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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Please vote yes on Safe Storage
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 1:45:22 PM

Dear Los Altos Council,

I am relieved to see the safe storage ordinance up for a vote Sept 14. I hope this passes unanimously. Several children die every single day in this country unintentionally or by gun suicide because of unsecured firearms. In California, one in four homes have at least one firearm and a shocking 60% of firearm owners do not secure firearms appropriately by keeping them in locked containers. Not only does this result in the above mentioned daily deaths of children but it also contributes to 80% of school shootings (which are typically done by students or former students that have access to unsecured firearms) as well as allowing unsecured firearms to be easily stolen in home robberies where the firearms become guns for criminal violence. The gun violence epidemic in the United States so greatly exceeds all of the other world's high income, developed countries that it is hard to comprehend why we allow this. Safe Storage is a small law to ask for but one that has been shown to NOT prevent self-defense in the unlikely event of a home invasion but it will save young, innocent lives and is at least a step in the right direction. Thank you for considering this.

Best, Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Leah Elkins](#)
Subject: safe firearm storage ordinance YES
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 4:22:56 PM

To Los Altos City Council Mayor and Council Members,

Please support the safe firearm storage ordinance that you have on the agenda for Tuesday, Sept. 14th.

Thank you,

*Karen and Bill Coy
Los Altos School District members
Mountain View residents*

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT AGENDA ITEM 10 ~ 9/14/2021
Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:56:56 PM

Los Altos City Council members,

As a mother of three children, educator and member of Moms Demand Action, I urge you to pass the Safe Storage Ordinance which would require any firearm in a home to be securely stored in a locked container or disabled with a trigger lock. As an educator working in the public school system, I have witnessed first-hand the fear of another school shooting happening at any time. We must avoid the tragic consequences of unsecured firearms falling into the wrong hands.

Nearly every day in this country, a child unintentionally kills themselves or someone else after finding an unsecured firearm in their home. Every day on average, two teens commit suicide using an unsecured gun. Firearms are also easily stolen in home robberies where they eventually become weapons for criminals. Finally, 80% of school shootings are done by a student or former student using an unsecured gun obtained from their home or a relative's home. **The facts are clear: less access to guns means less gun violence!**

Most cities on the peninsula have already passed safe storage ordinances. Please vote YES on this commonsense gun legislation. Thank you for helping keep us all safer!

Sincerely,

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San Carlos, CA