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To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: AGENDA ITEM 10 - Sept 14, 2021
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 2:07:37 PM

Please Pass the Safe Storage Act for Los Altos.

Having worked as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for many years, I have seen the effects of NOT having firearms stored safely. The grief from losing a child from something preventable, is long lasting and deep. Did you always ask a family if they safely stored their firearms before letting your child go play at their home? Imagine your child shot by what another child thought was a toy when they went to play at a neighbor's house.

Or ...you know your teen is going through another mood swing. but all kids have mood swings, but you are called at work because your son was found with a gunshot wound.. and are in ICU These can be fatal as well as cause long lasting problems physically as well as mentally.

This is important legislation. it is not taking away anyone's guns ... just storing them safely. Please protect our children and families and pass the Safe Storage Act. Thank you

Jane Holt

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Subject: I support Safe Storage bill for guns!
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 1:10:01 PM

Hope you do, too!
Judy William

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 10 - 9/14/21
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:14:02 PM

Hello,

I am writing in support of the proposed Firearm Safe Storage ordinance in Los Altos. This ordinance is backed by research that shows that locking firearms can prevent needless gun deaths. There are too many examples of gun deaths in our surrounding communities that could have been prevented had guns been kept under lock and key. We do not need a gun tragedy in Los Altos to happen for us to take smart legal action - we can take preventative actions now. This ordinance in no way infringes on the right to bear arms, as some might argue. I wholeheartedly support this ordinance and hope that City Council will too.

Thank you,

Renee Rashid

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #10 Sept 14
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 12:05:15 PM

I am writing as a constituent, and a physician, to encourage the Los Altos City Council to take the important step of ensuring all firearms in our community are stored in a safe or locked with a gun lock.

We know that 4.6 million children live in the US in a home with a firearm that isn't stored properly. Households that lock both firearms and ammunition are associated with a lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and a lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens. We can and will reduce the risk of firearm injury and death in our community by ensuring all firearms are stored in a safe or with a gun lock.

We will not solve the gun violence epidemic with one ordinance, but this ordinance will get us a step closer. Thank you for addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Susie MacLean, M.D.
Los Altos Resident
Board Member, Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE)
www.standsafe.org

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Safe Storage Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 11:23:18 AM

Please pass this important ordinance!

Marcia Adams
189 N. Gordon Way
Los Altos

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Council Meeting on Sept 14.
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:05:56 AM

Dear City Council Members,

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

Brigid Madden
Los Altos Resident

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 10
Date: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:46:57 AM

Dear City Council of Los Altos:

I write in the strongest possible support of the proposed Safe Storage ordinance. The staff recommendation covers all the bases, from suicide prevention through reducing crime guns in the community, from deploring our national epidemic of gun violence to acknowledging the right to use a firearm in defense of one's home.

Because of our broken national politics, it is so important that Los Altos and other municipalities stand up against the unregulated proliferation of guns. Thank you!

Don Veith
Santa Clara County Chapter of Brady United
Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety

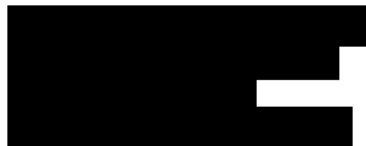
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Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 10:33:28 PM

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Best wishes,
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PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14

Monday, September 13, 2021 8:00:29 PM

Hi,

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Thank you,
Suzy Heltzel

From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14.
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 7:44:47 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council,

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Sincerely,

Gina Estrada

Los Altos Resident since 2004

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT ADENDA ITEM 10 - Sept 14, 21
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 6:14:35 PM

Hello Los Altos City Council,

The Safe Storage ordinance would require Los Altos residents to securely store their firearms in a locked container or be disabled with a trigger lock. It is crucial that this type of legislation get passed and enacted, not just here in Los Altos, but around the country. We can be a model for other communities. Please do this!

Respectfully,

Laurie Richard
Loyola Corners

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 5:53:29 PM

Hello,

As a local resident, I would like to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring that 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% lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85% 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 to stopping preventable deaths and injuries.

Thank you,

David Shapiro

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 5:43:55 PM

Hello,

As a local volunteer with Moms Demand Action, I would like to thank the Los Altos City Council for taking this important step in ensuring that 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% lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85% 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 to stopping preventable deaths and injuries.

Thank you,
Meg Lord

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 10 - September 14th meeting
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:59:19 PM

Dear Los Altos City Council Members,

I would like to express my support for the safe storage ordinance on the agenda for the 9/14 meeting.

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 die of suicide using an unsecured firearm from their home or a relative's home. Unsecured firearms are also easily stolen in home robberies where they then become crime guns for criminals. Finally, 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.

Many cities in the Peninsula have passed Safe Storage ordinances and I urge the city council to add Los Altos to the list.

Regards,

Paola Maciocia

Peninsula Moms Demand Action local group lead

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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM #10 - Sept 14
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 4:28:16 PM

TO: Los Altos City Council members

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Thank you
Maureen Griffin
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Los Altos

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Safe Storage of Weapons
Date: Monday, September 13, 2021 2:48:07 PM

Dear City Council Members,

While we don't perceive guns as a typical Los Altos problem, there do seem to be some residents who claim to have weapons at the ready for defense. No doubt, we also have many hunters in the area.

While clearly defining safe storage may never have a clear impact, the chance to save even one life, especially of a child, makes this code change worthwhile. It would also provide clarity in a case where an individual is found to be a danger to our community or themselves.

Thank you for voting yes.

Best regards,

Tamara Logan

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