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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 1:11 PM

**To:** goethals@cityofsanmateo.org; Eric Rodriguez <erodriguez@cityofsanmateo.org>; Rick Bonilla <RBonilla@cityofsanmateo.org>; Amourence Lee <alee@cityofsanmateo.org>; Diane Papan <dpapan@cityofsanmateo.org>; Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

**Subject:** Re: Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance --- item #20 Council Meeting Sept. 8

Please pass the Safe Storage of Firearms Ordinance (item #20 on Agenda). Many lives are at risk from unsafe gun storage. The ordinance is a common sense measure that many cities have already adopted and many sensible gunowners and their relatives / co-habitants etc. support.

Thanks very much,! Nancy Gogan

**From:** RJ <>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 9:29 AM  
**To:** Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>  
**Subject:** City Council meeting tonight - Safe storage

Dear San Mateo City Council-

I wanted to thank you for taking up the safe storage ordinance. During this intense time of Covid, there are so many children many of which are unsupervised. The number of unsecured guns in this country is staggering. I feel that this is such a an important issue that should particularly be addressed during this time. We live in such a high stress area of the country and since 2/3 of firearm deaths are suicide, it makes sense to make it harder to for teenagers to have access to guns.

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. Finally, storing firearms in a securely locked container also keeps guns from being easily stolen in a home robbery. Cable locks are given for free with all gun sales in California. There are locked containers for as low as \$35. Additionally, many police departments give out trigger locks for free.

Some of the cities and towns in California that have already adopted a Safe Storage ordinance include *Belmont, Burlingame, Redwood City, Foster City, San Carlos, Portola Valley, Sunnyvale, San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego, and* many others. Many towns that don't have a Safe Storage Ordinance are in the process of discussing.

I am relieved to see that many towns are realizing their capacity to make their residents safer. If we can save just one life with this ordinance, it will be worth it.

Best,

Roberta Jurash

Julia Mendelson >

**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 11:41 AM

**To:** Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>

**Subject:** Safe Storage of Firearms - Sept 8 Meeting

I cannot attend next Tuesday's meeting. Please read my comment out loud when discussing the Safe Storage of Firearms (agenda item #20).

Comment:

Thank you for drafting up a Safe Storage of Firearms ordinance, which I strongly support. Given the rise in gun violence since COVID, this issue is extremely important. I greatly appreciate your leadership in making the city of San Mateo safer.

Julia Mendelson

**From:** Margaret OConnell < >  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 6, 2020 4:47 PM  
**To:** Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>  
**Subject:** safe storage gun ordinance

I wanted to write to thank you for drafting up a Safe Storage of Firearms ordinance which I strongly support. I appreciate your leadership in making the city of San Mateo safer. I believe it is especially important now, during COVID, when people are spending so much more time in there home. There is a greater chance of a person, especially children, to have an accident with a fire arm. I also believe the mental health consequences of COVID are still unknown and safe storage will help prevent suicides as well as accidents and save lives.

Sincerely,  
Margaret OConnell

**From:** kelly stucker < >  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 12:05 AM  
**To:** Clerk <clerk@cityofsanmateo.org>  
**Subject:** Safe Storage of Firearms

My name is Kelly Stucker and I am a San Mateo resident and thank you for drafting up a Safe Storage of Firearms ordinance which I strongly support. I truly appreciate your leadership in making the city of San Mateo safer.

Best,

Kelly Stucker