



Executive Board Meeting Agenda

Friday, March 4, 2022 | 3:00 PM | Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Executive Board Members

<i>President</i>	Hon. Chappie Jones	City of San José
<i>1st Vice President</i>	Hon. Margaret Abe-Koga	City of Mountain View
<i>2nd Vice President & LAC Chair</i>	Hon. Neysa Fligor	City of Los Altos
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Hon. Rich Constantine	City of Morgan Hill
<i>Past President</i>	Hon. Marico Sayoc	Town of Los Gatos

Ex-Officio Members

<i>SCCMA Representative</i>	Sarah Zarate	City of San José
<i>Acting Executive Director</i>	Joanne Benjamin	

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WELCOME AND ROLL CALL – (Jones, 3:00 PM)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) (3) of Government Code Section 54956.9: (1 potential case – allegations of harassment, discrimination and retaliation)

OPEN SESSION

1. Consent Agenda
1a. Approval of February Executive Board of Directors Meeting Minutes <i>Attachment:</i> Minutes
1b. If available, receive financial management report for the period ending February 28, 2022
2. March Meeting Agendas
2a. Discuss and approve agenda for the March Board of Directors meeting (Jones) Proposed agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agreement with Baird + Driskell + Abrams Community Planning for technical assistance, coordination, and other services for the Santa Clara County Planning Collaborative for the REAP Grant2. Amendment of Agreement with Baird + Driskell to correct not to exceed to \$160,000 and to reflect new name of Baird + Driskell + Abrams3. Board Priority Racial Justice: Presentation on Report/Recommendations on the Hate Prevention and Inclusion Task Force (Supervisor Cindy Chavez)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Board Priority Local Control Items of Interest: Discussion of vaccine, testing, and mask mandates5. Joys and Challenges (to appear at end of Board of Directors Meeting)
2b.	<p>Discuss and approve agenda for the March Legislative Action Committee Meeting (Fligor)</p> <p>Proposed agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Energy and Decarbonization related legislative landscape and issues – SVCE CEO, Girish Balachandran, and SVCE Senior Government Affairs Manager, Bena Chang2. State Assembly Bill 1944 --Brown Act Modernization- Assemblymember Alex Lee (This is an action item; we will ask LAC members to vote on a recommendation to the full Cities Board.)3. The California Legislature: What to expect in 2022? Presentation by Melanie Peron, CalCities
2c.	<p>Consideration of requests for presentations for future agendas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. LifeMoves – Interim supportive housing sites (Joe Simitian interested in presenting) <i>Attachment:</i> Request to present2. Karen Pandula: Secure Storage of Guns – Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety. <i>Attachment:</i> Request to present, Presentation slides
3.	Discussion of Potential Topics for General Membership Meeting, May 12
4.	Santa Clara County City Managers Association (SCCMA) Update (Zarate)
5.	Executive Director Update (Benjamin)

ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to comment on an item on the agenda may do so in the following ways:

1. Email comments to audin@citiesassociation.org
 - Emails will be forwarded to the Executive Board of Directors
 - **IMPORTANT:** identify the Agenda Item number in the subject line of your email. All emails received will be entered into the record for the meeting.

2. Provide oral public comments during the meeting:
 - When the Chair announces the item on which you wish to speak, click the “raise hand” feature in Zoom. Speakers will be notified shortly before they are called to speak.
 - When called to speak, please limit your comments to the time allotted (up to 3 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair).
 - Phone participants:
 - *6 - Toggle mute/unmute
 - *9 - Raise hand

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2022 3:00 PM / Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes in blue / Agenda in black

Meeting recording available [\[HERE\]](#)

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WELCOME AND ROLL CALL – (Jones, 3:00 PM)

Members in attendance: Jones, Abe-Koga, Fligor, Constantine (absent 4:17-4:22pm), Sayoc

Others in attendance:

- Joanne Benjamin, Acting Executive Director
- Gary Baum, Counsel
- Sarah Zarate, SCCCMA Representative
- Audin Leung, Clerk
- Cathy Arias, outside counsel
- Hung Wei, Councilmember, City of Cupertino

