

Gun Violence City Council November 19, 2019

Statement: Alameda Progressives- Presented by Cheri Johansen

The Alameda Progressives are in support the proposals to decrease gun violence in Alameda. In addition, we believe there is wide support in the Community.

In 2018 the Alameda Progressives were asked by The Rev. Stephen McHale, Christ Episcopal Church in Alameda. To join their effort to ask Big 5 Sports: "To remove all assault-style, tactical-style (pistol grip) and semi-automatic weapons from your stores in our community."

The Alameda Progressives hosted a Rally and Protest in March of 2018. More than 500 people showed up for a "March for Our Lives" vigil on Saturday, March 24, at Park Street and Santa Clara Avenue which marched to Big 5 in the Southshore Shopping Center. Alamedans were showing their support for the children and expressing their wishes to see an end to gun violence in schools as well as to implore Big 5 to remove weapons.

Two students addressed the crowd about their fears of going to school and being shot The Students from the Alameda High Schools had joined the National Walkout to protest school violence. They staged a walkout the previous Wednesday. Students in Alameda joined students across the country to walk out of their classes for 17 minutes, one minute to honor each of the 17 people killed by a gunman in Florida.

In fact, this was the largest crowd, with many families, children, and students participating, of any Alameda Progressives' sponsored rallies. It demonstrates the Communities commitment to sensible gun regulations. We applaud the Mayor, Council and staff for the proposals to protect our Community.

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