**From:** auto59251856

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7:40 AM **To:** City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> **Subject:** vote NO on ROGC 21-616



[External Email]

#### Dear sirs/ms:

I wish to strongly urge you to vote NO today on ROGC 21-616. This is an outrageous attack on the civil liberties of law abiding gun owners, who have committed no crime whatsoever by simply possessing a firearm for self-defense, hunting, or sporting activities. It will do absolutely nothing to solve gun violence and the harm done to civilians by criminals with guns. It is merely a political ploy to pressure current gun owners to give up their firearms, and to impose the will of an anti-firearm segment of society on the rest of the populace. Please find intelligent ways to solve the gun violence problem. Vote NO on ROGC 21-616. Thank you

T. Dziura San Jose, CA

#### Fw: Gun control

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Fri 6/25/2021 3:58 PM

To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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200 E. Santa Clara St., Tower 14<sup>th</sup> Floor

San Jose, CA 95113 Main: 408-535-1260 Fax: 408-292-6207

How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Kim Nguyen

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 10:44 AM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>; District1 <district1@sanjoseca.gov>; District2

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<district8@sanjoseca.gov>; District9 <district9@sanjoseca.gov>; District 10 <District10@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Gun control

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Good day to all honorable city council members.

Mr. Mayor Sam Liccardo has made a mistake by requesting that the city forces every law abiding gun owners to pay fees (insurance) for owning guns. Making law abiding citizens pay for criminal doings is unfair and unjust. If this is forced on the people, law enforcement officers and all government officials that own guns will all have to pay the same fees. The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed to every American under the Constitution of the United states of America. Mr. Sam Liccardo is going against the Constitution that he swore to uphold and protect.

Mr. Sam Liccardo also wants video and audio recordings of all legal gun transactions. That is invading privacy and forcing that upon the RIGHT that's protected under the Constitution is illegal. Not every store has the capacity to be able to record videos and audio, will the city provide such services and equipment?

Mr. Sam Liccardo is overreaching and placing huge financial burden on law abiding citizens and firearm store owners to help criminals get what they want. Criminals do not follow any laws hence why they are criminals. If Mr. Sam Liccardo doesn't know the definition of the word criminal then he is incompetent to be a mayor. Criminals wants and

loves when new gun control laws gets pushed through because it helps them commit crimes with confidence, knowing no one is armed to fight back. Gun control laws is like a free pass for criminals. Gun free zone basically tells criminals that it is safe to commit crimes there because nobody is armed to fight back.

Criminals will never obey the gun laws and will never pay any fees to own guns. They all get guns illegally from the black market. Recently the cartels hijacked a truck in mexico that has 7 million rounds of ammunition. Those ammunition will be going on sale in the black market. So, instead of creating BURDENING laws on law abiding citizens and INFRINGING on our rights, why not focus on reducing illegal activities like the black market and cartel related crimes? Only incompetent mayors, governors and president go after law abiding citizens who OBEYS the law to make people think they are doing something but have no courage to go after the real criminals.

Every legal gun owners and I respectfully demand that the city opposes Mr. Sam Liccardo new unconstitutional proposals. On behalf of all gun owners in this city and state, thank you.

Sincerely, Kim Nguyen Resident of San Jose, California

Fw: Vote Yes on the Gun Harm Reduction Proposal

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/28/2021 7:41 AM

To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: BradySantaClara Chapter

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 7:39 AM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Vote Yes on the Gun Harm Reduction Proposal

[External Email]

We strongly support an annual fee for owning a gun and the requirement to purchase liability insurance. This is of course the case with automobiles now: you have to carry documents that show you have paid a fee for a driver's license and to register your vehicle, and that the vehicle is insured. These requirements aren't meant to discourage driving, but to regularize participation and incentivize responsibility and safety. The costs represent a tiny fraction of the total motor vehicle economy (from infrastructure to traffic enforcement), but they give us the right to participate and offer us and other tax-payers some financial protection from human error and misbehavior.

Some gun owners argue that it is unfair to make them start paying for what has previously been free. Two City Council Members have proposed that gun owners who take a special course in gun safety and lock their guns up in the most secure safes should be exempted from the fees and insurance, which suggests that fees and insurance are a kind of penalty to be avoided. But in fact they are to be the price of admission to a system that clearly has room for improvements of all kinds.

Others argue that criminals will simply not pay the fees or buy insurance. If so, the ordinance will provide a clean mechanism for the seizure of such a gun on a domestic violence call, for example, an even more straight-forward tool to prevent tragedy than the GVRO process.

We applaud the innovative thinking of San Jose on this issue, and look forward to the debate and possible adoption by other cities, the state and nation.

Santa Clara County Chapter of Brady United Don Veith Sana Sethi

Fw: Support Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk <

Mon 6/28/2021 3:32 PM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Jim Colton <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:27 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Support Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

Hi, my name is Jim Colton. I am writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco, going to City Council on Tuesday, June 29.