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1a.	Approval of January Executive Board of Directors Meeting Minutes										
1b.	Receive financial management report for the period ended January 31, 2022.										
1c.	Approval of invoices to be paid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Environmental Science Associates \$2,270.17 (Dec.) ii. Logan & Powell LLP \$165.00 (Dec.) iii. Kramer Investigations \$1,175 (Oct.) 										
2.	February Meeting Agendas										
	<p>Motion to approve February Board of Directors meeting agenda by Fligor. Seconded by Constantine. Motion adopted 5-0-0-0.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Jones (San Jose)</td> <td>AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abe-Koga (Mountain View)</td> <td>AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fligor (Los Altos)</td> <td>AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Constantine (Morgan Hill)</td> <td>AYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sayoc (Los Gatos)</td> <td>AYE</td> </tr> </table>	Jones (San Jose)	AYE	Abe-Koga (Mountain View)	AYE	Fligor (Los Altos)	AYE	Constantine (Morgan Hill)	AYE	Sayoc (Los Gatos)	AYE
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2a.	<p>Discuss and approve agenda for the January Board of Directors meeting.</p> <p>Proposed agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Informational Overview of “Our Neighborhood Voices Initiative” (Mark Wolfe, Stanford University Urban Studies) – 10 minutes + 10 min for Q&A 2. Presentation on Recommendations of the SCC Task Force on Hate Crimes – 20 minutes 3. “How to be an Effective Board Member” (Erica L. Manuel, Institute for Local Government) – 20 minutes + 10 minutes for Q&A 										
2b.	<p>Discuss and approve agenda for the January Legislative Action Committee meeting.</p> <p>Proposed agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “A Conversation on VTA Government Reform.” Assemblymember Marc Berman 2. How would you amend the Brown Act related to meetings based on lessons learned the last 2 years? - Mike Sharif, State Senator Cortese’s Legislative Director 										

	3. Energy and Decarbonization related legislative landscape and issues – SVCE CEO, Girish Balachandran, and SVCE Senior Government Affairs Manager, Bena Chang
6.	Santa Clara County City Managers Association (SCCMA) Update (Zarate)
7.	Executive Director Update

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Audin Leung

Subject: FW: Request to make a presentation
Date: Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 3:12:11 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Joanne Benjamin
To: Chappie Jones
CC: Raania.Mohsen@sanjoseca.gov
Attachments: Secure Storage Cities Association SCC Presentation.pptx

Chappie,

I received the following request for a presentation to the Cities Association about secure storage of firearms.

I have responded that I would check with you as to whether this presentation is in accordance with the Goals for the organization this year.

Please let me know and I will get back to Karen.

Thank you,
Joanne Benjamin

From: kpandula@comcast.net <kpandula@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 2:40 PM
To: 'andi@citiesassociation.org' <andi@citiesassociation.org>
Subject: Request to make a presentation

Good afternoon Andi,

I would like to make a presentation at a Cities Association meeting about secure storage of firearms. The presentation encourages cities that have not passed a secure storage ordinance to do so, and offers assistance with public education to cities that have. Would you please advise me of the process and which meeting would be appropriate? I've attached the presentation for your review so that you can get a sense of the material.

I would be presenting on behalf of the Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety, a collaboration of gun violence prevention advocates working together to reduce all forms of gun violence in Silicon Valley. Our members live in Santa Clara County and our work has been thus far focused in our county. We would love the opportunity to speak to our cities leaders on this important and lifesaving topic.

Thank you,
Karen Pandula



Secure Storage of Firearms

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Who We Are

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Our Mission

Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety is a coalition of gun violence prevention advocates working together to reduce all forms of gun violence in Silicon Valley.

Our Team

- Brady United Against Gun Violence
- Community Interfaith Voice
- Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
- People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
- Scrubs Addressing the Firearm Epidemic (SAFE)



What is Secure Storage?

