

February 5, 2019

Office of the City Clerk  
City of San José  
200 E Santa Clara Street  
San José, CA 95113

*Sent via email*

**Re: Support for Ordinance Strengthening Regulation of Gun Dealers**

Dear Members of the City Council,

On behalf of Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence (“Giffords Law Center”), I write to express our support for proposed amendments to Chapter 10.32 of the San José Municipal Code which would strengthen local oversight of gun dealers, improving the city’s efforts to prevent gun trafficking by unscrupulous dealers. Now led by former Congresswoman and gun violence survivor, Gabby Giffords, and her husband, Mark Kelly, Giffords Law Center provides legal and technical assistance in support of gun violence prevention to federal, state, and local legislators nationwide.

**Requiring all gun dealers to obtain a local law enforcement permit will help improve public safety.** Currently, the city requires only handgun dealers to obtain a local permit. This ordinance would expand the requirement to all sellers of firearms and ammunition. Permit requirements provide needed oversight of local gun sellers by giving local law enforcement greater ability to monitor dealers’ compliance with local, state and federal laws. Local oversight of gun dealers is necessary because the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) does not have the resources to properly oversee the more than 134,000 federally licensed gun dealers in the U.S. The California Department of Justice is similarly restrained in its ability to police the more than 2,200 gun dealers operating in California. Dealer licensing ordinances are constitutional and currently in effect in 102 California communities.

**Videotaping sales can help law enforcement solve and prevent gun-related crimes.** No state or federal law currently requires San José gun dealers to videotape sales. The proposed ordinance would require dealers to record transfers of firearms or ammunition so that the facial

features of the purchaser are clearly visible. Video recordings will provide valuable evidence to law enforcement officers who are enforcing gun laws and prosecuting gun crimes. Video surveillance also will likely prevent crimes at the store itself, such as straw purchases (when a legal buyer purchases a firearm or ammunition on behalf of a person who is prohibited from doing so), burglaries and robberies. Though straw purchases are a leading source of crime guns, they often appear legal on paper without security cameras to visibly capture the sale. Videotaping ordinances are currently in effect in five California communities - Campbell,<sup>1</sup> Emeryville,<sup>2</sup> Pleasant Hill,<sup>3</sup> Santa Cruz County<sup>4</sup>, and San Francisco City and County.<sup>5</sup>

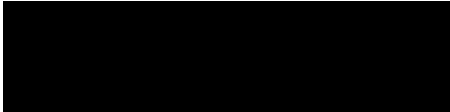
**Inventory reporting requirements will provide law enforcement with more opportunities to detect illegal gun activity.** ATF has found that dealers and pawnbrokers were associated with the largest number of trafficked guns and concluded that “[Federally licensed gun dealers’] access to large numbers of firearms makes them a particular threat to public safety when they fail to comply with the law.”<sup>6</sup> Requiring gun dealers to periodically report their inventory will help deter dealers from altering their inventory to cover up illegal transactions. [Eight California jurisdictions](#) currently require dealers to periodically report their inventory to local law enforcement.

**Prohibiting firearm sales as a home occupation will help increase neighborhood safety and prevent illegal sales.** Firearms dealers are a high-value target for criminals, and have often been magnets for break-ins, theft, and destruction of property.<sup>7</sup> In 2017, ATF reported that between 2015 and 2016, gun thefts from federally licensed dealers increased by a staggering 58.6%.<sup>8</sup> The number of firearms stolen from licensed dealers in 2015 was 4,271; in 2016, that number increased sharply, to 7,488.<sup>9</sup> Prohibiting gun dealers from operating out of their homes or residential areas is likely to prevent crime in the neighborhoods where gun dealers would otherwise operate. A 2009 study analyzed ATF data showing that guns “are often found to have been used for criminal purposes not far from the gun dealer where they were first obtained,” and “almost one-third (32.2%) of traced crime guns are recovered by police within 10 miles of the [dealer] where they were first purchased.”<sup>10</sup> By pushing gun dealers out of residential locations with little community or law enforcement oversight and into public, commercial spaces, dealers will likely be further deterred from engaging in illegal transactions.

