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Subject: March 21st Invitation to Tour OC Fair Gun Show

OC Fair Members of the Board of Directors,

We are representatives of WAVE (Women for American Values and Ethics). WAVE is an Orange County grassroots 1,500 member diverse, nonpartisan organization that engages, educates, and empowers its members and the community to advance progressive American values and ethics. WAVE's Gun Safety Working Action Group was established in response to deepening community concerns about gun safety and the effect of gun violence on our children and in our neighborhoods. We recently met with Michele Richards to understand the process and procedures of OC Fairgrounds operations in relation to the gun show and other events. Since 2018, we have noticed a shift in the types of firearms being sold at the gun shows and our community is very concerned. Michele recommended that we share our observations with the Board and extend an invitation to take a tour of the upcoming gun show.

Please join us on **March 21, 2020 from 12:00-1:00pm** at the OC Fairgrounds Gun Show for an information gathering tour. We will provide a very knowledgeable former law enforcement guide. It is our hope that the tour will be interesting and informative for you, and that as the hosts of the OC Fairgrounds Gun Shows, you will take action to keep our communities safer by implementing more safety and security policies at OC Fairgrounds gun shows.

We recognize that many of you have attended gun shows in the past, however It is our belief that OC Fairgrounds Board Members have a responsibility to visit the gun shows regularly to stay current on the trends in this market for deadly weapons. The trends are disturbing for anyone who cares about the safety of our communities. When we attended the January 2020 OC Fairgrounds gun show, we estimated 80% of the guns for sale were "ghost guns". Ghost guns are homemade weapons devoid of serial numbers or other identifying marks that enable them to be tracked. Unlike regular firearm sales, with ghost gun sales, there are:

- No background checks
- No waiting period
- No age restriction on purchaser
- No limit on number purchased

Many vendors at the January 2020 OC Fairgrounds gun show had all the parts necessary to assemble a gun and only require the purchaser merely to drill a few holes before putting the parts together into a lethal firearm. If you can put Ikea furniture together you can easily assemble a gun. As a result, any person with cash in hand- a teenager, a gang member, a convicted felon barred from possessing firearms, a batterer, a drug addict, a gun trafficker, or a person contemplating suicide- can walk out of the gun show with gun components that can be quickly and easily assembled into a working untraceable firearm. This is a huge selling feature, no background checks and untraceable. As a sign at one gun show booth read " If you build it, they WON'T come". Law enforcement is very concerned about ghost gun sales, as 1/3 of all guns recovered in crimes in CA last year were ghost guns and the numbers are rising rapidly. The shooter at Saugus High School in LA shot five students

with a ghost gun assembled from unregistered parts in November. We are aware that it is currently legal to purchase these parts, but our community should not be facilitating the sale and profiting from ghost guns. The CA State Assembly has already passed bill AB897 that will subject ghost gun sales to the same safeguards as firearm sales, but it does not go into full effect until 2025. This bill will force the entire gun show to evolve — let's move forward now and assist law enforcement to curb the rising spread of these unregulated and deadly ghost guns. We all share a responsibility to understand the evolution of the gun show and take steps now to ensure the continued safety of our community.

We hope you will join us for a tour of the OC Fairgrounds Gun Show on March 21st. Please email me and let me know your availability.

We look forward to meeting you.

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