Fw: SUPPORT for agenda item 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk < Mon 6/28/2021 3:54 PM To: Agendadesk <

From:

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 3:48 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: SUPPORT for agenda item 4.1 21-1579

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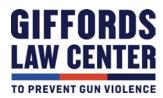
Dear City Council Members,

My name is Julie Henig, and I write you as a concerned citizen and volunteer with the San Jose group of Moms Demand Action. I URGE YOU to please vote in favor of the gun harm reduction ordinance referenced above, and proposed by Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Carrasco. This will come up to vote at Council on Tuesday, June 29.

I APPRECIATE that our city will lead the way in gun-safety with this ordinance. Thank you for all that you do to keep our citizens safe.

Julie Henig,





June 28, 2021

San Jose City Council City Hall 200 E. Santa Clara St. San José, CA 95113

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the San Jose City Council,

On behalf of Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence ("Giffords Law Center"), I write in support of the Mayor's Gun Harm Reduction Proposal that aims to do many things but primarily, enact a requirement that gun owners carry liability insurance and pay a fee to help defray the cost of gun violence to the community and regulate untraceable, undetectable firearms known as ghost guns.

Founded by lawyers after the mass shooting at 101 California in 1993, in 2016, we joined forces with former Congresswoman and gun violence survivor, Gabby Giffords. For nearly three decades, the organization now known as Giffords Law Center has been providing legal expertise in support of local, state, and federal gun violence prevention laws to legislators nationwide.

The economic cost of gun violence to California communities is enormous. Gun owner insurance and a fee mandate can help defray the costs to San Jose taxpayers.

On an average day in the United States, American taxpayers are responsible for \$34.8 million as a result of gun violence, including costs related to medical care, first responders, ambulances, police, and criminal justice services. Each California resident pays approximately \$541 per year in costs associated with gun violence, and the total cost to the state is over \$22.5 billion annually.

Fortunately, California affords localities <u>wide latitude</u> to address all aspects of gun violence in their communities. <u>Local innovation on</u> gun violence policies has helped <u>California</u> become the state with the strongest laws in the nation with a correspondingly low gun death rate. With the gun insurance and fee mandates, San Jose is attempting a novel approach to address some of the collateral effects of gun violence in the community. As such, we support the city's efforts to help compensate victims and the city for the costs of gun violence.

Ghost guns are a scourge on California cities and increasingly the weapon of choice for people who seek to commit crimes.

Despite new laws passed by the state in recent years, ghost guns are proliferating in California cities, including San Jose. Data from law enforcement demonstrates that ghost guns are being recovered in connection with homicides, robberies, active shooter incidents, and domestic violence cases in increasing numbers. In San Jose, the number of unserialized guns recovered by local law enforcement spiked by 51% from 2017 to 2018. In San Francisco, the number of ghost



guns seized by local law enforcement jumped 600% from 2017 to 2019. These Bay Area trends are representative of increases statewide. In 2019, the California Department of Justice seized over 500% more ghost guns from people who were prohibited by law from firearms possession than the year before. In 2019 a sixteen-year-old boy used a self-assembled untraceable firearm in a school shooting in Santa Clarita, CA, killing two students and injuring three others.

Although a federal rule is pending that would meaningfully address the supply of ghost guns to California communities, the implementation of this rule is, at best, several months away and could be subject to delays caused by gun industry litigation. Accordingly, we are supportive of San Jose's efforts to craft and enact legislation that will address the harm of ghost guns as soon as possible.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge the City Council to move forward with the Gun Harm Reduction Proposal.

Sincerely,

Allison Anderman Senior Counsel

**ABOUT GIFFORDS LAW CENTER** 

For over 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.

#### **NOTES**

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- <sup>ii</sup> Id.
- iii Alain Stephens, "Ghost Guns Are Everywhere in California," thetrace.org, May 17, 2019, https://www.thetrace.org/2019/05/ghost-gun-california-crime/
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- vi California Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, APPS 2019, Annual Report to the Legislature 18, https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/publications/apps-2019.pdf.
- vii Brad Brooks, "California School Shooting Shines Light on Murky 'Ghost Gun' World," Reuters, November 22, 2019, https://www.reuters.com/article/us-california-shooting-ghostgun/california-school-shooting-shines-light-on-murky-ghost-gun-world-idUSKBNIXW1AL.

# Fw: Comment for proposal to reduce gun-related harm

City Clerk < Mon 6/28/2021 2:39 PM To: Agendadesk <

From: Karen Gauss <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 2:37 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Comment for proposal to reduce gun-related harm

[External Email]

Karen Gauss

San Jose resident, registered voter and VTA employee

I urge the council to APPROVE Mayor Liccardo's initiative to reduce gun-related harm. I SUPPORT the new requirements including gun owners paying for liability insurance, and an extra fee to cover costs of gun injuries and the public charge of dealing with gun violence. I SUPPORT that the ordinance also "provides police with a lawful means for seizing guns from non-law-abiding, dangerous people." I SUPPORT gun buyback programs and fingerprinting for ammunition sales.