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Secure Storage of Firearms

Secure storage means locking guns in a secure place such as a gun safe or using safety devices such as trigger or cable locks.

The most secure way to store firearms, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, is to store them

- unloaded,
- locked,
- and separate from ammunition.

Why is Secure Storage important?

Secure storage of firearms has been shown to reduce

- Suicide
- Stolen weapons
- Accidental shootings
- School shootings



Gun Violence Background Data

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Gun Sales and Gun Violence have Increased

- ❖ A 2018 survey found:
 - 20 million firearms in California
 - 25% of California households own firearms
- ❖ COVID epidemic fueled a 66% surge in gun sales in California in 2020.

Gun Violence Data - State

From “California Household Firearm Storage Practices, 2019”, California Department of Public Health

- 2,954 Californians killed due to a firearm (54% suicide, 42% homicides)
- 2,960 hospitalized
- 4,215 treated at the emergency department with a non-fatal firearm injury

The Cost of Gun Violence – Santa Clara County

Emotional cost

- 88 lives were lost to firearm homicide from 2012-2016
- 164 lives were lost to firearm suicide in 2020
- 100 people were injured by firearms from 2012-2016

Financial Cost

- Firearm injuries in San Jose cost \$442 MILLION annually



How does Secure Storage Help?

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Access to a Firearm Triples the Risk of Suicide

90% of suicide attempts with a gun are lethal whereas only 4% of suicide attempts by other means results in death.

Suicide among youth happened in the decedent's home 65% of the time, with 57% of the firearms owned by a family member.


In Santa Clara County from 2015-2020

- Firearms were the #1 cause of suicide deaths for every age group
- White men ages 45-64 make up the highest number of suicide deaths over any other group
- Suicide death rate of males is 3-4x that of females

Reducing Lethal Means for Suicide

Research indicates that suicide is an impulsive act:

- 1) the interval between deciding to act and attempting suicide can be as short as 5 or 10 minutes
- 2) people tend not to substitute a different method when a highly lethal method is unavailable or difficult to access.

 Research confirms that safely storing firearms reduces suicide risk by putting time and distance between a person at risk and lethal means.

Theft Enables Increased Gun Violence

- Gun owners who do not safely store their firearms are more likely to have their guns stolen.
- Unsecured weapons in homes and vehicles are fueling an epidemic of gun thefts across the country.
- Nationally survey data suggests that approximately 380,000 guns are stolen from individual gun owners each year.
- An analysis of more than 23,000 stolen firearms recovered by police between 2010 and 2016 found that the majority of these weapons were recovered in connection with violent acts such as murder, kidnapping, and armed robbery.

Accidental Death and Injury

Children know where guns are in their home

- In a national study, more than one third of adolescents said they could access a loaded household firearm within 5 minutes.
- Although 70% of parents reported that their adolescent could not independently access a household firearm, more than one-third were contradicted by their child's report.

Unintentional shooting deaths by children increased 30% from 2019 to 2020.

Risks to Children and Schools from Unsecured Firearms

- ❖ 5.4 million children in America live in households where at least one gun is unlocked and loaded.
- ❖ 75 percent of school shooters under age 18 acquired the gun(s) they used from their home or the homes of relatives or friends.
- ❖ Every day in this country,
 - one small child unintentionally shoots him/herself after finding an unsecured firearm in their home, or a friend's or relative's home.
 - two older children, mainly teens, commit suicide using an unsecured firearm from their home or a relative's home.



Secure Storage Solutions

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Public Support for Secure Storage

