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Attachments: Safe Alameda Proposal.pdf

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Greetings Alameda City Councilmembers,

Thank you for taking time to consider gun safety initiatives and legislation in Alameda at the upcoming City Council meeting on 11/19. Safe Alameda, a group of Alameda residents, was formed this year in response to both everyday gun violence and the increased rate of mass shootings in our country. The news this morning of the shooting in Santa Clarita is the 366th mass shooting in 2019 so far. Alameda is not immune to having this happen in our own community.

Please see the attached document with the legislation we are supporting and a proposal for education and safety measures we would like to see in Alameda. We have many people interested in attending the upcoming City Council meeting, including parents of young children. We ask that you move this discussion to the beginning of the agenda for this reason. Thank you for your consideration. Our group looks forward to working with you on this issue.

Thank you,
Kelley Cope



SAFEALAMEDA
Alamedans for Gun Safety

Mission Statement:

Safe Alameda is a grassroots movement of concerned and committed residents taking action to eliminate gun violence in our community. Our children and fellow Alamedans deserve to be safe at school work, home and in our community. Because gun ownership requires responsibility, Safe Alameda partners with organizations to educate our neighbors on how they can protect themselves

and their loved ones from gun-related injuries and death. We work with local officials to enact effective gun regulations to prevent gun violence, including accidents and suicides. Please join us.



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To: Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, City of Alameda Mayor
John Knox White, City of Alameda Vice Mayor
Tony Daysog, City of Alameda Councilmember
Jim Oddie, City of Alameda Councilmember
Malia Vela, City of Alameda Councilmember

From: Safe Alameda

Subject: Gun Safety in Alameda

Thank you for taking time to consider gun safety initiatives and legislation in Alameda. Safe Alameda, a group of Alameda residents, was formed this year in response to both everyday gun violence and the increased rate of mass shootings in our country. We are fortunate to live in a city that has a low gun violence rate, however, we are not immune from gun violence, suicide, accidental discharge of a firearm or a mass shooting. Safe Alameda is working to reduce our city's risk of both rare and common occurrences of gun violence. We would like you to join us in this effort.

In Alameda between 2009 and 2018, the following police reports were made:

- 1) 10 murders involving firearms
- 2) 12 attempted murders involving firearms
- 3) 282 robberies involving firearms
- 4) 33 shootings at buildings
- 5) 11 suicides involving a firearm
- 6) 220 firearms lost or stolen

Safe Alameda's goals are simple:

- 1) Reduce the number of gun thefts and losses in Alameda by 30% by 2025**
- 2) Reduce the number of armed robberies by 10% by 2025**

We are asking you to consider passing the following ordinances and funding the following educational efforts and security measures in order to support these goals.

Legislative Recommendations

Firearms dealers:

- 1) Require firearms dealers to carry liability insurance
- 2) Prohibit firearm dealers from being located in residential areas
- 3) Prohibit firearm dealers from operating within 1,000 ft of schools, playgrounds, parks, beaches or establishments that serve or sell alcohol
- 4) Require dealers to report their inventory periodically
- 5) Require dealers to videotape sales
- 6) Require dealers to post additional notices about local laws, the dangers of keeping guns in the home, local counseling and suicide prevention resources
- 7) Prohibit minors and prohibited persons from entering places where firearms are sold
- 8) Require regular inspections of gun dealer premises to ensure compliance with all laws
- 9) Tax on gun and ammunition sales to fund gun violence prevention education
- 10) Fee on sales to fund police activity and checks related to gun ownership in Alameda

Reducing the potential for violence in public:

- 1) Prohibit the carrying of guns at protests and demonstrations
- 2) Prohibit carrying more than one magazine with a maximum capacity of ten rounds in public
- 3) Regulate or prohibit the possession of firearms and/or ammunition on certain types of public property, such as in parks, recreation areas, and municipal buildings

Responsible ownership and storage:

- 1) Require gun owners to carry liability insurance
- 2) Require that individuals possess (rather than own) a firearm safety certificate
- 3) Require a regular safety maintenance check-up including trigger lock functionality for each firearm
- 4) Require that firearms are properly secured and have ammunition locked in a separate storage container at home and in vehicles

Funding for Yearly Community Education:

For the entire community (all residents and workers within city limits):

- 1) Safe storage of firearms to prevent theft, homicide, suicide and accidental deaths
- 2) Recognizing risk factors and warning signs of violence and suicide
- 3) Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs) and who to contact for concerns about someone who may be at risk to self or others
- 4) Current gun laws

Additional education for parents of children who attend preschool through grade 12 in Alameda:

- 1) Safe storage and parent/guardian's legal obligation to secure their firearms safely
- 2) Risks posed by unsecured guns
- 3) Recognizing youth risk factors and warning signs of violence and suicide, how to respond appropriately and seek professional help

Additional education for mental health and medical professionals:

- 1) How and when to conduct lethal means safety counseling

Implement Basic Security Upgrades in Municipal Buildings and Schools

- 1) Implement access control measures to keep shooters out of municipal buildings and schools
- 2) Install internal locks on all doors. This enables workers and teachers to lock doors from the inside, which can deter active shooters who enter the building in order to protect potential victims and allow law enforcement time to intervene