

**From:** [Marni Weinstock](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT 8.1 Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles. (  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 5:18:06 PM

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My name is Marni Weinstock. I am a resident of Mountain View and a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

I am writing to you today to urge your SUPPORT of the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View. Let's join our neighboring town in keeping kids safe.

American children are nearly twice as likely to be shot and killed as they are to die by drowning. Yet safety regulations for pools are far more pervasive and restrictive than those for guns. **I shudder to think my 8 yo daughter is safer swimming occasionally at the city pool than attending her elementary school every day.** 80% of school shootings are done by a student or former student of the school, using an **unsecured** firearm obtained from their home or a relative's home.

Thank you.

**From:** [Ellen Wheeler](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** From Ellen Wheeler - SUPPORT 8.1 Requiring safe storage of firearms in residences and vehicles  
**Date:** Friday, February 18, 2022 6:55:10 PM

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Dear Mayor Ramirez and MV City Council Members:

I'm writing to provide public comment to encourage you to vote "yes" on agenda item 8.1 on your Feb. 22 agenda. As you know, this item opens discussion by your council for an ordinance requiring safe storage of firearms in residences and vehicles.

Since I know you are aware of the multiple good reasons for this ordinance I will just share one.

It breaks my heart when I read of children being injured or killed accidentally by firearms that are found in a home. Not only is this tragic for the person harmed, the lifelong sense of blame never goes away.

Requiring safe storage prevents these kinds of tragedies.

Voting in support of this ordinance is something you can do to make a meaningful difference while you are on council.

Thank you for considering my viewpoint.

Sincerely, Ellen Wheeler

██████████ Brookdale Ave., Mountain View 94040

**From:** [Susie MacLean](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT 8.1 Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As a doctor I care deeply about reducing firearm deaths and injuries. I practiced primary care medicine at Kaiser Santa Clara for 30 years. Many of my patients were Mountain View residents. Over the last 35 years I have lived in Mountain View and in the neighboring cities, Sunnyvale and Los Altos. When I retired a few years ago I decided to dedicate all of my volunteer efforts toward reducing gun violence from a public health perspective. I am now on the Board of Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE), a nonprofit organization of physicians and medical students founded at Stanford. We work to improve medical education and research on all aspects of preventing firearm injury and death.

As you have noted in your Council Report Analysis safe firearm storage is associated with reduced risk of firearm theft, firearm suicide, child access with accidental child injury/death and child/teen access with school shootings. Reducing these risks are all important and achievable benefits. Currently only about 35% of California firearm owners store all of their firearms in the safest manner, unloaded and locked. We can and should do better than this. No one wants to lose a loved one to a firearm injury that could have been prevented.

Your ordinance is very well written, including provisions for vehicles as well as residences, and a concrete plan to educate the public about the new law once it passes.

Bravo- I applaud you in advance for moving forward with the Mountain View Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance and I thank you for making our community a safer place to live.

Respectfully,

Susie MacLean, M.D.

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Board Member

Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc. (SAFE)

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**From:** [Vinita Alwyn](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment Regarding The Secure Storage ordinance Agenda Item 8.1  
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Dear City Council Members,

I am a resident of Mountain View and a volunteer with Mom Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I am writing to you today to urge your SUPPORT of the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View (Agenda item **8.1 Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles.**)

Nearly every day in this country one small child unintentionally kills himself or another child after finding an unsecured firearm typically in their home. Every day on average, two teens commit suicide using an unsecured firearm from their home or a relative's home. 80% of school shootings are done by a student or former student of the school, using an unsecured firearm obtained from their home or a relative's home.

As a mother of three young, school-aged children, and having had children whose schools were closed this past year due to threats of harm, this is something that directly impacts us. Parents often hide their guns rather than locking them up, but studies show 70% of children know the location of these hidden guns in their own home and many have even handled them. We have seen a shocking 43% increase in unintentional deaths of small children and a 9% increase in teen suicides. American children are nearly twice as likely to be shot and killed as they are to die by drowning. Yet safety regulations for pools in our area are far more pervasive and restrictive than those for guns.