#### I hope the council is familiar with the Dunblane massacre

(https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-1996-dunblane-massacre-pushed-uk-enact-stricterqun-laws-180977221/) that occurred in Scotland in 1996 where 16 primary school students ages 5 and 6 years old, and one teacher were shot dead. In the aftermath of that mass shooting, legislators banned handguns in the UK. The UK now has one of the lowest levels of gun violence in the world. Concurrently, US states with loose gun laws tend to have higher levels of gun violence, and states with strict gun laws tend to have lower levels of gun violence. Restrictions on buying and owning guns and bullets are effective.

Banning guns and bullets would be an appropriate response to the recent VTA shooting. We are able to respond appropriately to ban fireworks in our cities but we can't ban guns because, unlike in the UK and our peer countries, we are stuck with the 2nd amendment. While city councils cannot repeal the 2nd amendment, they can approve ordinances like this in an attempt to keep guns under tighter control. I hope to see similar ordinances pass in the other southbay cities, including those cities that have a sitting representative on the VTA Board of Directors. Thank you.

# Fw: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Mon 6/28/2021 4:44 PM

To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

From: Catherine Wilson

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 4:38 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> Subject: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

Hi, my name is Catherine Wilson. As a single-mom who needs a restraining order to protect myself and my son from my ex-husband, having common sense gun safety laws is important to me. I am writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco, going to City Council on Tuesday, June 29.

Sincerely, Catherine Wilson

# Fw: I support Mayor Liccardo's Proposal on Reducing Gun Harm

City Clerk < Mon 6/28/2021 5:45 PM To: Agendadesk <

From: Sohn, Joe <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 5:20 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Fwd: I support Mayor Liccardo's Proposal on Reducing Gun Harm

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From: Sohn, Joe <

Date: Mon, Jun 28, 2021 at 5:13 PM

Subject: I support Mayor Liccardo's Proposal on Reducing Gun Harm

Cc: Erik Swanson <

### Hello Mayor Liccardo

Thank you so much for your effort to reduce firearms violence in San Jose.

I became aware of your proposal through pastor Erik Swanson.

Firearms liability insurance plan that encourages safe behavior makes sense.

I have never written emails to you or the city council, but I felt that I needed to raise my voice in support.

Thank you and the city council for taking actions against firearms violence.

Yo Sup Sohn

Pastor



Fw: Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk <

Mon 6/28/2021 5:45 PM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Jen <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 5:30 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Jennifer Burton and I'm writing as a volunteer with the San Jose chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco, going to City Council on Tuesday, June 29.

As I'm sure you know, in 2018, California taxpayers absorbed \$1.4 BILLION in gun violence-related costs. It's time to ask gun owners to shoulder more of the burden of these costs, so that important community safety programs that actually REDUCE gun violence can be funded. I am excited about the opportunity for San Jose to model this platform for other communities all across the U.S.

Thank you so much for your service and your consideration. Sincerely, Jennifer Burton

Fw: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk < Mon 6/28/2021 6:24 PM

To: Agendadesk <

From: Harvey Bresler <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 6:22 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

Hi, my name is Harvey Bresler. I am writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco, going to City Council on Tuesday, June 29. I greatly appreciate your efforts in championing legislation to support gun control measures.

Best, Harvey

# Fw: Gun tax

City Clerk <

Tue 6/29/2021 8:20 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Dave Luke <

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 7:58 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Gun tax

[External Email]

For too long politicians have sworn an oath to protect the constitution and have done anything but abide by that oath. I strongly urge all city council members to vote NO on any and all laws that go against the constitution of the United States of America. "Shall Not be infringed" Is pretty clear.

Sent from my iPhone

# Fw: agenda item 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk <

Tue 6/29/2021 8:21 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Annette Ladowitz <

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 2:47 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: agenda item 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Hello. My name is Annette Ladowitz. I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action urging you to vote in support of the Gun Harm Reduction ordinance on June 29, Thank you

# Fw: Please oppose Item 4.1 on 6/29 Agenda

City Clerk <

Tue 6/29/2021 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Dave Truslow

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:33 PM

To: District 10 < City Clerk <

Subject: Please oppose Item 4.1 on 6/29 Agenda

[External Email]

Members of the Council, Attached are just a few reasons to reject Item 4.1. It is fatally flawed. We can and should do a better job of improving public safety using evidenced based solutions. Mayor Liccardo's proposal utterly fails to achieve this.

Do note that Mayor Liccardo initially sought, then rejected input from community members with subject matter expertise to craft workable solutions in 2019. He has failed to do so again. I volunteered and provided guidance on insurance options after Mayor Liccardo's initial 2019 proposal. The offer still stands.

Thank you in advance,

-dave truslow

sources.

# Comments on 6/29/21 San Jose City Council Agenda Item 4.1 Reducing gun Harm and Public Burdens of Gun Violence

Nothing in the proposal offers effectiveness proof points. Nothing requires an assessment through a sunset provision. Nothing provides a glimmer of hope that the measures will make any difference.

Instead, it's an invitation for protracted and costly litigation and community divisiveness.

