

Ellen Lee Zhou responded to the 2024 Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate questionnaire, the first step in our candidate engagement program.

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Everytown for Gun Safety and Moms Demand Action are committed to creating a movement and culture that is diverse, inclusive, and equitable, and being intentional about the intersectional nature of our work. To that end, candidates who apply for the Gun Sense Candidate distinction should not only be ready to commit to governing with gun safety in mind but must also commit to ensuring that their words and actions promote equity across all communities.

I commit to governing with gun safety in mind and promoting equity across all communities. (REQUIRED)

Addressing Gun Violence in America

Every day, 120 people in the United States are killed with guns and more than 200 are shot and wounded. The gun homicide rate in the U.S. is 26 times higher than that of other high-income countries. Data and research show that common-sense public safety measures can reduce gun violence and save lives.

1) Do you believe that local elected officials have a role to play in addressing gun violence in the United States?

Please select... Yes

Background Checks

Federal law requires that a person pass a background check before buying a gun from a licensed firearm dealer. Since 1994, more than 4 million illegal gun sales have been blocked, including to people convicted of a felony, domestic abusers, and people prohibited due to mental illness. However the federal background check law does not apply if a person buys a gun from an unlicensed seller. This means that criminals can easily buy guns from strangers they meet online or at gun shows, with no background check and no questions asked.

2) Do you support expanding the background checks requirement, to prevent prohibited people from buying guns with no questions asked?

Please select... Yes

Extreme Risk Protection Order

When a person is in crisis, loved ones and law enforcement are often the first to see when a person is showing warning signs of being a danger to themselves or others. Extreme Risk laws, often called “Red Flag” laws, allow them to ask a judge to temporarily remove guns from dangerous situations. If a court finds that a person poses a significant threat to themselves or others, that person is temporarily prohibited from purchasing and possessing guns. Twenty-one states and DC have passed these laws, including sixteen since 2018.

3) Do you support Extreme Risk Protection Orders (a.k.a. Red Flag laws), which can help prevent firearm suicide and mass shootings?

Please select... Yes

Secure Storage

Secure firearm storage can reduce the risks of suicide, unintentional shootings, and school shootings. It is estimated that 4.6 million American children live in households with at least one firearm that is loaded and unsecured. Three-quarters of school shooters acquired their firearm from the home of a parent or close relative. One study found that households that locked both firearms and ammunition were associated with a 78 percent lower risk of self-inflicted firearm injuries and an 85 percent lower risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens.

4) Do you support policies requiring gun owners to store their firearms securely — locked and inaccessible to unauthorized users, including children and prohibited people?

Please select... Yes

Suicide by Gun Nearly six out of ten of all gun deaths in the U.S. are suicides. Gun suicides claim the lives of nearly 25,000 people in America every year--that's an average of 68 deaths a day. But many of these deaths could be prevented if guns were taken out of the equation: access to a gun triples the risk of death by suicide. In addition to enacting legislative solutions like the Extreme Risk Protection Order ("Red Flag" laws) and secure firearm storage requirements, building public awareness about the suicide risks posed by firearm access is crucial to saving lives.

5) Do you support educating the public about the unique role firearms play in America's suicide epidemic?

Please select... Yes

Ghost Guns New products designed to evade gun laws--including widely available kits that easily convert unfinished parts into fully functional firearms and new capability in 3D printing technology--make it easy for prohibited people to make their guns at home. These untraceable "ghost guns" can be assembled in less than an hour and let criminals evade the background check system. Ghost gun recoveries across the U.S. are on the rise and have recently been connected with criminal enterprises, gun trafficking rings, and far-right extremists.

6) Do you support prohibitions on building "ghost guns" at home outside of the background check system?

Please select... Yes

Protecting Victims of Domestic Abuse Women in the U.S. are 28 times more likely to be killed by gun homicide than women in other high-income countries. And when a gun is present in a domestic violence situation, the woman is five times more likely to be killed. Federal law prohibits many domestic abusers from possessing firearms, but states play a primary role in enforcement -- and can pass and enforce their domestic violence laws. Evidence shows these state laws are especially effective at preventing gun violence if they require abusers to turn in their guns once they become prohibited.

7) Do you support legislation that prohibits gun possession by abusers convicted of domestic violence or under final restraining orders, and ensures abusers turn in their guns promptly after becoming prohibited?

Please select... Yes

Funding Community Violence Intervention Community-based violence intervention programs apply a localized approach to address gun violence in neighborhoods with particularly high rates of gun violence. Numerous studies demonstrate that evidence-based intervention and prevention--for example, through street or hospital-based outreach -- can reduce gunshot woundings and deaths in the communities most impacted by gun violence. While there is no uniform formula, community stakeholders can help determine the appropriate amount of funding.

8) Do you support robust public funding in your state for localized violence intervention programs that support people at the highest risk of being shot and killed?

Please select... Yes

Tracing Crime Guns Guns found at crime scenes are often trafficked from states with weaker gun laws. While any comprehensive strategy to fight gun violence starts with strengthening our gun laws, local officials can play a critical role in targeting the illegal supply of firearms. Supporting efforts to trace crime guns from their point of origin and holding traffickers and irresponsible dealers accountable are critical steps that local officials can take.

9) Do you support implementing comprehensive tracing of all crime guns to identify the sources of firearms and identify potential traffickers?

Please select... Yes

Public Carry of Firearms Over the last several years, the gun lobby has gone from statehouse to statehouse seeking to enact “permitless carry,” which would pose a public safety risk by removing the requirement that a person obtains a permit before carrying a hidden, loaded handgun in public. These laws often remove important safety standards, such as denials for people who pose a danger requirements for safety training, and no recent violent acts. Strong permit laws are critically important after the Supreme Court decision in Bruen struck down gold-standard provisions in some states.