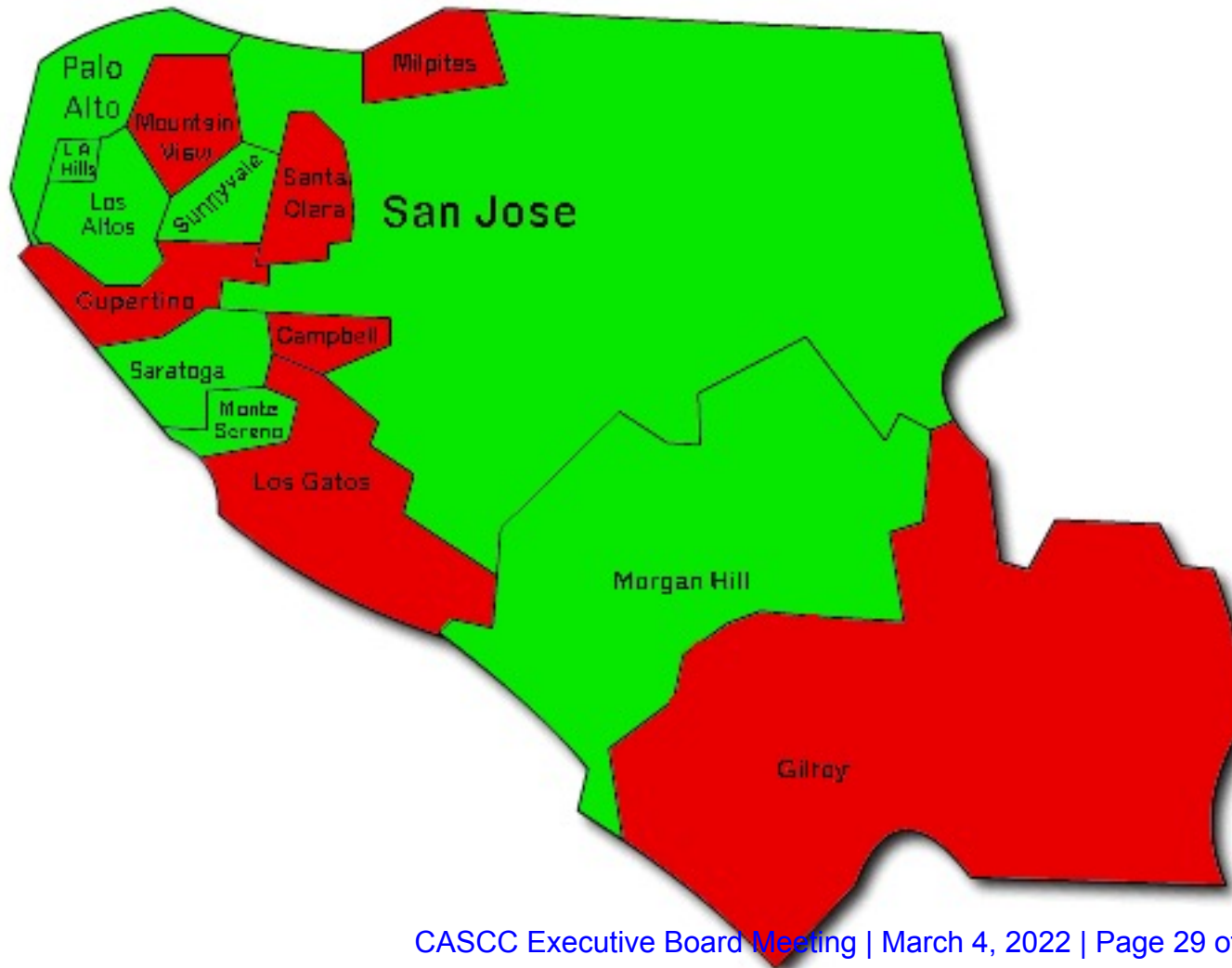
Public awareness of gun violence has increased, and so has public support for secure storage.

Secure storage ordinances are passing with little to no public dissent.

NOW is the time for your city to pass a secure storage ordinance!

Secure Storage Ordinance Map

8 cities out of 15 cities in our county have passed a secure storage ordinance.



Will you join them?

Sample Secure Storage Ordinance Text

County ordinance

Sec. B19-17. - Prohibition on keeping firearms in a residence unless in locked container, disabled with a trigger lock, carried by an authorized user, or in immediate control or possession of an authorized user.



