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## Public asks city council to agendize gun safety; council agrees

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After Elaina Ayers, representing Orinda for Gun Safety, on July 24 asked the Orinda City Council to put two proposed ordinances on an upcoming agenda, the council agreed to do so. One ordinance deals with safe gun storage, the other on the regulation of gun dealers, although currently there are no licensed gun dealers in Orinda. The proposed laws were drafted by the Giffords Law Center to prevent gun violence. State law does not go far enough, Ayers said.

Carol Brown, president of the Orinda Union School District board, but speaking as a private citizen, spoke in support of gun safety. Brown was shot in her driveway during a robbery in October 2016. Several others spoke in support of the ordinances, including Tom Spaulding who said that with rights come responsibilities, and added that the proposed ordinances were of symbolic importance. Diane Bianchi of the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley presented the League's positions on the proliferation of hand guns and semi-automatic weapons. Co-chairs of the Miramonte Parents Club and Lamorinda Pediatrics offered letters of support to the council, and Rebecca Baurer-Kahan, an Orinda resident and candidate for the California Assembly, also advocated for the gun ordinances. She particularly stressed the danger of gun thefts. Council Member Darlene Gee said she was happy to agendize safe storage and regulation for gun dealers, and the council agreed unanimously to place the matters on a future agenda. The town of Moraga adopted a safe gun storage ordinance last February.

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