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August 6, 2019

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
511 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Cantwell:

On behalf of the City of Shoreline, I am writing to share with you the Shoreline Council Resolution No. 444 and request your immediate action on gun control legislation in the U.S. Senate. The City urges you to support H.R. 8 which would require background checks on all gun sales.

We face a crisis from gun violence and need federal legislation to better protect our communities. Please support H.R. 8 and other measures that would prevent the epidemic of gun violence and urge your colleagues to support measures without any additional delay.

Our City Council unanimously adopted the attached resolution on this topic which I am delivering to you. We stand with the communities impacted by gun violence and support immediate federal legislation to respond to this crisis.

Sincerely,

Mayor Will Hall

cc: Shoreline City Council
City Manager Debbie Tarry

RESOLUTION NO. 444

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, TO SUPPORT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AIMED AT REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE; AND TO URGE THE UNITED STATES SENATE TO TAKE ACTION ON LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON ALL GUN SALES.

WHEREAS, the City of Shoreline is committed to ensuring that Shoreline remains a welcoming, inclusive and safe community for all who live, work, and visit here and is equally committed to disarming hate and bigotry; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2019, four people died and 12 were injured because of a mass shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California; and

WHEREAS, six days later, on August 3, 2019, 20 people died and 26 were injured because of a mass shooting in El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, less than 24 hours, on August 4, 2019, ten people died and 26 were injured because of a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, according to the Gun Violence Archive, there have been 33,044 shootings in the United States since January 1, 2019, 8,735 people killed, and 2,191 children killed or injured; and

WHEREAS, since January 1, 2019, 183 police officers have been shot or killed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, teachers and administrators practice mass shooting drills with students in Shoreline schools; and

WHEREAS, survivors, family, friends, and first responders may need access to mental health resources after a mass shooting to deal with anxiety, depression, or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), long after the event has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities urges all levels of government to adopt statutory, regulatory, and policy actions to confront, curb, and eventually eliminate firearm violence in America;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Shoreline affirms the City will continue to support policies and programs aimed at reducing gun violence and add support for comprehensive federal legislation to ensure the safety and security of all persons in their homes, schools, workplaces, places of worship, and other places of public assembly.

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The City Council of the City of Shoreline urges the United States Senate to take action on gun control legislation already passed in February 2019 by the House of Representatives, H.R.8, to require background checks on all gun sales.

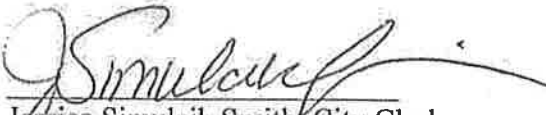
The City Council of City of Shoreline extends its deepest sympathies to the victims, survivors, family, friends, and first responders of the mass shootings in Gilroy, El Paso, Dayton, and other cities across the United States who are dealing with the impacts of a mass shooting in their community.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON AUGUST 5, 2019.



Mayor Will Hall

ATTEST:



Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk