



# COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

• A Santa Barbara County Coalition •

## IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT GUN VIOLENCE

### RECOMMIT To CAGV In 2018 #EndGunViolence

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The Coalition Against Gun Violence extends our deepest condolences and hopes to the Santa Barbara community as we all recover from the disasters of fires and floods. Many have lost a great deal. We are slowly recovering, and our efforts will continue for some time as we work together to make our community whole again.

As CAGV begins its work in 2018 with the theme **IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT GUN VIOLENCE**, statistics show an increase in American gun violence deaths. CAGV and other gun violence prevention groups must work harder than ever to change this epidemic as nearly 39,000 people were killed by gun violence in 2016 – an increase of 7 percent and the second straight year gun deaths in the U.S. have gone up. 2016 was the deadliest year since 1993. Strangely the number of Americans owning firearms has decreased from 50% to 33%. This means there are more firearms in the hands of fewer people and the firearms themselves are more lethal.

#### Reviewing CAGV's 2017 Achievements/Events Focus on RESIST and PROTECT California Gun Laws.

- CAGV "Guns in Our Society," monthly television show won TVSB's 2017 Media Impact Award for the most outstanding local access television show, building community dialogue around the issue of gun violence.
- May 7th, Mike Feuer, LA City Attorney gave an outstanding speech to supporters at CAGV's 22nd Annual Celebration.
- June 2nd, CAGV participated in National Gun Violence Awareness Day, #WearOrange with a County Resolution, press conference and public officials at De La Guerra Plaza.
- June 10th, CAGV held its third successful Gun Buyback at Earl Warren Showgrounds removing 179 weapons from the community. The City of Santa Barbara awarded an impressive \$10,000 grant toward this event and the SB Police Department.
- December 14th, National Vigil Honoring Victims of Gun Violence. CAGV and Unitarian Society Members acted in solidarity by lighting a candle on Dec. 14th using words of their own faith to remember and honor those who have died in this ongoing public health epidemic of gun violence and to commemorate the Newtown Alliance National Vigil honoring the 20 children and 6 adults lost to gun violence at Sandy Hook Elementary 5 years ago, and to the families and lives lost in our own community at the Goleta Post Office and in Isla Vista. (The planned Interfaith Vigil at the Unitarian Society Sanctuary was cancelled due to the Thomas Fire.).

#### Continuing CAGV's 2018 Education/Advocacy with Theme: IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT GUN VIOLENCE.

- CAGV will continue its efforts to #EndGunViolence by working with other statewide gun violence prevention organizations to improve California's gun laws and educate the community with ongoing ENEWS/ACTION ALERTS to inform our members.
- CAGV "Guns in Our Society" television show will continue with civic leaders and Coalition partners as guests.
- CAGV's 4th Gun Buyback will be held in May in cooperation with the Santa Barbara Police Department.
- CAGV's 23rd Annual Celebration and Fundraiser will be held at the Santa Barbara Club April 29th with keynote speaker Amy Barnhorst, MD and Psychiatrist from UC Davis. A nationally sought-after speaker, Dr. Barnhorst will address public mental health systems, firearms law, suicide prevention and mental illness. The 23rd annual celebration will also feature an ART and POETRY SHOW with Santa Barbara's youth contributing their "Imagine A World Without Gun Violence" creations.

**CAGV thanks you for your continued support in our efforts to #EndGunViolence. Please Join us #HonorWithAction and Recommit your support to CAGV by becoming an Active Member in 2018 – CAGV needs your help!**

*(Please complete and return this form to P.O. Box 699, Summerland, CA 93067.*



#### 2018 Individual Membership:

I/we wish to Join Coalition Against Gun Violence. Annual Membership: \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  I am interested in volunteering my skills in the following areas: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2018 Partner Organization Membership:

Please Enroll us as a Partner Organization. Annual Membership: \$25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Payable to CAGV) \$ \_\_\_\_\_