A Safe Storage ordinance has become more urgent than ever during Covid, given the dramatic rise in gun sales. I've seen the constant lines outside the Bay Area Gun Vault store, around the corner from my neighborhood. There are an estimated 265 million civilian-owned firearms in the United States, and more than one-third of homes contain at least one gun. Having seen those Gun Vault lines all pandemic, I do not doubt that the same is true for our city.

Storing firearms in a securely locked container can prevent guns from being easily stolen in a home robbery. Research shows that keeping guns securely stored does NOT hinder self-protection- a gun can be accessed within seconds- but it DOES prevent unintentional deaths of children and teen suicides, by as much as 85% depending on the type of storage.

Most firearm owners are law abiding and will follow the law if it is simply in place. Many cities and towns near us have already adopted Safe Storage ordinances,

including Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto and Monte Sereno. Hopefully Campbell will follow. Storing firearms unloaded, locked, and separate from ammunition saves lives.

I strongly encourage you to SUPPORT the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View.

Thank you for your time,  
Vinita Alwyn  
Mountain View Resident and Parent

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT 8.1 Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles  
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Dear Mayor Ramirez and Councilmembers,

The Silicon Valley Gun Safety Alliance is a coalition of gun violence prevention activists dedicated to reducing all forms of gun violence in Silicon Valley. Our members include individuals who are also active in the Brady Campaign, Community Interfaith Voice (CIV), Moms Demand Action, PACT, and Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE).

We are in full support of safe storage of firearms as an important step towards preventing violence before it happens. **We ask that you vote in favor of agenda item 8.1, Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles**, at this Tuesday's city council meeting, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you for making gun violence prevention a priority.

On behalf of the Silicon Valley Gun Safety Alliance,

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*Sharon Genkin*, Local advocate for gun safety  
*Erik Swanson*, Community Interfaith Voice, PACT  
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*Susie MacLean*, M.D., Board Member, Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc. (SAFE)  
*Kelly Traver*, M.D., Local advocate for gun safety, Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic, Inc. (SAFE)  
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**From:** [Allan Miller](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** Council Meeting Agenda Item 8.1  
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To: Mountain View City Council

From: Allan Miller

I am a resident of Mountain View since 1982 and I am writing to you today to urge your SUPPORT of the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View. This proposed ordinance is not about any threats to anyone's interpretation of their second amendment rights, but is a common sense requirement to safely store an individual's firearms. Please pass this ordinance!

Sincerely.....Allan Miller

**From:** [Leslie Murdock](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 8.1 - Support Safe Storage of Firearms  
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Honorable Councilmembers,

I am a Mountain View Resident and a member of the Santa Clara County Chapter of Brady United Against Gun Violence. I am writing to you to urge your **SUPPORT of the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles** in Mountain View.

Thank you

Leslie F. Murdock  
Tahoe Terrace, Mountain View

**From:** [Kathy H](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** FEB 22 AGENDA ITEM 8.1 - SAFE STORAGE FOR FIREARMS  
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To the Mountain View City Council  
Please **SUPPORT** the ordinance requiring the **Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View.**

8.1 Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles Introduce an Ordinance of the City of Mountain View Adding Article V to Chapter 21 of the Mountain View City Code Relating to the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in the City of Mountain View, to be read in title only, further reading waived, and set second reading

Kathleen Hall  
Tahoe Terrace, Mountain View

**From:** [Nandini Balakrishna](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 8.1 for Tuesday's (2/22) meeting  
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I'm writing in strong support of an ordinance for safe storage of firearms at home and in vehicles. As a society awash with guns, that's the least we can do and enforce. There are no "self defense" considerations for keeping firearms accessible where they are often used to abuse women or found by children with tragic consequences. Lock 'em up!

Nandini Balakrishna  
Resident of Sunnyvale

**From:** [Katie Povejsil](#)  
**To:** [City Council FORWARD](#)  
**Subject:** In support of Agenda item 8.1 - Safe Storage saves lives!  
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Katie Povejsil