The proposal fails to include measures proven successful elsewhere. These include:

- Increasing SJPD staffing levels.
- Aggressively pursue and prosecute unlawful possession e.g., San Jose residents in the Armed Prohibited Persons System. It grew by over 10% in the most recent reporting period (CY 2019 v. 2020).
- Construct a city jail to avoid Santa Clara County's sanctuary policies that shield illegals from ICE.
- Implement Project Ceasefire a proven solution to reduce gang violence.
- Aggressively prosecute those guilty of straw purchases and illegal transfers.
- Implement workplace violence training for City of San Jose employees. Astoundingly, the HR department is unable to immediately provide material and the city attorney needs a 2 week extension to provide records.

"Gun violence" does even make the CDC's 'top ten' list of Leading Causes of Death - many of which are avoidable. Of all the critical issues facing San Jose residents, "gun violence" is among the least important. The issue is a convenient distraction from what matters most: Public Safety. Nothing addresses rising crime, poor police response, a low clearance rate, and rampant homeless impacts (fires, theft, and homicides).

Firearms are used in less than 29% of San Jose's violent crime incidents per the latest FBI reports.

- 1. "payment of an annual fee, and (ii) attestation of insurance coverage for unintentional firearm-related death, injury, or property damage." provides no safety benefit. The fee is a tax on an enumerated right. It is virtually the same as an illegal poll tax.
- 2. Such insurance is not available, nor affordable were it offered. Effectively, the proposal attempts to disarm residents by taxation. No insurance carrier offers coverage as detailed in the "social tax" proposal by Mayor Liccardo.

The insurance requirement should correctly be called "unobtanium" coverage.

3. Homeowners policies generally limit un-itemized loss to \$2,500. While a handgun typically costs less, many rifles cost more. Many firearms owners have more than \$2,500 in firearms and supplies. An insurance rider is required for additional coverage, but seeking one often results in failure to renew policies. Effectively, the proposal will result in the mass cancellation of homeowner policies for homeowner that seek coverage.

- 4. Well over 90% of homicides involve handguns. There is no justification for penalizing rifle marksmen and hunters to bear the cost of handgun-related homicides.
- 5. No evidence has been provided that the measure will have any measurable public benefit. Instead, this proposal reduces public safety by at least 11% based on data and reports from the FBI and CDC.
- 6. Mayor Liccardo confesses that the proposed ordinance raises constitutional issues and incurs litigation. San Jose will inevitably face protracted and severe legal costs that the city can ill-afford -yet show no beneficial outcome.
- 7. The income exemption is absurdly low at 125% of the Federal Poverty Threshold i.e., \$16, 100 for 1 person or \$21, 775 for 2 in a household. We provide subsidized meals and housing for those at much higher income levels. Lower income residents are often most at risk.
- 8. CCWs are virtually impossible to obtain from SJPD or the SCC sheriff. The exclusion is meaningless unless SJPD is compelled to "shall issue" CCWs.
- 9. The exemption fails to apply to retired officers and non-sworn personnel that are completing law enforcement or security guard training.
- 10. The "sweetheart" award to the biased Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) organization fails to satisfy the competitive bidding process. PRIE is funded by the anti-2A Brady Everytown organization. Having PRIE conduct a "gun violence" study is comparable to having Stalin research the benefits of democracy.
  - The UC Davis Violence Prevention Center and RAND Corporation don't suffer from the naked bias associated with PIRE.
- 11. The proposal fails to exempt those that have GVRO or restraining orders. The proposal further victimizes our most vulnerable residents: seniors, disabled, racial, and sexual minorities, and women.
- 12. Gun buy-back program are a waste of money as reported by the state supported Violence Prevention Center at UC Davis.
- 13. The proposal fails to address the largest source of crime guns: friends and family. Only 12 were prosecuted by US Attorneys out of over 112,000 straw purchase per the Washington Post. The situation will remain unchanged until authorities are willing to prosecute granny for buying a gun for her thug grandson.
- 14. The proposal fails to address San Jose residents that store firearms elsewhere such as a gun range outside of San Jose. Are those residents expected to pay a "social tax" too?

Fw: SUPPORT Agenda Item 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk < Tue 6/29/2021 8:22 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Mariya Hodge <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:03 PM To: City Clerk <

Subject: SUPPORT Agenda Item 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo and Members of the City Council,

I'm writing as a South Bay resident, a parent, and a volunteer for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I ask you to please support the gun harm reduction ordinance introduced by Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, and Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco.

The gun violence epidemic robs Californians of our safety, our liberty, and our happiness on a daily basis, not to mention the financial toll of the violence. The common-sense measures proposed in the ordinance, including registration and insurance, as well as seeking better means to promote existing measures like GVROs, are reasonable ways to reduce the harm caused by gun violence.

I understand firearm ownership is a right cherished by many Californians. These measures do not take away the ability of law-abiding citizens to safely and responsibly own firearms; they only seek to mitigate potential harm. Our society has long (and successfully) used safety regulations to deal with situations where a dangerous tool has the potential to cause harm. For example, we have many regulations surrounding cars and driving, including licensing supported by written and practical tests, registration, and insurance, among others. These allow us to minimize the harm which can be caused by driving automobiles, while still allowing responsible law-abiding members of society to benefit from using cars. The same type of regulations for firearms are not only reasonable, but necessary to protect the public. I thank the Mayor and City Council for taking bold steps toward this goal.

