



## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item #10: Sept. 14  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 2:13:21 PM

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I am writing as a longtime resident of Los Altos to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock. 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 Los Altos join Sunnyvale, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto, and Monte Sereno in taking up the issue of safe firearm storage.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Burton

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Vote Yes on Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 1:10:20 PM

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Dear Mayor Flgor, Vice Mayor Enander, and Councilmember Meadows, Weingberg, and Lee Eng,

I urge you to follow the recommendation of City Staff to approve the Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance for the City of Los Altos. The statistic of an 85% lower risk of unintentional firearm injury or death of children and teens speaks for itself.

Thank you,

Tanya Maluf

"History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again." - from Maya Angelou's poem, *On the Pulse of Morning*.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Storage Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:18:07 AM

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Yes, we need Safe Storage for firearms.

Elizabeth Latta  
373 Pine Lane  
Los Altos, Ca

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14.  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:11:19 AM

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Dear Gentlepeople,

Thank you Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock.

I am a resident of the Country Club area and am sharing my support for Item 10.

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.

Data also 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 ordinance -- but this ordinance will get us a step closer.

Sincerely,  
John "Johnny" Alexander  
1594 Frontero Ave  
Los Altos, CA 94024

[Johnny Alexander](#)  
Mobile [REDACTED]  
["Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." - Mark Twain](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 10 - Sept 14, 2021  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 11:07:45 AM

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I'm writing to express my support for Agenda Item 10. Although I'm not aware of any recent gun-related incidents in Los Altos, I believe that requiring firearms to be stored in a locked container or be disabled with a trigger lock are common sense options to ensure the safety of both children and adults. These are simple and non-onerous requirements. With the increased number of firearm purchases in Santa Clara County over the past 2+ years, it's only logical to take steps to minimize the possibility of accidental deaths due to the mishandling of firearms. Guns do kill people, and unsecured firearms increase the likelihood of deaths, particularly among children.

Thanks for listening!

- Mike Hacker -  
1535 Wessex Avenue  
Los Altos, CA 94024

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Cindy Sidaris](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 10:51:36 AM

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I am writing as a resident and constituent to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock.

I want my city to join other local cities to enact an effective safe storage law. Local cities that have already enacted such laws include Los Altos Hills, Monte Sereno, Palo Alto, San Jose, Redwood City, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara County (see <https://giffords.org/lawcenter/report/communities-on-the-move-local-gun-safety-legislation-in-california/> ).

Some may argue this ordinance is not necessary. I strongly disagree - we must start taking steps NOW to reduce deaths and serious injuries caused by people using guns. We can't wait until someone dies from gun violence because of an easily accessed and unsecured gun in Los Altos.

Please support the review and ultimate approval of this new ordinance.

Cindy Sidaris,  
Los Altos resident

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 13, 2021 9:31 AM  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14.

I am writing as a constituent to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock. 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 ordinance -- but this ordinance will get us a step closer.

Thank you,  
Yasmin Datta



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 9:25:34 AM

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I am writing as a constituent to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock. 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 ordinance -- but this ordinance will get us a step closer.

Thank you,  
Jan Russo  
1084 Parma Way

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**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 9:11:34 AM

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Hello,

I am writing as a constituent to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock. A recent study conducted by Everytown for Gun Safety found that households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with a markedly lower risk (78 percent) 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 several 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 ordinance -- but this ordinance will get us a step closer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Katrina Philip & Didier Moretti

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Traver](#)  
**Subject:** Safe Storage of Fire Arms  
**Date:** Sunday, September 12, 2021 5:21:02 PM

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Dear Members of the Los Altos City Council:

I am writing to you in hope that you will strongly consider adopting a safe storage of firearms ordinance in Los Altos. I am not only a resident of Los Alto, but also a trauma surgeon caring for victims of firearm injuries on a daily basis. Sadly many of these wounds are self-inflicted by depressed adolescents and elderly patients who have guns in the home and are mentally impaired. Perhaps the most tragic are children who unknowingly pick up a loaded firearm and injure another child. These injuries and deaths are completely preventable by:

1. Storing unloaded firearms in a locked cabinet
2. Storing ammunition in a separate, locked cabinet.

Thank you in advance for considering this life-saving ordinance.

With respect

Peggy Knudson MD