council item 4.1: Privately Made Firearms Ordinance

Susie MacLean [REDACTED]

Tue 5/10/2022 10:33 AM

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Councilmembers,

I am a physician who has practiced medicine in Santa Clara County for 30 years. During that time we have seen gun violence rise.

The CDC recently updated mortality data which shows that there were 45,222 US deaths from firearms in 2020. This is a new peak, jumping 13.5% in the general population, and 29.5% in children and adolescents (age 1-19), from 2019 to 2020. This was largely driven by an increase in homicides, which increased 33.4% from 2019 to 2020.

Firearm deaths are now the number one cause of death of children and teens in the US. This fact is a shocking call to action. We can not save these kids in the doctor's offices. We need a larger public health and community response to save these lives. It is time for cities to take action, like San Jose is doing, to reduce gun harm.

Banning unserialized privately-made firearms is a very important step. In recent years these firearms are a steadily rising percentage of firearms recovered from crime scenes. We need to take appropriate and swift action to address this important aspect of the firearm epidemic killing so many, including our children.

Thank you in advance for voting yes, and making our community a healthier and safer place to live.

Sincerely,

Susie MacLean, M.D.
[REDACTED]

Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc. (SAFE), Board Member

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Tue 5/10/2022 4:43 PM

To: Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Karyn Meadows [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 3:14 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Ghost guns

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Hello there, I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense In America, and I support the Privately Made Firearm ordinance which will ban the manufacture, sale, and possession of ghost guns in San Jose. These privately manufactured firearms are readily assembled by untrained amateurs and criminals using common household tools and are untraceable and unregulated, putting them into the community and creating a terrible risk for our citizens. The ease of access to these untraceable weapons contributes to the epidemic of gun violence plaguing our community.

Please ban any firearm frames or receivers so they are illegal within San Jose City limits. It will help to reduce gun violence in our city.

best, Karyn Meadows

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