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January 12, 2021

The Honorable Judge Kelly V. Simmons
Marin County Superior Court
P.O. Box 4988
San Rafael, CA 94913-4988

Dear Judge Simmons:

The Town of San Anselmo has received the Grand Jury Report "The Gun Next Door: Firearm Safety in Marin County" dated October 30, 2020. The Grand Jury has requested a response to Findings F1-F6 and Recommendations R2, R3. The report was reviewed and considered by the San Anselmo Town Council at the January 12, 2021 regular meeting. Enclosed please find the Town's response.

Should the members of the Grand Jury require any additional information, please contact Town Manager David Donery at ddonery@townofsananselmo.org.

Sincerely,



Brian Colbert
Mayor

Enclosure

Cc: Lucy Dilworth, Foreperson

RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT

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

Report Date: October 30, 2020

Agenda Date: January 12, 2021

Response by: Brian Colbert Title: Mayor of San Anselmo

FINDINGS

- Finding number F1: We agree 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.**
- Finding number F2: We agree with the finding that, **Marin residents should be reminded that firearms stored unsafely increase the potential for accidental injury or death.**
- Finding number F3: We agree with the finding that, **Firearms that are not stored in a gun safe pose an unacceptable risk of being stolen or used in a crime.**
- Finding number F4: We agree 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.**
- Finding number F5: We agree with the finding that, **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.**
- Finding number F6: We agree 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

- Recommendation number 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, Central Marin Police Authority will be the lead agency on this item and the Town will coordinated with CMPA for messaging in the 20-21 fiscal year.**
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- Recommendation number 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, Central Marin Police Authority will be the lead agency on this item and the Town will coordinated with CMPA for messaging in the 20-21 fiscal year.**

Date: January 12, 2021

Signed: _____


Brian Colbert

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