

**Fw: 6/15/21 agenda item 4.2**

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Fri 6/11/2021 8:32 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Wallace Gardner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 6:21 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** 6/15/21 agenda item 4.2

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I read the firearms ordinance to be presented at the meeting.

All this will do is drive up the costs for the retailers which they will pass on to the consumer who will take his business out of town costing jobs and taxes. Much as I would like to see people who illegally buy/sell or use firearms locked up for the longest legal time I don't think this will result in any arrests, convictions or anything positive.

I have never heard of anyone being arrested for participating in "straw sales." This will put an additional burden on our overstretched police force. I don't blame the police department for problems. They are underfunded and don't have enough officers for anything but the worst offenses. I see people running red lights, jay walking, riding bicycles on the wrong side of the street, etc..

I have called in a person setting off explosives within a block or so of my home to no avail. This person usually does it on weekends. The explosion has enough force to set off car alarms on my street. Some times it will happen once in a day or evening, sometimes it will happen 2 or 3 times at 1/2 to 1 hour intervals. I live on [REDACTED]. Between [REDACTED]. I believe the noise is coming from Sierra Rd. But, one of my neighbors thinks it's coming from Vincy Park. There aren't enough officers to station one out here to wait for it to happen.

Respectfully,

Wallace S. Gardner



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**Fw: Support for San Jose gun shop ordinance- Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**

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**From:** Susie MacLean [REDACTED]**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 5:29 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; The Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo <TheOfficeofMayorSamLiccardo@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2 <District2@sanjoseca.gov>; District3 <district3@sanjoseca.gov>; District4 <District4@sanjoseca.gov>; District5 <District5@sanjoseca.gov>; District 6 <district6@sanjoseca.gov>; District7 <District7@sanjoseca.gov>; District8 <district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** Support for San Jose gun shop ordinance- Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393

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Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am a physician interested in a public health approach to reduce firearm injury and death. I support the ordinance updating gun shop regulations that will be discussed by the San Jose City Council on June 15.

**Suicide Prevention:** I strongly support efforts to partner with gun shops to reduce firearm suicide. Requiring gun shops to post materials about suicide prevention is a good first step. My hope is this would educate the gun shop owners, employees and eventually their customers about the following facts: Most suicide attempts are impulsive acts with the time between decision to taking action usually only minutes to hours. If the individual survives most survive long term and do not go on to die by suicide. However if the individual at risk uses a firearm in their suicide attempt the death rate is 90%. When firearms are used there is no opportunity to recover from the temporary crisis that led to the suicidal impulse. There are inspiring stories about gun shops working with public health professionals to raise awareness about preventing firearm related suicide. I urge you to watch the entirety of this 9 minute video: <http://www.sprc.org/video/reducing-access-to-means>

Reviewing the other proposals in this ordinance, my first question was what problem are you trying to solve with this proposal?

And I think the answer is there is a **need for greater oversight and monitoring of gun shops to make sure they are following the law**. Here is a report with detailed info about this problem:

<https://projects.thetrace.org/inspections/>

The interactive map is very interesting. You can see the reports on violations by state, including California gun shops, and including one in San Jose. If you click on "read the investigation" you can see the long version of the report.

There is apparently a problem of gun shops receiving little oversight with infrequent ATF inspections, and when they do occur, violations are seen: sometimes inadequate records of sales, violations with selling multiple weapons to an individual in less than 5 days, or failure to keep track of inventory- among other more serious violations.

I think the **videotaping of all sales would help incentivize accountability**. Gun shops are more likely to be sure all staff are trained in, and follow, the law if they know they are being videotaped. I do not think we can count on random inspections to ensure accountability.

**Training employees how to recognize straw man purchases** seems important and very reasonable.

Enhanced requirements for **documenting inventory and reporting stolen firearms** also seems reasonable.

In closing, I support the San Jose ordinance to update gun shop regulations that you are proposing, Thank you for your attention to this important public health issue.

Sincerely,

Susie MacLean, M.D.