While I strongly support the proposed measures, I would ask Council to reconsider whether it's necessary to provide an exemption from licensing and insurance requirements for sworn law enforcement professionals. I can certainly understand why an officer's service weapons would be exempt from any requirements, but it seems appropriate that officers should comply with licensing and insurance requirements for any privately-owned weapons they may have (which would presumably not be used in the line of duty).

Thank you again for taking up this issue. I urge the City Council to support the proposed measures.

Sincerely, Mariya Hodge

# Fw: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk <

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From: Yeshwant Dattatreya <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:47 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

My name is Yesh Dattatreya and I am writing as a constituent of District 6 and a concerned parent to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco. We often talk about the right to own guns, but do not focus enough on the responsibility of gun ownership. Shifting the financial burdens of gun harm from taxpayers and victims back to gun owners is the right thing to do. Those of us who own cars and homes pay liability insurance and I see no reason why gun owners should not do the same.

Thank you, Yesh Dattatreya D-6 Resident

Fw: SUBJECT: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

City Clerk <

Tue 6/29/2021 8:23 AM

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Harini Setlur <

Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 9:41 PM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: SUBJECT: SUPPORT Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

Hi, my name is \_Harini Setlur. I am writing as a volunteer with Moms Demand Action to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen and Carrasco, going to City Council on Tuesday, June 29.

Warm regards Harini Setlur Moms demand action for gun sense in America

# Fw: DO NOT SUPPORT item 4.1 - Reducing gun Harm and Public Burdens of Gun Violence

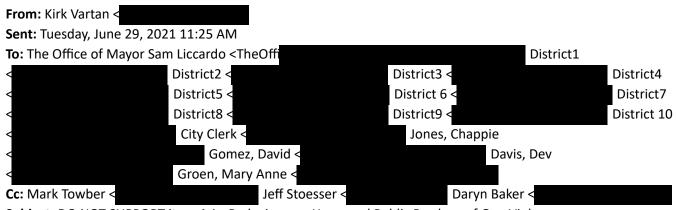
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Subject: DO NOT SUPPORT item 4.1 - Reducing gun Harm and Public Burdens of Gun Violence

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City Clerk, can you please read this into the record at the appropriate time. Thank you.

Dear Mayor and Council,

Please DO NOT support Item 4.1 - Reducing Gun Harm and Public Burdens of Gun Violence. We all want to reduce violence and gun related crimes, but this is not the way to do it. You already passed laws last week that I believe will not affect the change you are seeking, yet you reach out to an audience of likemined control advocates. This is yet another example of that. You are NOT reaching out to members of the community that feel you are making reckless laws that impact their constitutional rights.

I ask that you please stop "doing something" and start engaging people that might not agree with your tactics so that substantive progress can be made. This email is not meant to debate the actions of the

past, it is to stop the current ill-informed action. And to also ask that you be more thoughtful in your actions. I understand your heart is in the right place; it's just the fact you are taking actions without being properly informed.

We all want to achieve the same goal: Reduce gun violence in our community. I continue to offer to work with your, to create meaningful dialog with you, and to ultimately take actions with you that advances our mutual interests.

Mayor Liccardo, I look forward to our gun policy debate with San Jose Spotlight in early August. Maybe that can be the start of the collaborative dialog.

Sincerely,

Kirk Vartan District 6



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# Fw: Item 4.1 on the 6/29/21 Council Agenda

City Clerk < Tue 6/29/2021 9:37 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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How is our service? Please take our short survey.

From: Michele Lew <

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:37 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Item 4.1 on the 6/29/21 Council Agenda

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June 29, 2021

Honorable Sam Liccardo and Members of the City Council City of San José 200 E. Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113

Re: Reducing Gun Harm and the Public Burdens of Gun Violence

Dear Mayor Liccardo and City Council Members:

The Health Trust supports the proposal titled Reducing Gun Harm and the Public Burdens of Gun Violence, Item 4.1 on the City Council agenda for 6/29/21. As a nonprofit operating foundation focused on building health equity in Silicon Valley, we believe that gun violence is a public health concern that demands immediate attention.

In California, 71% of homicides involve the use of a gun, and Black Californians are 10 times more likely to die from gun violence than white Californians. In addition, 85% of all intimate partner gun homicide victims are women. Horrifically, guns are the third leading cause of death for children and teens in the State, more than child and teen deaths by motor vehicle accidents. And while California has more common-sense gun laws than other states, guns do not automatically stop at state borders.

The time has long passed for us to collectively move from thoughts and prayers to action, and we can no longer wait for national change. The mass shooting on May 26, 2021, at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's rail yard, rightfully shocked our community. This tragedy should galvanize us toward thoughtful, common-sense gun reform by using every local regulation available to us. Silicon Valley is known for technological innovation, and we should apply that innovative approach to protecting our community from preventable gun deaths.

