

Summer Angus

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Subject: Sept 13, 2021 Meeting, Agenda Item 6A & 6B Regarding SB 264 & Gun Shows

Dear Board & CEO,

I am now at a point where I can no longer in good conscience support allowing a gun show at the 32nd DAA.

In March, a heavily armed gunman with a grudge used bicycle locks to chain shut the doors of a nondescript office building on Lincoln Ave in Orange to hunt and kill humans. I have driven by the building for many years and never thought much about it until now. The gunman imposed the death penalty to Matthew Farias, 9, Luis Tovar, Genevieve Raygoza, and Letica Solis Guzman in addition to putting others in the hospital. Matthew died in the arms of a woman who was trying to save him. Matthew's mother, Ismeralda Tamayo, survived. A gun made this possible.

In May, Aiden Leos, 6, was put to death in Orange on the 55 Freeway, a stretch of the freeway I use on a regular basis. Helicopters circled overhead for several hours as law enforcement searched the closed freeway lanes for evidence. I walked by the memorial on the sidewalk of the freeway overpass with banners, flowers, candles, balloons, and toys for several weeks. I avoided the 55 Freeway for several weeks because of the shooting. This was caused by one man with a lack of self control who chose to kill over nothing. A gun made this possible.

In August, Anthony Barajas, 19, and Rylee Goodrich, 18, were on a first date in a Corona movie theater, watching a movie and minding their own business until a thrill killer left the theatre, went to his car, brought his gun into the theater and executed them in the dark of the theatre. The thrill killer fled the scene and attempted to evade law enforcement. I was freaked out with what happened and will never go to a movie theater again. I learned that Anthony went to elementary school with the son of a friend who I have watched grow up. I am beyond words about this senseless thrill killing. A gun made this possible.

It's time to look at the gun show as more than a source of revenue and to acknowledge the negative impacts these events have on society. Requiring the gun show to not sell parts which can be assembled into ghost guns is a solid first step. Not sending a letter to the Governor asking for a veto of SB 264 is also a good first step. I want to believe you will do the right thing for the greater good.

Sincerely,

Reggie Mundekis