Retired Physician, [REDACTED]

Board Member, Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, [www.standsafe.org](http://www.standsafe.org)

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## Fw: Agenda Item 4.2. 21-1393 Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Lease and Transfer of Firearms

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Fri 6/11/2021 12:11 PM

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**From:** Gretchen Grant [REDACTED] >

**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 12:02 PM

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

**Subject:** Agenda Item 4.2. 21-1393 Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Lease and Transfer of Firearms

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Hello,

I am writing to urge passage of Agenda Item 4.2. 21-1393, "Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Lease and Transfer of Firearms and Firearms Ammunition in San Jose at Retail" on the agenda for City Council meeting June 15th. Passage of this gun shop ordinance will help to prevent gun violence in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gretchen Grant  
[REDACTED]

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**Fw: Vote NO on agenda item 4.2 21-1393 gun store ordinance.**

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Mon 6/14/2021 8:11 AM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** president [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 7:57 AM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Vote NO on agenda item 4.2 21-1393 gun store ordinance.

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REF: AGENDA ITEM 4.2 21-1393

Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Lease and Transfer of Firearms and Firearms Ammunition in San José at Retail.

I write to insist that you oppose this proposal. It is absurd on it's face.

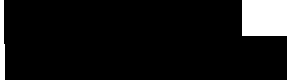
1. The primary backer of this initiative has admitted it would not have stopped the recent VTA shooting...or any other for that matter. Mayor Liccardo openly stated on June 8th: "Skeptics will say that criminals will not obey ... these mandates," ..... "And they're absolutely correct. Of course, they won't.
2. Mayor Liccardo knows full well that the cost of imposing these requirements on gun stores would force them out of business. The kind of video and audio equipment required to meet these standards would cost over \$ 50,000. Proposing an ordinance that will not work, at high costs , which targets an innocent third party shows this is nothing more than a Jim Crowe style law designed with nefarious ulterior motives.
3. This proposal will trigger litigation. Let me repeat that.....will trigger litigation. At a time when the city's mismanagement of funds has left it in a serious deficit, it is bad for the city... and the taxpayers.
4. The city should not be considering laws designed only to benefit a politician looking to promote himself to his next government job. Everyone knows that Mayor Liccardo will soon be termed out of office. This proposal is nothing more than a crass self interested politician looking for an issue to build publicity. And to do so on the graves of innocent victims is especially disgusting.
5. There is no evidence that anything being proposed here will achieve its stated purpose. This is true for any jurisdiction that has imposed a similar ordinance. I encourage the Council to see if they can find any proof to the contrary.

This ordinance is a repugnant abuse if government power: Penalizing an innocent third party for things they are not responsible for flies in the face of our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

The council should reject this proposal in its entirety.

If the Council is truly interested in stopping violent crime then it should immediately rescind its' sheltering of known violent felons under its' sanctuary city law. Numerous citizens of San Jose are dead because of this law... a law that each of you supported.

Mark S Towber  
San Jose



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**Fw: Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**

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**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Jen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 4:44 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393

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Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership in taking action to reduce gun harm in our city. I am writing in **SUPPORT of Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**. Ample data and research consistently indicate that common-sense public safety laws reduce gun violence and save lives. Ordinance 4.2 21-1393 will further ensure that gun sales transactions are legal and will provide the necessary staff training to reduce the possibility of straw-purchases. This ordinance is an important step forward to prevent illegal guns from entering our community, and proactively address the issue of suicide by gun, which takes 23,000 American lives each year.

San Jose has the chance to save lives and set an example with this forward-thinking, practical approach to making our city safer. As a mom of four, I urge you to vote in favor of these common-sense laws.

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Burton

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**Fw: June 15 meeting**

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Mon 6/14/2021 8:10 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Marie LaForge <[REDACTED]>**Sent:** Saturday, June 12, 2021 6:05 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** June 15 meeting

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Hello, I am strongly in favor of the following proposed ordinance and initiative. Thank you,  
Marie LaForge  
Saratoga, CA

A proposed new ordinance for gun stores in San Jose is intended to address multiple aspects of gun violence. It will require store employees to be trained to screen for and reject "straw sales," in which a person with a clean record tries to buy a gun on behalf of someone who would be prohibited; to this end, all transactions will be video-taped. It will tighten requirements for reporting missing inventory. It will require the in-store posting of materials meant to prevent suicides, which account for two-thirds of all gun deaths.