We welcome continued collaboration on both this and future initiatives to address gun violence in our community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we might be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Michele Lew Chief Executive Officer The Health Trust

#### Michele Lew

Pronouns: she, her, hers Chief Executive Officer

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Fw: Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

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From: Meg Lord <

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:31 AM

To: City Clerk <

Subject: Agenda item: 4.1 21-1579

[External Email]

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing as a volunteer with San Jose Moms Demand Action to urge you to please vote in support of the gun harm reduction ordinance from May Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmembers Peralez, Cohen, and Carrasco, going to City Council this evening, Tuesday, June 29.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Meg Lord

# Fw: Support for San Jose Proposal on Reducing Gun Harm

City Clerk < Tue 6/29/2021 10:46 AM

To: Agendadesk <

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From: Susie MacLean <

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 10:00 AM To: City Clerk <

Subject: Support for San Jose Proposal on Reducing Gun Harm

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I am writing to support Mayor Liccardo's proposal on Reducing Gun Harm.

My name is Susie MacLean. I am a physician and Board Member of Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE). SAFE is a nonprofit organization of physicians, medical students and other health care professionals dedicated to reducing firearm injury through research, education and evidence based policies. SAFE was founded at Stanford University School of Medicine and now has chapters at 50 medical centers nationwide. Our website is www.standsafe.org

We agree with one of the premises of your proposal. A public health approach with multiple and varied interventions to reduce risk factors is needed to reduce firearm related injury and death.

We support programs that encourage firearm owners to secure firearms in a gun safe, or with a trigger lock, and to take firearm safety training classes periodically. Increasing secure firearm storage will save lives. As you and others have noted, in the US 4.6 million children live in a home where a gun is kept unlocked and loaded and 72% of childhood gun injuries occur at home.

An insurance-based mechanism is used in the auto industry to incentivize safe behavior. No one wants a "point" on their insurance, and if a motorist takes steps to mitigate risk, his or her premiums are lower.

Firearm liability insurance plans have the potential to similarly incentivize safe behavior. Insurers could, for example, offer lower premiums if firearm owners submit photos documenting secure firearm

storage. Likewise, insurers could lower premiums if firearm owners took an approved firearm safety training program periodically.

We think it is critical that any firearm liability insurance program San Jose implements be set up from the beginning to be evaluated and studied for effectiveness in achieving certain outcomes such as improved secure firearm storage rates, improved participation in firearm safety training and, eventually, lower rates of firearm injury. With this approach San Jose's gun harm reduction program could provide a template for future evidence based policies and truly be a model for other cities to follow.

Sincerely,

Susie MacLean, M.D. Retired Physician Board Member, Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE)

# Fw: 4.1 21-1579 Reducing Gun Harm, and the Public Burdens of Gun Violence. -STRONGLY OPPOSED

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 6/30/2021 8:24 AM

To: Agendadesk < Agendadesk@sanjoseca.gov>

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From: Marcella Browning

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 6:16 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: 4.1 21-1579 Reducing Gun Harm, and the Public Burdens of Gun Violence. - STRONGLY OPPOSED

[External Email]

Dear Mayor Liccardo, and council members,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE GUN CONTROL! Many intrusive, domineering men have been stopped while attempting to harm innocent, by intervening armed citizens. This conclusion is from life-long first hand experience, events I have witnessed which were never reported to police, and news reports. My personal experience and witnessed events have mostly occurred in the City of San Jose.

Our police have never been able to physically protect ALL victims of violence. This year, people have attempted to break into my home, steal my vehicle, steal parts from my vehicle, and mail from the strongest locked metal mail box I could purchase - an average of 2 - 3 times a week knowing they are being recorded by multiple cameras with the property lit up like a Christmas display. Lacking time and patience to report all the attempted crime, knowing: the criminals won't be stopped, and reports devalue real estate values, I only call the police when scared of bodily harm.

Regarding mass shootings, determined attackers can replace guns with explosives, vehicles to drive over crowds... Historically, America has been heavily armed. When my parents grew up, EVERYBODY in their towns and later all their associates in big cities, had at least one loaded gun near their front door. People often kept several loaded guns throughout their homes and children knew not to touch them.

Based on research, mass shootings are relatively new. I am hopeful the effective solution to eradicate, irrational shootings lies in social differences between the pre- and post- Vietnam eras. I believe the solutions will prove to be investments in people from young ages coupled. fair application of existing laws - especially anti-discrimination against women labor laws, and the return of stable living wage jobs, coupled with accountability of society's leaders.

I appreciate protection from the public. Thus, I want gun owners to be able to afford to practice shooting at gun ranges to advance their shooting skills and knowledge. Every range I have visited had off duty police officers running their operations who proactively educated the clientele.

As you consider gun control, bear in mind criminals don't respect the law - LOL. Disarming the respectful, responsible, hard working citizens who built our community merely makes us more vulnerable. The number of impoverished people and the depth of poverty is unprecedented in our community. As a direct result fraud, attempts to rob people, is also off the charts, in a city and state that maintain laws which promote crime, and fail to apply laws fairly.