**The requirements of the proposed changes are constitutional and legally defensible.** Courts have held that local dealer ordinances are not preempted by state law<sup>11</sup> nor do they violate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.<sup>12</sup> Notably, the United States Supreme Court stated in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, that the commercial sale of firearms was a presumptively valid area of regulation.<sup>13</sup> California law authorizes local governments to require gun dealers to obtain a local permit to operate<sup>14</sup> and impose security requirements on firearms dealers that are stricter than those mandated by state law.<sup>15</sup>

For these reasons, Giffords Law Center urges you to support the proposed amendments to chapter 10.32 of the San José municipal code.

Sincerely,



Allison Anderman  
Managing Attorney

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## **ABOUT GIFFORDS LAW CENTER**

For nearly 25 years, the legal experts at Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence have been fighting for a safer America by researching, drafting, and defending the laws, policies, and programs proven to save lives from gun violence.

1. Campbell Municipal Code § 5.45.060(7)(c).
2. Emeryville Municipal Code § 5-30.1.6(g)(3).
3. Pleasant Hill Municipal Code § 9.35.110(M)(3).
4. Santa Cruz County Municipal Code § 5.62.090(G)(3).
5. San Francisco Police Code § 613.10(o)(3).
6. Garen Wintemute, "Firearm Retailers' Willingness to Participate in an Illegal Gun Purchase," 87 *J. Urb. Health* (2010): 7, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2937134/>.
7. According to the Special Agent in Charge of ATF's Sacramento office, "When people break into homes or businesses, guns are often the target. ... [O]f the commodities that we find that people that are involved in criminal activity are looking for, guns are very high on the list." Lynn Walsh, Dave Manoucheri and Mari Payton, "Stolen Guns Fuel Underground Market For Criminals in California," *NBC7 San Diego*, Aug. 9, 2016, <http://www.nbcsandiego.com/investigations/Stolen-Guns-Fuel-Underground-Market-For-Criminals-in-California-389352802.html>.
8. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL) Burglary and Robbery Statistics - Calendar Year 2012 – 2016 16 (Feb. 2017), <https://www.atf.gov/resource-center/federal-firearms-licensees-ffl-burglary-and-robbery-statistics-calendar-year-2012>.
9. *Id.*
10. See Garen Wintemute, "Firearm Retailers' Willingness to Participate in an Illegal Gun Purchase," 87 *J. Urb. Health* (2010): 7, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2937134/>.
11. *Suter v. City of Lafayette*, 67 Cal. Rptr. 2d 420, 428 (Cal. Ct. App. 1997). Although one provision of Lafayette's ordinance was held to be preempted, the California legislature responded to the decision by enacting Penal Code section 26890(b), specifically authorizing local governments to impose security requirements on dealers that are stricter than state law.
12. *Teixeira v. County of Alameda*, 2013 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 36792 (Feb. 26, 2013), appeal docketed, No. 13-17132 (9th Cir. Oct. 23, 2013).
13. 128 S. Ct. 2783, 2817, n.2 (2008).

14. Cal. Penal Code § 26705.
15. Cal. Penal Code § 26890(b).

**From:** Lawrence Ashley Townsend []  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 24, 2019 9:50 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item #2 February 27 Rules Committee Agenda

February 24, 2019

San Jose City Clerk office. 200 E Santa Clara St # 200, San Jose, CA 95113

Please distribute to Rules Committee members, Thank you.

In regard to Gun Violence Prevention. (Mayor Liccardo and Jones) Item #2 February 27 Rules Committee Agenda,

Items 1 through 3 are an Orwellian threat to the free law abiding citizens of your community. And of course at great expense to those very citizens.

What I fail to grasp is the myth that passing gun control laws will stop criminals from being criminals.

I am informed the California Department of Justice refuses to apprehend and prosecute a number of attempts by felons who lie on the DROS form to purchase a firearm. That is existing law. A sting operation to entice a felon to purchase a gun will indeed put that felon in jail.

I have experienced the snap of bullets over my head in the military and a 9mm German Luger held to my temple by a constable in a small town on the Oregon coast when he pulled me over at 3 in the morning because I was the only car on the road and I was in my United States Coast Guard uniform. Being lorded over by fear mongers taking high office these days is the most frightening thing to happen in my 77 years of life on this planet.

This list you provided for your Draconian endeavor is an outright attack on your citizen's rights to privacy without accomplishing anything to stop known criminals and suicide, self inflicted or otherwise.

