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March 2, 2021

Lucy Dilworth, Foreperson,
Marin County Civil Grand Jury
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room #275
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Foreperson Dilworth:

At its regular meeting on March 2, 2021, the Town Council reviewed the report "The Gun Nextdoor: Firearm Safety in Marin County" dated October 30, 2020. The report calls for a response from the Town of Corte Madera to Findings (F1-F6) and Recommendations (R2-R3), which is included as an attachment to this letter.

Should the members of the Grand Jury require any additional information, please contact the Town Manager Todd Cusimano at 415-927-5061 or tcusimano@tcmmail.org.

Sincerely,

Eli Beckman
Mayor

Attachment 1: Town of Corte Madera, Response to Marin Civil Grand Jury Findings & Recommendations

AGENCY RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

Report Title: *The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County*

Report Date: October 30, 2020

Response Date: January 30, 2021

Agency Name: Town of Corte Madera **Agenda Date:** March 2, 2021

Response by: Eli Beckman **Title:** Mayor

FINDINGS (Respond to F1-F6)

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: F1-F6
- I (we) disagree *partially* with the findings numbered: N/A
- I (we) disagree *wholly* with the findings numbered: N/A

(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons therefor.)

RECOMMENDATIONS (Respond to R2-R3)

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered R2 – R3 have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ require further analysis.
(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.
(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 3/2/21 Signed: 

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The Grand Jury report requests that the Town of Corte Madera respond to Findings 1-6 and Recommendations 2-3

FINDINGS:

F1. A comprehensive public awareness campaign that reaches all Marin residents would be effective in reducing the risk from unsafely handled and stored guns.

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera agrees with the finding that a comprehensive public awareness campaign that reaches all Marin residents would be effective in reducing the risk from unsafely handled and stored guns. We will regularly publish information about the public awareness campaign and educational materials in the Town's weekly newsletters, and across all of our social media platforms.

F2. Marin residents should be reminded that firearms stored unsafely increase the potential for accidental injury or death.

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera agrees with the finding that Marin residents should be reminded that firearms stored unsafely increase the potential for accidental injury or death. As stated above, the Town will regularly publish information about the public awareness campaign and educational materials in the Town's weekly newsletters, and across all of our social media platforms.

F3. Firearms that are not stored in a gun safe pose an unacceptable risk of being stolen or used in crime.

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera agrees with the finding that firearms that are not stored in a gun safe pose an unacceptable risk of being stolen or used in crime.

F4. Marin residents should be reminded that a gun in a home increases the risk of suicide for all members of the household.

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera agrees with the finding that Marin residents should be reminded that a gun in a home increases the risk of suicide for all members of the household.

F5. Gun buyback programs reduce the availability of lethal weapons to suicidal individuals, the risk of accidental injury or death, and the possibility that a gun will be stolen.

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera agrees with the finding that gun buyback programs help reduce the availability of lethal weapons to suicidal individuals, the risk of accidental injury or death, and the possibility that a gun will be stolen.

F6. Gun violence restraining orders can play an important role in keeping guns away from those

who should not have them

Agree. The Town of Corte Madera agrees with the finding that gun violence restraining orders can play an important role in keeping guns away from those who should not have them.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

R2. Each town, city, police authority, as well as the sheriff, should, at least annually, beginning in fiscal year 2020–21, send reminders to its residents regarding the need for safe handling and storage of firearms, and this reminder should be posted on official websites and social media platforms.

The Town of Corte Madera agrees with this recommendation and it will be implemented in the future. The Town of Corte Madera will immediately begin coordinating with the Central Marin Police Authority (CMPA), which has already implemented a public outreach campaign. This recommendation will be implemented by the end of March, 2021, if not sooner.

R3. Each town, city, police authority, as well as the sheriff should, within six months of the date of this report, offer free gun locks and publicize a procedure for residents to turn in unwanted weapons. This message should also be posted on official websites and social media platforms

The Town of Corte Madera agrees with this recommendation and it will be implemented in the future. The Town of Corte Madera will immediately begin coordinating with CMPA regarding the program that they have already implemented, and will provide outreach to the public regarding the procedure by which residents may turn in unwanted weapons or obtain free gun safety kits. This recommendation will be implemented by the end of March, 2021, if not sooner.