Sincerely. Marcella Browning

# Fw: Thank You, Suggestion from City Council Meeting June 29 (VTA, Berryessa Flea Market)

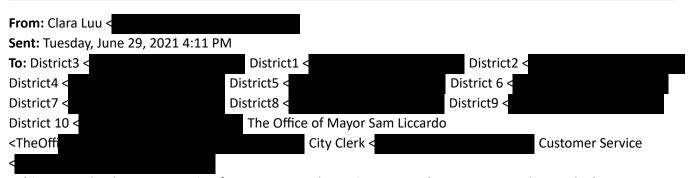


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Subject: Re: Thank You, Suggestion from City Council Meeting June 29 (VTA, Berryessa Flea Market)

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At 4:09 pm, I very much appreciate Councilperson Sylvia Arenas' comments about access to these important meetings through community centers, etc and in Councilperson's words, the opportunity to "take the show on the road" and engage the community. Thank you, Sylvia.

wrote: On Tue, Jun 29, 2021 at 4:03 PM Clara Luu < Dear City Staff,

This is not my first time joining into q virtual City Council meeting this year, but I happened to notice this today, and wanted to share my suggestion for webinar-style city council meetings in the pandemic era and beyond, from my perspective as a webinar attendee interested in the issues at hand.

From this perspective of an attendee, it is very helpful:

 when a Councilperson (or other relevant party) is speaking, their video is visible to accompany whenever possible, if they do happen to be connecting to the Zoom Webinar by app (not just

connected by phone audio, for example). Not sure what can be done on the backend to support this, I know it is complex.

- I first Zoomed in from my Zoom mobile app, and did not enjoy that experience because I was not able to keep up with the voices and faces so I switched to my laptop for a fuller view.
- Additional observation: I Zoomed in from my laptop, and noticed a distinction between the fully expanded Zoom webinar view and the thumbnail view setting, please see attached.

I hope in future webinars, that is something that can be implemented to support a citizen joining in and understanding the meeting progress. I have run some webinars myself so I appreciate the challenge of these large public-facing virtual gatherings.

- For example, Councilperson Maya Esparza or David Cohen would withdraw the video when not speaking, but appear when speaking. That helps a viewer like me guite a bit to understand the meeting's happenings and the conversation, matching a visual to a voice speaking.
- At 3:28 pm, Councilperson Magdalena Carrasco is speaking and upon minimizing my Zoom to show thumbnail, it shows the biography photo, yet when I expand to view the entire webinar, it is just a small box at the top with the title of the name speaking.
- Councilperson Raul Peralez was not visible prior to 3:31 pm, but was visible while speaking at 3:31 pm, and I appreciated the video being present for the latter.

Thank very much for all your work on these big issues for our city. It would be nice to receive acknowledgement of this comment.

Yours,

Clara Luu, District 9 Resident, lifelong San Jose resident

PS. I do appreciate Tessa Woodmansee kicking off advocating for the continuation of virtual/hybrid meetings in the spirit of inclusivity and demoractic ideas, around 3:38 pm and some more voices following including Paul Soto and Ingrid Granados, and several phone numbers.

Although it is certainly different to run virtual/hybrid meetings, there are safety concerns for many in the community and virtual/hybrid options allow for more participation from the community at large, including from underrepresented populations including including the ability for children to participate to listen and learn (Sofia/Veronica mother and child pair at 3:43 pm), the medically vulnerable and their caretakers, those who work in jobs where we cannot join in-person, lengthy meetings, due to the work schedule, etc. I did not even realize how important this is for working mothers until this meeting.

It would be so wonderful to continue this increase of ability for more people to participate and get their voices in, so that the City Council can hear from folks more proactively than reactively. I think this is great, Thanks so much all. -Clara

# Fw: Input on Items 10.3 & 10.4 of the 6/22 City Council Agenda

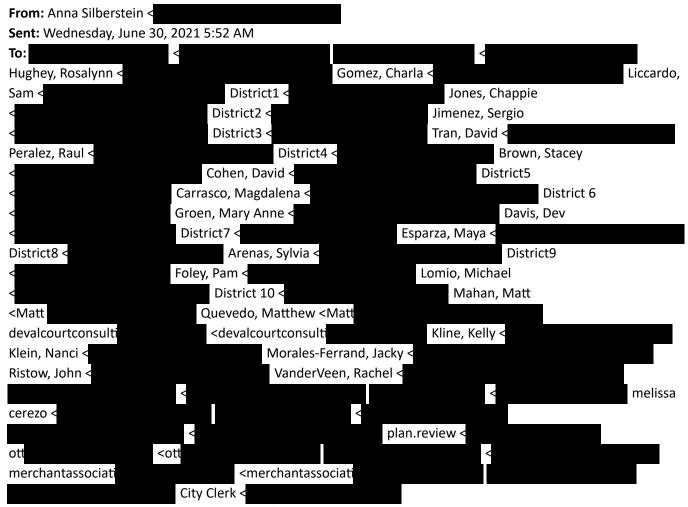
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Subject: Input on Items 10.3 & 10.4 of the 6/22 City Council Agenda

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Dear City Council,

I urge you to ensure the redevelopment of the Berryessa Flea Market, a key part of the San Jose community, is as inclusive and vibrant as possible.

As you deliberate on this issue, I'd ask you to consider the points below. In fact, please incorporate them into your motions as conditions of approval before you vote.