10) Do you support state permitting requirements, including firearm safety training, to carry concealed handguns in public?

Please select... Yes

Increasingly in recent years, political extremists have taken advantage of gaps in state law to carry guns openly in public as a means of intimidation. In 2020, anti-government extremists, including the ascendant boogaloo movement and white supremacists, used guns, in particular assault weapons, as tools of intimidation and violence in increasingly open ways. Taking advantage of weak state gun laws, they have brandished weapons at anti-government protests, intimidated peaceful protests for racial justice, and even killed people.

11) Do you support a law prohibiting the open carry of firearms in public?

Please select... No

Police Use of Force and Accountability Police violence is gun violence - 95 percent of deaths of civilians caused by police are with a firearm, and Black people are victims at a disproportionate rate. Police shootings have a corrosive impact on our communities as they foster distrust which makes it harder for law enforcement to keep communities safe. Local leaders must commit to supporting targeted reforms that will help prevent shootings and build trust. These reforms should include a strong legal standard barring the unnecessary use of force and a standard requiring officers to intervene to stop abuse, a commitment to de-escalation and building community partnerships through procedural justice, deploying formal tools to identify misconduct, a thorough and independent review system for use of force incidents, and transparency about the use of force and other policies and

procedures.

12) Do you support police accountability measures that promote de-escalation, promote transparency, and that aim to eliminate unnecessary use of force?

Please select... Yes

Shoot First Laws Shoot First laws, called “Stand Your Ground” by the gun lobby, allow people when outside of their homes to shoot and kill others even if they could safely and easily avoid using deadly force. These laws go well beyond traditional self-defense principles - emboldening vigilante violence and encouraging people to seek out confrontation. They are also associated with increases in firearm homicides.

13) Do you oppose Shoot First laws?

Please select... No

Guns in Schools and Colleges In recent years, the gun lobby has campaigned in statehouses to allow guns in K-12 schools, to arm teachers, and even to force colleges and universities to allow guns onto their campuses. No evidence arming teachers can help deter, mitigate, or intervene to stop active shooters—and on the contrary, guns are more likely to complicate law enforcement response during an incident, and to be accessed by children when not under the teacher’s control. College life is also full of risk factors that make the presence of guns dangerous, with research showing that college students face significant mental health challenges. Arming teachers and forcing guns onto college campuses are broadly opposed by law enforcement, students, and educators.

14) Do you oppose allowing guns in K-12 schools and colleges, outside of law enforcement and security staff?

Please select... Yes

Assault Weapons Assault weapons have been shown to increase the number of people killed and wounded in mass shootings—as they enable shooters to fire more quickly and with more destructive force. Researchers have found that the federal prohibition on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines was associated with a significant decrease in public mass shootings and related casualties.

15) Do you support an assault weapons ban that would bar new civilian purchases of these weapons of war?

Please select... No

Moms Demand Action

Moms Demand Action is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, an organization with nearly ten million supporters. Moms Demand Action is the nation’s largest grassroots volunteer network working to end gun violence and campaigns for new and stronger solutions to lax gun laws and loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families, educates policymakers and parents about the importance of secure firearm storage and works to create a culture of gun safety through partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and influencers. There is a Moms Demand Action chapter in every state of the country and more than 700 local groups across the country.

Students Demand Action

Students Demand Action is the largest grassroots, youth-led gun violence prevention group in the country with more than 550 groups and active volunteers in every state and the District of Columbia. The movement, created by and for teens and young adults, aims to channel the energy and passion of high school and college-aged students into the fight against gun violence. Students Demand Action volunteers organize within their schools and communities to educate their peers, register voters, and demand common-sense solutions to this national public health crisis at the local, state, and federal levels. Students Demand Action is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly ten million supporters and more than 700,000 donors. For

more information or to get involved visit www.studentsdemandaction.org.

Have you been an active participant in a Moms Demand Action Chapter, Students Demand Action Group, or the Everytown Survivor Network?

Please select... No

Survivors of Gun Violence

The Everytown Survivor Network is inclusive of anyone who has personally experienced gun violence—whether you have witnessed an act of gun violence, been threatened or wounded with a gun, or had someone you know wounded or killed with a gun. This includes but is not limited to gun suicides, domestic violence involving a gun, and unintentional shootings.

Have you or a loved one experienced gun violence – such as homicide, suicide, wounding, or witnessing gun violence?

Please select... No

Would you like to provide any additional background for any of your responses to this questionnaire?

Thank you for treating me like a Mayoral Candidate for San Francisco. The left-career politicians and dark money PACs controlled the election and selection process. Many of these Satanic leaders lost their souls and hearts by lying to the public that only five mayoral candidates, the fact is we have 13 mayoral candidates. I am the only MAGA Republican mother who cares about protecting our children, a Family Social Worker fighting for social justice. Yes, I am a gun owner myself and I believe in self-protection. Please take time to learn more about our nation USA is under spiritual welfare now: <https://stopworldcontrol.com/> and learn if you don't stand up for the truth, we may lose our nation to the globalists, aka, One World Order government: <https://timetofreeamerica.com/>

I hope your gun control group understands our founding father created the Bill of Rights to protect our freedom, owning guns is a way to protect your safety from criminals. It is our civil duty to stand up for our community, city, and nation as needed, against domestic and foreign invasion. Please pray for our nation to rise

against anything that is not constitutional. Thank you and may God bless you and bless what you do to keep the community safe. Ellen Lee Zhou (MayorEllen.com)

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