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To whom it may concern,
I am a resident of Mountain View. I also work at a school in Mountain View, the same school my children attend. I am also a member of Moms Demand Action.

Every day, at the back of mind, I am aware that the prevalence of guns in our community increases the likelihood that I or my children could be shot. I drop off my children and am sure to tell them I love them just in case. We do not own a gun because I know that having a gun in our home would significantly increase the risk that a member of my family would be injured or killed by that gun, either accidentally or by suicide.

For decades, the NRA and its allies have systematically prevented us from researching the issue of gun violence as well as potential solutions to the problem of gun violence.

I know, as an American, we lead the world in gun-related deaths. We are told there is nothing we can do except thoughts and prayers but that is a bald-faced lie. If gun deaths were "acts of God" then every place in the world would see the same rates of gun violence but they do not. They do not because other countries have common-sense gun safety laws in place to prevent those who should not have access to guns from gaining access to them.

Please use the tools that you have as a city council to ensure the safety of our community, including the tools of common sense gun safety laws and regulations.

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