May I suggest you look into the Firearms Safety Certificate program that is required by the California Department of Justice to purchase a hand gun?The individual is required to repeat the exam every 5 years in order to purchase hand guns. Every licensed dealership has had to provide the literature and exam for the last decade.

Further, I was one of the first hunters to participate in the California hunter safety program when it was introduced to California in 1957. The average accidental deaths while hunting went from an average of ten a year to 0 the next year and less than one over the next few decades. The certification required one day training session with pass/fail examination that gave you the right to purchase a hunting license for the rest of your life with proof of the training.

Considering the plethora of criminal activity in the Bay Area It is difficult not to believe known criminals are allowed to roam the streets as an asset for the Custody Industry and the emotional anti gun movement. Law enforcement and the courts have been hamstrung from doing their sworn duty for fear of public humiliation or overfilling custody facilities.

You go out of your way pandering to the fearful but do nothing to protect our children, teachers and school staff.

There are other solutions of high profile criminal prevention. Of highest priority making all public schools closed campus with a Sally Port entrance and a sworn armed presence. I would bet my last dollar retired law

enforcement personnel would jump for the opportunity if we could get state and federal tax exemptions for time in service. After all we do provide crossing guards for the safety of our children. Think about it and do something constructive instead of incremental destruction of our Constitution and the rule of law.

At your service.

Lawrence A. Townsend

**From:** Portia Mather-Hempler < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:20 AM  
**To:** City Clerk  
**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher  
**Subject:** Firearm safety proposals to City Council

Dear City Council Members,

I endorse and fully support Mayor Lickardo's proposals to amend San Jose's current gun laws and regulations. I do so because I am concerned by the increase of gun violence in our city and county, especially among our youth. I desire to feel safe in our city and I currently do not. Sometimes I hear gunshots in my neighborhood which I never heard before.

I am also concerned as a parent whose son committed suicide with a gun nine years ago. He needed more help than he received to prevent his suicide. A gun was not the answer. I do not want guns bought or sold through private residences. All gun sales need to be strictly regulated.

Thank you for supporting the safety and well-being of our city. Thank you for supporting safe gun laws for San Jose.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Portia Mather Hempler, Episcopal priest and spiritual director

**From:** Don V < >

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 7:15 AM

**To:** City Clerk

**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher

**Subject:** Please Vote to Strengthen Gun Safety in San Jose

To San Jose City Council and Mayor Liccardo:

I am a former resident of and still frequent visitor to San Jose, especially the MLK Library.

When must one "right" yield to another "right"? When one right is more fundamental than the other: as when the right to live free from gun violence must outweigh the "right to bear arms," with all its terrible unintended consequences on our society.

Thank you for being on the right side of history.

Sincerely,  
Don Veith



**From:** Ron Romanow < >

**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 9:36 PM

**To:** City Clerk

**Subject:** Please vote NO on the gun violence prevention issue ROGC 19-012

Please vote NO on the gun violence prevention issue.

On Feb 27, 2019 @ 2pm this issue will come before the "Joint meeting for the rules and open government committee and committee of the whole"

I've looked at this recommendation and find it to be silly. It is getting really ridiculous watching the extent that politicians will go to to get their names in the media.

Passage of this issue will not prevent gun crimes in anyway shape or form. What it will do is create a burden on the law abiding Citizens of the city and make it more difficult for businesses to function economically.

I do not understand why you want to make it more burdensome and difficult for businesses and law abiding Citizens. You are intelligent people and you should be trying to do things that prevent criminals from committing crimes. Instead, you keep making it more and more difficult for law abiding Citizens to be able to protect them selves.

Please vote NO on this gun violence prevention issue!

Ron Romanow

**From:** Brooke Wang < >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** District9; City Clerk  
**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher  
**Subject:** Gun Safety

Dear Pam and Christopher,

I live in district 9 and wanted to share my deep concern for gun safety in our city and my support of the mayors sensible proposed safety measures aimed at saving lives. These seem like reasonable next steps to making our city safer. Please make this a priority to pass these recommendations.

Thank you for your service and working for the people of San Jose.

Brooke Wang

**From:** Connie Cunningham < >

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:48 AM

**To:** City Clerk

**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher

**Subject:** Gun safety- support of San Jose's proposed updates to firearm codes

Dear San Jose City Council:

My home is near San Jose (near De Anza Blvd). My children and grandchildren live in San Jose. Many friends live in San Jose. The actions you take directly affect me and those I love.