A second initiative announced by San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo will require gun owners to pay a fee and carry liability insurance. Besides helping pay for the surprisingly high public cost of gun violence, this will bring market forces to bear on raising violence-prevention consciousness among gun owners and the firearms industry itself.

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**Fw: No on Item 4.2 on June 15th**

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Mon 6/14/2021 8:10 AM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Matt Wendt [REDACTED] >**Sent:** Sunday, June 13, 2021 10:08 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** No on Item 4.2 on June 15th

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City Council and City Clerk,

I ask you vote no on item 4.2. It will provide no public safety benefit, but it will raise the cost of government, reduce jobs and tax revenue.

Matt Wendt

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**Fw: City Council Meeting Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**

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Mon 6/14/2021 2:39 PM

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**From:** Don V [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 2:38 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** City Council Meeting Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393

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Dear Mayor and City Council:

I write in strong support of the proposed changes to gun store policy and procedure.

Opponents will say that such changes would have done nothing to prevent the recent VTA tragedy--as though cancer research must be abandoned now that the headlines are all about Covid-19.

The opposition is monolithic in their refusal to discuss reasonable change, in their damning of every suggestion as a "slippery slope." The idea that preventing firearm deaths is an affront to their "freedom" is the last refuge of people who have quit thinking and feeling.

Don Veith

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**Fw: SUPPORT agenda item 4.2 21-1393**

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Mon 6/14/2021 3:08 PM

To: Agendadesk &lt;Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov&gt;

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**From:** Doug Atkins [REDACTED]**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 3:05 PM**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>**Subject:** SUPPORT agenda item 4.2 21-1393

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

I'm writing in support of agenda item 4.2 21-1393. These are common-sense measures which will help ensure the legality of gun purchases, and protect the community from gun violence.

Thank you,  
Doug Atkins  
Sunnyvale

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**Fw: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**

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Mon 6/14/2021 5:03 PM

**To:** Agendadesk <Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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**From:** Shannon Knepper [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 4:49 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393

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Dear City Council Members,

I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action. Thank you for your leadership in taking action to reduce gun harm in our city. I am writing in **SUPPORT of Agenda item: 4.2 21-1393**. In the aftermath of the tragic VTA shooting, and the continuous gun violence that plagues our San Jose streets, supporting this agenda item is the first step to help us heal, as we continue to grieve. Lack of action is simply not an option; please, support 4.2 21-1393, and show your constituents that you are serious about reducing gun violence.

Sincerely,

Shannon Knepper

Downtown San Jose Resident &amp; Mom

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**Fw: Please vote yes on Item 4.2 tomorrow**

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Mon 6/14/2021 5:03 PM

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**From:** Sana Sethi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 14, 2021 5:02 PM  
**To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>  
**Subject:** Please vote yes on Item 4.2 tomorrow

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Dear San Jose Councilmembers,

My name is Sana and I am a San Jose resident. For most of my life, I have lived here, in a city that has chosen to take action on gun violence prevention and for that, I have felt safer in my community. However, I've still experienced Code Red drills in school when an armed man was near my campus, threats of a mass shooting in college, heard countless stories of accidental deaths or suicides by gun, and of course, faced the trauma of having 2 high-profile mass shootings happen in my community: at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in 2019 and just a few weeks ago near the San Jose VTA station.

While I am proud to live in a city that typically votes to pass gun violence prevention measures, it is not enough. We must do more and be bold to keep our community safe. Tomorrow, you have an opportunity to take another step in the right direction and pass an ordinance that would work to hold gun stores accountable by monitoring their purchases, training staff to screen and stop "straw sales" (when someone buys a firearm for a prohibited purchaser), tightening requirements for missing inventory, and requiring in-store posting of materials meant to prevent suicides, which account for two-thirds of all gun deaths. **I am urging you to please vote yes on Item 4.2: Ordinance Regulating the Sale, Lease and Transfer of Firearms and Firearms Ammunition in San José at Retail.**

Despite the broken state of our national politics, we can begin at the municipal level. I trust that the San Jose City Council will do the right thing and show us that our community's safety is a priority.

Best wishes,  
Sana Sethi  
(she/her)