

City Council Approves Ordinances Prohibiting Firearms on City Property and Requiring Residential Safe Storage

Monterey Park, Calif. — August 17, 2023 — The Monterey Park City Council, upholding its commitment to fostering a safer community, has passed a series of ordinances aimed at enhancing gun safety and supporting sensible regulations on firearms within the city. This action reflects the Council's commitment to promoting public safety and responsible gun ownership.

At the August 16, 2023 City Council meeting under items 2-A and 2-B, the council members endorsed ordinances prohibiting the presence of firearms on city-owned property and requiring the safe storage of firearms within residences.

Additionally, during the meeting, Monterey Park elected officials unanimously endorsed a pledge that affirms their dedication to taking all legal actions within their authority to help reduce the incidents of gun violence. The pledge acknowledges the balance between preserving the Constitutional rights of responsible citizens to own firearms and the obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.

The pledge, signed by each elected official of the City of Monterey Park, expresses the Council's determination to work toward federal and state solutions aimed at preventing individuals such as criminals, domestic abusers, and those facing mental health or substance abuse crises from accessing firearms. These measures are intended to contribute to a safer environment for all residents.

"We believe that these measures strike a balance between Constitutional rights and our obligation to promote the well-being of our community," remarked Mayor Jose Sanchez. "By advocating for responsible gun ownership and proper storage, we take significant steps towards reducing gun violence."

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