I read with high hopes the recent article stating that Mayor Sam Liccardo supports changes to the San Jose firearm codes that will increase gun safety. Below my signature I have re-stated the changes that I understand will be made.\*

Many years ago, when my sister and I bought a home together, we discussed our concern about burglaries, etc. We decided then, at the ages of 29 and 27, that we would not have a gun in our home. We were much more afraid of an accident with a gun, than we were convinced that a gun would help us. Instead we had a German shepherd in our home.

I know a 13 year-old who shot and killed his stepfather with his stepfather's own rifle, because the stepfather was abusive to the teenager's mother. Without a gun in the house, that death, plus the incarceration of a teenager in prison until he was 21 would not have happened. Many lives were torn apart, including that of the teenager's younger sister.

It concerns me that allowing a child to spend the night at a friend's house could result in injury or death if there is a firearm in that household. Banning the increased risk sale of guns in the neighborhoods would definitely increase safety to everyone.

Please do not let the NRA sway you into believing that bad people with guns will be stopped by good people with guns. Even well-trained people with guns cannot always react accurately. Most gun owners are not trained for emergency situations. When there are many people around, it increases the likelihood that someone will be injured or killed.

Please support the Mayor's proposals, and protect the citizens of San Jose.

Sincerely,

Connie Cunningham

Cupertino Resident with loved ones in San Jose

\*I support each of the changes, which I have excerpted parts so you know that I support each change:

1. 10.32.030: requiring a license for sale, transfer, or advertisement of concealable firearms to include the regulation of sale of all firearms, ammunition, within the city.

2. 10.32 to include among the requirements of all licensees: (dots include all the words of the planned changes)

a) video and audio record every firearm and ammunition transfer....

b) Train all staff...to question potential purchasers, within earshot of the audio recording device, to determine if the customer seeks to purchase the gun or ammunition for another person.

c) Perform at least one annual inventory check, and report within an appropriate time period any missing or stolen firearms and/or ammunition to the SJPD;

d) Display information at point of-sale about local gun laws, suicide warning signs, and Santa Clara County-approved resources for suicide prevention and domestic violence.

3. Prohibit the sale of any firearms and ammunition within or from a residence.

**From:** Matt R < >

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 1:52 PM

**To:** City Clerk

**Subject:** Please vote no on ROGC 19-012

Dear council members,

I respectfully urge you to vote no on ROGC 19-012, the gun violence prevention memorandum, as it will have no effect on the rate of violence in the city. This law would do nothing to prevent criminals from obtaining firearms and instead would place a massive burden on business owners (that are NOT part of the problem) and drive them out of business simply for trying to comply with the litany of regulations being unfairly placed on them. Maintaining the servers that would be required by this law would be incredibly expensive, and there is no reason to believe it will have any effect on reducing violence. Gun shops already have sufficient requirements for video security and this new law is completely unnecessary. Please do not allow this law to pass.

Thank you,

Matt Reddy

**From:** Erik Swanson []  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 6:49 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher <christopher.ratana@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Firearm Safety Ordinances

Hello Mayor Liccardo and San Jose City Council,

God's peace and strength be with you. I am writing to encourage you to continue your good work to keep our city safe through enacting your updated and visionary gun safety measures. I am a pastor in Saratoga who eats, plays, watches movies and shops in San Jose. I have parishioners who do the same. We all want San Jose to be known as a safe city and to feel like we can enter the city and enjoy it fully. Gun violence and its potential undercut these desires. Your good work to make the city more safe, and frankly to value human life in keeping us safe, is commendable. As we see almost daily in the news the gun violence crisis in this country must continually be addressed so that more innocents don't die and don't live in fear. Please move forward with these measures. I fully support you as do many in my parish. Deep blessings to you. I am

With you,  
Rev. Erik Swanson

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Rev. Erik Swanson  
Westhope Presbyterian Church, Pastor

May you know the wonder and joy of life in the Holy

**From:** Steve []  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:57 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher <christopher.ratana@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Firearm Code 10.32 Changes

Dear Mayor Liccardo and San Jose Council Members:

I would like to lend my support to your proposed updated code (10.32) related to firearms. While living in Cupertino, I shop, eat and do daily business in San Jose. Crime, especially with guns, affects all of us who live, work or dine within a city. Much of our violent crime with guns is committed by teenagers and young adults, some too young to have legitimately purchased guns for themselves. This fact alone highlights the need for the updated code you have proposed.

