

From: [Poonam Thadani](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Fwd: Agenda item 8.1
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 5:23:24 PM

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- > I support the requirement of guns and guns to be locked up in homes and vehicles. I live in Palo Alto.
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From: [Gena Mayer](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: please SUPPORT ordinance requiring Safe Storage of Firearms (Agenda item 8.1)
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 7:40:18 PM

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Dear Mountain View City Councilmembers,

I am a resident of Mountain View and urge you to SUPPORT an ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View.

After reviewing these statistics, I am a HUGE supporter of Safe Storage:

- 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.
- Unsecured firearms are easily stolen in home robberies where they then become crime guns for criminals
- A Safe Storage ordinance has become more urgent than ever during Covid, given the dramatic rise in gun sales. We have seen a shocking 43% increase in unintentional deaths of small children and a 9% increase in teen suicides.

Thank you,
Gena Mayer

From: [Robert Bolles](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Agenda item 8.1
Date: Sunday, February 20, 2022 7:58:32 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

I am a resident of Mountain View 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.

The ordinance would provide a new, important layer of safety around firearms that will significantly reduce accidental shootings and suicides.

Thank you.

... Robert C. Bolles
[REDACTED] Lloyd Way
Mountain View, CA 94040

From: [Ken White](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Agenda Item 8.1
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City Council Members regarding **Agenda Item 8.1**

It is rather disheartening to realize that something so sensible and safe would require an ordinance to bring it into action; however that is apparently where society is at this point.

With neighboring communities already having enacted such an ordinance, it would follow suit that Mountain View would as well. By adding to the "safety blanket" perimeter around us, Mountain View should become safer as well, and if that is not in the best interest of the residents of Mountain View, then I'm unclear as to how you would see it differently.

Aside from the violent use of firearms during illegal acts, the little time it would take to acquire a firearm from a safe provides what might be the most important thoughtful and reflective seconds in a person's life when they are considering ending it prematurely.

How many more innocent staff and students must perish at the hand of one of their one simply because of an anger response taken to the extreme? With so many violent influences on screen, television, video games, and in real life, the immaturity of youth and their lack of awareness of the reality actual consequences of such actions could be so easily stopped before it even began.

Will this stop all needless killing? Of course not. However, with approximately 1/3 of the homes in this country containing a firearm, it should prove an additional benefit for the protection of us all.

With an estimated 265,000,000 guns in homes in this country, how totally safe do you feel?

I thank you for your serious consideration of this ordinance and your actions to help Mountain View and the surrounding communities as safe as you can. It is equally important for the citizens and the city to recognize that the City Council understands this and is willing to help keep Mountain View as safe as it can.

Kenneth White
(resident of Mountain View for 41 years)

From: [Kathleen Feigelman](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Support Safe Storage
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 8:11:05 AM

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Hello,

I have been a resident of Mountain View for over 20 years now. I am writing to strongly encourage you to pass the Safe Storage gun bill. We all know there's a very busy gun store in our town, let's make sure all those firearms are stored safely. Stolen guns are used in way too many crimes. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Kathleen Feigelman

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From: [Susan Roy](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Stop Gun Violence
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 10:26:28 AM

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Dear City Council Members!

I am a resident of Mountain View and 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.

Research shows that that keeping guns securing 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 os storage.

Thank you for your advocacy!
Susan (SUzy) Jones Roy OLYMPIC Swimming 1968

From: [Kelly Traver](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Support for 8.1- introduction of safe storage for residences and vehicles
Date: Monday, February 21, 2022 11:43:43 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am in full support of 8.1, requiring safe storage of firearms in residences and vehicles. As you know, California law does not specify what it means to "safely store" firearms and the failure in this has resulted in the needless deaths of young children, teenagers and adults. We need city ordinances like this to better protect its citizens. In California, at least 60% of firearms in homes are not securely stored in locked containers or disabled with trigger locks. At least 80% of school shootings are the result of a student/former student gaining access to unsecured firearms (from their home or a relative's home). One small child dies everyday in the US due to finding an unsecured firearm and two teens kill themselves in the US every day using unsecured firearms found in their home or a relative's home.

I am a physician and have taken care of Mountain View residents for many years. I retired a few years ago and now volunteer with SAFE (health care workers trying to end the gun violence epidemic), Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Thank you in advance for making Mountain View a safer community.

All my best, Kelly Traver, MD

From: [Marcia Adams](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
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Please support & pass the Gun Safety law so that Mountain View follows the same rules as other cities in Santa Clara County to prevent gun deaths from unsecured firearms.

Marcia Adams
Los Altos, CA

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From: [Jen](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: SUPPORT 8.1 Safe Storage Ordinance
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Dear City Council,

As a mom and a long-time resident of the area who spends a great deal of time in Mountain View, I am writing in support of agenda item 8.1, *Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles*.

A recent study conducted by Everytown for Gun Safety found that households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with a 78 percent lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens. We also have data that shows that 4.6 million children live in a home with a firearm that isn't stored properly. I understand that we will not solve the gun violence epidemic with one agenda item -- but this ordinance will get us a step closer.

I am happy to see Mountain View join Los Altos, Sunnyvale, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, and Monte Sereno in taking up the issue of safe firearm storage.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Burton