

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-001**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITIES ASSOCIATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
REAFFIRMING THE ASSOCIATION'S COMMITMENT TO  
COMMUNITYWIDE FIREARM SAFETY**

**WHEREAS**, the cities of Santa Clara County are diverse cities represented by a multitude of cultures, faiths, and beliefs, with a shared desire for a safe community that is free of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Centers for Disease Control data, there are more than 12,700 homicides every year as a result of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, 7 children and teenagers are killed by guns every day in the United States, including unintentional shootings; and

**WHEREAS**, an average of 50 women are shot to death by their partners each month; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately two-thirds of firearm related deaths in the United States are suicides;  
and

**WHEREAS**, recent mass shootings have resulted in a call to action to enact policies and legislation that prevent the senseless loss of life as a result of guns; and

**WHEREAS**, the loss of life due to firearm violence or accidents is tragic and preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, each person is entitled to live a life free from fear of violence or assault in all forms;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California received an A grade in the Giffords Law Center Annual Gun Law Scorecard due to the State's regulations regarding firearms; and

**WHEREAS**, through the right balance of policies and programs, firearm deaths can be reduced.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County does hereby reaffirm its commitment to the safety of the Cities of Santa Clara County residents and expresses its desire to eliminate firearm deaths in the Cities within Santa Clara County. The Board of Directors further encourages and supports sensible, collaborative strategies that seek to prevent firearm violence while maintaining the safety, security, and rights of individuals.

The above and foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board of Directors Meeting held on the 12th day of April 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: 13

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Scharff, Palo Alto)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Waldeck, Los Altos Hills)



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Rod Sinks, President

ATTEST:



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Andi Jordan, Executive Director

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April 12, 2018