In a larger sense I have felt a sense of urgency over our inability to keep guns out of the hands of those people not qualified by law to own guns. Whether they are violent offenders, juveniles, or even suspected terrorists, it would seem the first order of our society to protect us from this threat. Again the changes you have proposed take a positive step towards this goal. Thank you for making this a priority in San Jose.

Stephen Jacobs  
Cupertino, CA 95014

**From:** usfc < >

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 9:27 PM

**To:** City Clerk

**Subject:** Please do not pass ROGC 19-012

Dear City Clerk of San Jose,

Please distribute my comments to the Rules Committee:

ROGC 19-012, called "Gun Violence Prevention" by its authors, should not be passed tomorrow at the 2 pm City of San Jose Rules Committee meeting. The proposed legislation would do nothing to prevent crime. It would divert San Jose Police Department resources from more effective policing activities. A number of the proposed items duplicate existing state law. ROGC 19-012 wastes resources.

I urge you not to approve ROGC 19-012.

Regards,  
Sonia Chang



**From:** Agnes Veith < >

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 6:48 PM

**To:** City Clerk

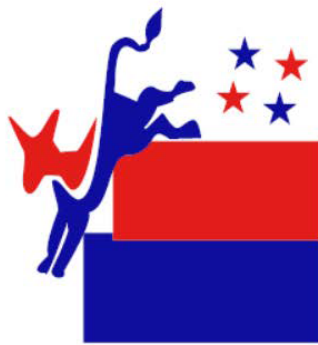
**Subject:** Gun Control

As a resident of Sunnyvale who has passed Measure C, I look to my neighboring cities and urge city officials to be mindful of the damage guns cause and take measures to stop this madness.

Thank you for reading my email and considering my point of view.

Kind regards,

Agnes



**Santa Clara County  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

**REGISTER and VOTE BY MAIL**

February 26, 2019

Office of the City Clerk  
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San José, CA 95113

Re: Support for Ordinance Strengthening Regulation of Gun Dealers

Dear Members of the San José City Council,

On behalf of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party, I am writing to express our support for the proposal to revise and update sections of Chapter 10.32 of the San Jose Municipal Code ("Firearms Sales"), as outlined in the Memorandum entitled, "Gun Violence Prevention", dated February 19, 2019.

The changes proposed in the Memorandum would make San Jose and surrounding communities safer by making it more difficult for would-be criminals to obtain guns through "straw purchases" by others.

In addition, the proposal would close loopholes in current laws by extending to all guns regulations currently applied only to handguns and by prohibiting the sale of firearms and ammunition from residences, which are inherently more difficult to regulate as compared to established retail outlets.

The proposed changes would provide law enforcement with powerful tools to catch criminals who use guns acquired from licensed retailers, either directly or through another, and would do so without infringing on the constitutional rights of licensed gun retailers and purchasers who do not break the law.

Finally, the proposal would anticipate emerging technologies, which someday soon may make it possible for criminals to download plans from the Internet and print an operable gun at an unlicensed location. We shouldn't wait until the first gun deaths from 3D printed guns to regulate their sale.

As the Memorandum notes, evidence clearly shows that more guns lead to more gun deaths. We feel the revisions and updates proposed in the Memorandum strike a reasonable balance between the rights of law abiding gun owners and retailers, on the one hand, and the community's safety on the other.

Sincerely,

Bill James  
Chair, Santa Clara County Democratic Party

**From:** Margaret Goka < >

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:55 AM

**To:** City Clerk; Ratana, Christopher

**Subject:** San Jose's Gun Violence Reduction efforts

I support Mayor Sam Liccardo's proposed updates to the current city code related to firearms. I support your efforts to help convince the City Council to join you in voting YES for greater gun safety.

I do not live in San Jose, but one of my daughters and her family live there, and another daughter wants to move there and find a safe place for her family to live, when they are ready to buy a house. So safety from gun violence is very important to me, and I'm sure it is to members of my family as well.

Thank you for considering this important issue. Margaret Goka

**From:** Harry < >

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019 11:52 AM

**To:** City Clerk

**Subject:** Please do not pass ROGC 19-012

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Please do not approve ROGC 19-012.