- 1. Enable negotiations with the vendors to build to an agreement: Defer this vote until a true agreement can be reached between the vendors association, property owners & City officials. Right now, they're in the middle of negotiations. Give them time to complete them. Ensure the vendors are always included at the negotiation table. While I want to see this development with new homes, commercial space, and parks move forward, the process must involve the vendors.
- 2. On the market itself:
- a) Affordable stalls: I'm glad the development last month added a 5-acre urban market. Yet will it be affordable to the existing 450 vendors? To prevent displacement, the new stalls must be affordable to existing vendors. Right now, there are no guarantees they would be.
- b) Enough stalls: To ensure all existing vendors can sell at the new market, I'd like to see a multi-level market on the BART Plaza site and a plan to close residential streets for additional vendors on weekends studied. If all 430+ vendors can't fit on-site, a replacement site in San Jose needs to be secured.
- c) No disruption to businesses: While the current offer from the landowners of \$4,400 per vendor is a step towards helping vendors, this is nowhere near enough for businesses that may be displaced or interrupted for months or years. Accommodations should be made during construction to ensure the vendors can maintain places to sell.
- 3. On the number of homes & building heights:
- a) The Berryessa Urban Village is one of the best areas in San Jose for creating a vibrant neighborhood of offices, shops, homes & green space next to a major transit hub. This rare opportunity means we need to maximize the number of people who live, work, and visit the area. Let's make it as easy as possible to achieve that.
- b) That's why I'd like the building heights raised throughout the Urban Village. In areas west of the BART Station (where no one currently lives), buildings heights up to FAA regulations should be allowed.

Let's make this development a quadruple win - for the vendors, the landowners, the City & our broad community!

As you look to approve this development, please ensure the Flea Market vendors are not displaced, and this critical part of our community is maintained.

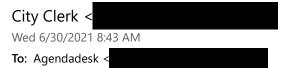
Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Anna

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# Fw: Please no further delay of item 10.4



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Dear city council,

Please no further delay of item 10.4

Approve the Berryessa BART transit village project now, so our neighborhood parks and creek trails will be completed and more options for restaurants and shopping in our neighborhood.

**Thanks** 

# Fw: Need Berryessa BART Transit Village Project to be APPROVED

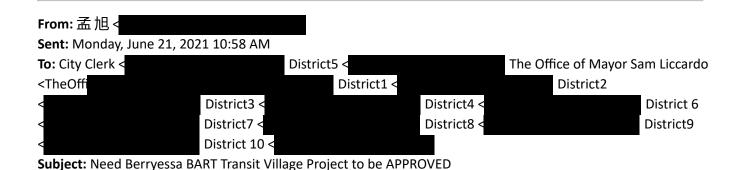


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To whom it may concern,

Our Berryessa crossing neighborhood does not have any parks for children to play, which was promised to be built 6+ years ago! I'm seeing kids play on driveway, which is dangerous for them, because there's NOT A good playground for them to use in this large neighborhood.

Thus, please don't push item 10.4 anymore, we need you guys approve the Berryessa BART Transit Village Project ASAP! A better living environment with restaurants & shopping is much needed. Most important, all kids deserve a good & safe playground, to develop their better health, strength, immune system.

Thanks, Eleven Meng

# Fw: We need the Berryessa BART transit collage project

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From: 南睿 <
<b>Sent:</b> Friday, June 18, 2021 7:23 PM
To: City Clerk <
Subject: We need the Berryessa BART transit collage project
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Hi,

Please approve the Berryessa BART Transit village project now, so neighborhood parks and creek trails will be completed and more options for restaurants and shopping in our neighborhood.

Thanks,

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# Fw: San Jose proposed gun ordinance.

City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Wed 6/30/2021 1:00 PM

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From: Wallace Gardner

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 12:49 PM To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov> **Subject:** San Jose proposed gun ordinance.

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San Jose City Clerk. Please forward this to all members of the City Council and the Rules Committee.

I am worried about the following practical problems if this measure is adapted.

Law abiding gun owners who aren't following the City Council. They may fail to pay San Jose's proposed tax on firearms ownership because they don't know about it. To fix this the City Council should send a postcard to every mailing address in San Jose. That will alert residents and people who work here and live elsewhere.

The postcard should also explain the need to have a City issued document with the firearm certifying they possess insurance and have paid the tax. Actually they will need at least two copies. One copy with any stored firearms and one copy with any firearms they transport for hunting or target shooting. Someone in authority needs to decide whether the citizen makes his own copies or the City has to make certified copies. I don't know how you will notify individuals traveling through the city or using San Jose's International Airport.

This tax is part of a package that is supposed to decrease gun violence. It is really a tax that will affect only the most serious and informed law abiding citizens. The criminal element, bullies, individuals with personalities that lead to domestic violence, the mentally unstable, terrorists, etc. will ignore the ordinance and the tax.

I listened to the Council meeting. Not once did I hear anyone mention the total number of homicides or other violent crimes. That number would put in prospective whether you are actually trying to decrease violent crime or merely trying to require the violence be done quietly with other tools, hammers, knives, etc.. In short are you really going to attack the root causes of violence or just eliminate the noise pollution caused by the discharge of a firearm.