- (a) Except when carried on the person of an individual in accordance with all applicable laws or when in the close proximity and control of a person who is authorized to carry a firearm in accordance with all applicable laws, in the unincorporated area of the County no person shall keep a firearm in any residence unless the firearm is stored in a locked container or the firearm is disabled with a trigger lock. This provision does not apply to the storage or use of a firearm outside of a residence.
- (b) Each day that a firearm is improperly stored shall constitute a separate violation of this Section.
- (c) The first violation of this Section shall be an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.
- (d) All additional violations of this Section beyond the first violation shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.



Our Role

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How Silicon Valley Alliance for Gun Safety can Help

1. Mobilize your constituency to support the ordinance
2. Supportive letters and public comments at council meetings
3. Promote public safety education campaigns
4. Contact us for resources, consultation, and support
 - a) Secure Storage Fact Sheet
 - b) Data from studies
 - c) Presentations
 - d) Connection to legal experts



Summary

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Summary

- ❖ Secure storage saves lives.
- ❖ Reduces the risk of tragedy in our communities:
 - firearm suicides, stolen weapons, accidental shootings, school shootings.
- ❖ Only 35% of California households are storing their firearms in the most secure manner.

We can and must do better.



Thank you

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Cities Association: Life Moves presentation to the Cities Association
Date: Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 3:36:35 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: Zanardi, Kristine
To: Joanne Benjamin
CC: Aubrey Merriman, Alexander, Katherine
Attachments: 092821 BOS Item 20 Life Moves Challenge Grant.pdf, 092821 Item 20 Supp Memo Simitian and Lee.pdf, 101921 Item 19 Attachment A.pdf, 101921 Item 19 Challenge Grant Program Guidelines.pdf, 120721 Item 52 Challenge Grant Funding Sources.pdf

Joanne,

Yes, agreed, it was wonderful to reconnect and touch base yesterday. I look forward to working with you at CASCC.

Thanks as well for the email and the update from your discussion with Chair Joes. I was just about to send you a follow-up email per our discussion yesterday so we are on the same wavelength. Even though the Life Moves Challenge Grant item will be later than March, I think the below/attached is still helpful background for you to have.

As I mentioned yesterday, Joe and Supervisor Lee initiated the idea with a referral on 9/28/2021 which directed staff to develop a NOFA to establish a "Challenge Grant" of up to \$40m to fund the development of up to 16 modular, supportive interim housing sites across the county. The BOS reviewed the program guidelines and eligibility requirements on 10/19/2021; note the official name of the program is "Service-Enriched Shelter Loan Program." The BOS received a report on possible fund sources 12/7/2021, including Administration intent to allocate \$10m at FY22 Mid-Year to support the program and the initial two projects. The next step is for the BOS to consider and approve funding allocations for the first two projects (one in Palo Alto and one in San Jose) which is expected at BOS meeting in February. Note, I've attached the legislative files for all of the above should you want to take a deeper dive.

Consistent with above, Joe is working to support Aubrey Merriman and LifeMoves as they work to identify additional partnerships with other cities to advance additional sites in the County. The opportunity to speak at the Cities Association meeting would present an optimal forum to reach all the cities at once. As I said on the phone, when this item is agendized for a CASCC meeting, Joe would also like to attend and be available to answer questions following Aubrey's presentation.

I have copied Aubrey on this email. Also copied is my colleague Katherine Alexander who is the staff lead on these issues.

Many thanks,
Kris

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From: Joanne Benjamin <joanne.benjamin@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2022 2:44 PM
To: Zarnardi, Kristine <Kristine.Zarnardi@BOS.SCCGOV.ORG>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Cities Association: Life Moves presentation to the Cities Association

Hi Kris,

Wonderful talking with you yesterday.

I spoke to the President of CASCC, Chappie Jones yesterday and he told me he has already scheduled a number of presentations for the next couple of agendas. His goal this year is to keep the meetings with only one or two presentations so members will come and not leave before the end of the meeting.

He is aware Supervisor Simitian would like to present and I will let you know as soon as I learn when.

Thank you,
Joanne Benjamin
Acting Executive Director
Cities Association of Santa Clara County