

From: [Phyllis Stewart Pires](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Support for Safe Storage Ordinance, Agenda Item 8.1 on Feb 22, 2022
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:38:58 PM

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Hello Council Members,

We are residents of Mountain View and are writing to you today to urge your SUPPORT of the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View. Having raised children in the City of Mountain View, this ordinance is important to us because:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Many cities in our county have already adopted Safe Storage ordinances, including Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Saratoga and San Jose. I hope that Mountain View will do the same.

We appreciate your consideration of this important issue.

Best Regards,

Phyllis and Craig Pires

Mountain View residents

From: [Peggy Knudson](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Safe Storage Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 2:58:31 PM

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Dear Members of the Mountain View City Council:

Tonight you will be considering an ordinance requiring the safe storage of firearms in residencies and vehicles. As a trauma surgeon in your area, I strongly recommend that Mountain View join with Palo Alto, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills in passing such an ordinance to help keep our citizens safe. Just yesterday a new scientific article documented the tragic toll on children from firearm injuries during the pandemic, primarily from guns found in homes that were not secured. Similarly, elderly and depressed men and women often turn to guns to end their life during times of severe depression. Both suicides and accidental gun deaths and injuries can be easily prevented by locking away guns and keeping ammunition in a separate locked container. These small measures can save lives immediately. I hope you will strongly support the passage of this ordinance as a measure to improve the health and safety of our community.

With respect.

M. Margaret Knudson MD
Professor of Surgery, UCSF

From: [Rebecca Young](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Please support the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:13:23 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and a resident and voter in Mountain View. I am writing to you today to urge you to support the ordinance requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles in Mountain View.

As a mother of two children in Mountain View schools, I am deeply concerned about the urgent need to prevent school shootings, teen suicides and unintentional shootings of children due to improperly stored or unsecured firearms in the home.

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. And 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.

California Penal Code (25100) does not sufficiently address safe storage of ALL firearms. Please support this ordinance to strengthen gun safety in Mountain View.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

Rebecca Young
Willowgate St, Mountain View 94043

From: [Beverly Crawford](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: Want you to approve Safe Secure Storage of Firearms.
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 3:19:39 PM

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Dear City Council,

As a resident of Mountain View since 1996 I want to encourage you to please pass the Safe and Secure Storage of Firearms by residents of Mountain View. There are too many accidental shootings and way too many firearms in circulation now and there does not have to be one more Accident or misuse of a firearm to be way out of control.

I live in Mountain View and had lived for many years in a duplex I owned on Sylvan Ave. I am now living at Redwood Villa at [REDACTED] Montecito Ave Apt [REDACTED] Mountain View 94043.

As a grandmother and senior citizen I have heard of way too many accidents with firearms. Please pass this law to be in-forced in Mountain View. A concerned Mountain View resident. Beverly Ann Crawford.

Sent from my iPad

From: [robin.willhalm](#)
To: [City Council FORWARD](#)
Subject: SUPPORT 8.1 Introduce an Ordinance Requiring the Safe Storage of Firearms in Residences and Vehicles.
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 4:13:49 PM

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Hello-

i am 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. I spend time in Mountain View and have friends that live there and urging for your SUPPORT

You can help make the difference in keeping our friends and family safe. We can no longer offer prayers when there is a shooting - we have the opportunity to take action NOW .

As of today

- California Penal Code (25100) does not sufficiently address safe storage of ALL firearms.
- California Penal Code (25100) does not define how to safely store a firearm and it doesn't apply to all homes.
- Nearly every day in this country one small child unintentionally kills himself or another child after finding an unsecured firearm typically in their home.
- Many cities and towns up and down California have already adopted Safe Storage ordinances, including Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto and Monte Sereno. I hope that Mountain View will do the same

Regards,
Robin Willhalm