Regards,  
Harry Dwyer

**From:** Harriet < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** District 6; City Clerk  
**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher  
**Subject:** Proposed Gun Legislation

Dear Council Member Davis,

I'm a resident of District 6. I'm writing to urge you to vote for the updates to the SJ Municipal Code relating to firearms and proposed by Mayor Liccardo.

I'm frustrated, frightened and fearful of a gun culture that has made our country such a dangerous place. Domestic terrorism by well armed citizens is, in my opinion, a real threat. Framing the stockpiling of weapons of destruction as a "right" is a distraction from the true motive of the NRA which is to enrich gun and ammunition manufacturers and distributors.

Because of the NRA's influence, our federal government is failing to protect us in this regard. Building protections at the local level that will hopefully spread across the country seems to be the only way to attack this critical social issue.

Please help protect our community and make it your top priority to enact these proposals.

Thank you,

Harriet Wolf

Congregation Shir Hadash

**From:** Adrian Kolb < >

**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 2:06 PM

**To:** City Clerk

**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher

**Subject:**

Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of San Jose Mayor Liccardo's updates to the San Jose Code related to firearms.

I am a resident of Cupertino, and frequently visit San Jose for dining, entertainment and retail establishments. I consider San Jose to be part of my surrounding community.

The statistics on gun violence are alarming. We can and should do better. The proposals are sensible measures.

Please make passage of this gun safety package of proposals top priority.

Thank you.

Adrian Kolb

**From:** Lareen Jacobs < >

**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:01 PM

**To:** City Clerk

**Subject:** christopher.ratana@sanjoseca.gov District1@sanjoseca.gov

Dear Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones and City Council Members,

After the historic step toward gun safety with the passage of San Jose's Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance on October 17, 2017, I applaud the city council for once again addressing the question of public safety through the lens of gun safety regulations. I am in full support of the proposed updating of San Jose's Municipal Code 10.32 that addresses current conditions in San Jose. The green lighting at the Rules Committee, on February 27, 2019, was a most welcome sign that a significant number of San Jose's Council Members understand the merit and potential of these proposals to further establish safety in our neighborhoods throughout the city. I urge the entire city council, to support these proposals in its entirety and pass them when they come before the City Council at a later date.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year, a San Jose Mercury News article was entitled *San Jose: Violent crime continues to rise as chief calls for reinforcements: Robberies, burglaries up sharply in 2018, as peer cities trend in the opposite direction*. It is important to note that San Jose was once ranked the safest large city with a population over 500,000. By 2014, it dropped to 9<sup>th</sup> and has continued downward ever since as aggravated assaults have steadily climbed. As stated in this article, Police Chief Eddie Garcia said "the direction is troubling for a city hailed a decade ago as a metropolitan low-crime haven." The article continues to say that, "The violent crime increase in San Jose — which follows [spikes of 14 and 7 percent](#) in 2016 and 2017 — is driven largely by a nearly 19 percent projected rise in robberies and 2 percent in rapes." Crime statistics for San Jose also show a 5 year high in youth committing crimes with a gun. Since youth cannot legally buy a gun they are getting them through illicit channels which include straw purchases. There are so many critical reasons for passing the recommendations that both Mayor Liccardo and Vice Mayor Jones have recommended.

As a Cupertino resident who lives on the border of Jose, I travel daily in San Jose, both in my immediate neighborhood and into far reaches of the city for shopping, dining, medical treatment and entertainment. I urge you to cast your YES vote in support of all these sensible gun safety regulations.

Respectfully,  
Lareen Jacobs



**From:** Ariel Sarver < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 11:09 PM  
**To:** City Clerk; District 10  
**Cc:** Ratana, Christopher  
**Subject:** In favor of San Jose Gun Ordinance

Dear Councilmember Khamis,

My name is Ariel Dukellis, and I am a teacher in the San Jose community. I was elated to hear about Mayor Liccardo's new proposal to update the city's gun safety ordinances, as the mass shooting epidemic that has plagued this country for years has not yet been curbed by the federal government, and it is imperative that we take action locally. I implore you to vote yes on these measures. They will only serve to make our great city safer and help our citizens, especially our children in their schools, live their lives without fear. I applaud Mayor Liccardo for initiating these very important steps towards ending gun violence, and I hope I can count on you to follow his lead. Thank you for serving the great people of San Jose and for doing your best to protect them.

Best,  
Ariel Dukellis