

JULY 19, 2022

PUBLIC FORUM

~~PAT RICHARDS (Carpenters Local 1889) – Responsible bidder ordinance- Called and canceled on 7/15/2022~~

Terry (West Suburban Irish) - St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Irish Fest

Kevin Coyne

Dr. Anu Verma - Plastic pollution

Mary Ann Curtis

I18 - increase the Class P - Manufacturer liquor license cap to five

QUESTIONS ONLY

Eric Tracy (Casey's Retail Company) – PETITIONER

I21 – Pass the ordinance approving a preliminary/final plat of subdivision and a platted setback deviation for the property at 1508 Aurora Avenue

QUESTIONS ONLY

Vince Rosanova – PETITIONER

I22 – Pass the ordinance approving minor change to conditional use for Wag’N Paddle

QUESTIONS ONLY

Matt Bergman (Wag N Paddle) - PETITIONER

I23 – minor change to the CityGate Centre III Planned Unit Development for the subject property located at Lots 2 & 3 of CityGate Centre

QUESTIONS ONLY

Ken Witkowski (Calamos Real Estate) – PETITIONER

Tracey Miller (Calamos Real Estate LLC) – PETITIONER

I24 – pass ordinance approving variance for 430 S Washington St

QUESTIONS ONLY

Kathleen C. West (North Central College) - PETITIONER

I25 – pass the ordinance approving rezoning from R2 to CU for 5 S Loomis St

QUESTIONS ONLY

Kathleen C. West (North Central College) - PETITIONER

I26 – revoking ordinances 18-079 and 18-080 regarding a major change to the Monarch Landing PUD, approving a Preliminary/Final PUD plat, and a conditional use for an eating establishment within a PUD for CityGate

QUESTIONS ONLY

Ken Witkowski (Calamos Real Estate) – PETITIONER

Tracey Miller (Calamos Real Estate LLC) – PETITIONER

I33 – resolution approving intergovernmental agreement stormwater

SUPPORT

Allison Longenbaugh

L2- Affordable Housing Ordinance

QUESTIONS ONLY

Ron Clewer (Gorman & Company) – PETITIONER

L3 – Conduct the first reading of the ordinance amending Title 3 of the Naperville Municipal Code to prohibit the local commercial sale of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines

SPEAKERS

Mark Winter

Kelly Lestina

Julie Puls

Nicole N. Abdallah

Julie Niles (League of Women Voters – Naperville)

Felix Rivera

~~Meg Collins~~ – submitted comment instead

Barbara Vernon

Dana Bussing

Robert Bevis

Dianne McGuire

Rachel Simner

James Watts

Scott Zimmer

John Pettinger

Beverly George

Porus Dadabhoy (United for Peace, Naperville)

Todd Vandermyde

DONALD FINLAYSON

Janice F. Guider, MPH, CHES®

Frank Marik

Becky Simon (Illinois National Organization for Women)

Mary O'Connor

Tim Dever

Vladimir Sliva

Renata Sliva

Philip Buchanan

Mark Glavin -Fox Valley Shooting Range

Jean Page

Zach Avery

Pip Tegtmeyer
Kevin Lanigan

Dan Eldridge (Federal Firearms Licensees of Illinois)
Matt Seeberg
Mary Ann Frontzak
Bryan OConnor
Walter Baehrend
Brian Femali
Thom Higgins
Peter Kokayeff
Diane Hewitt
Shannon Adcock (Awake Illinois and Moms for Liberty DuPage)
Nelson Sotomayor
Jim Haselhorst
Val Adejo
Terry Cornell
Marc Berkowicz
Keith Klingeman
Michael Vach
Anthony Truppa
Tony Jaras
Holly Blastic (Moms Demand Action)
Dr. Lori Blackwell
Yeena Yoo (Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense)

OPPOSE

Ellen Schmitz
Mark Murphy
Christie L Anderson
Dana Hengstler
John Cook
Edward Bilski
Kristen Regan
Sam Vandrhei
Craig Anthony Vlastic
David Mashek
Tom Marrapode
Gregory Camp
Joe Nasiatka
Aaron Gearhart
Carmen (Girl and a Gun)
Richard Waters
Jim Rakow
Michelle Rush (A Girl and A Gun, Naperville Chapter)
Joseph Onystok
Cherie Yetter

Jennifer Yetter
William C Storm
Arthur Dwight
Derek Wentworth
Tom Kozik
Mike Devito
James Doerge
Chad Benner
Maddie Burdick
Patricia Kramer
Ann Marie Suter
Jayne Kill
Richard Kill
Matthew Ewald
Andrew Lee
Ade Ebibi
Toni Gagliano
Ann McGowan
Raymond Doerrer
Tammy Dusenberry
Felicitaz vazquez
Michael Burke
Jim Meyer
Margaret J Sommers
Daniel R Devine
Donald Gadzala
Tonya Franklin
Nick Klementzos
James Lambert
Troy Vallo
Patrick Hickey
Dale Johnson
Thomas Calpin
Robert Weist II
Norm Johnson
Geraldyn Walsh
Jon Suter
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Stanley Aaron Suter
Vincent A. Porro
Mary Porro
Richard Miller
Tom Balle
Jeb Elliott
Melissa Lewis
Sheri Tucci
Matthew Mieszala

Nathan Wilson

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Theresa Hus

Joe Hus

Saily Joshi

Anita Knotts

Meenu Jethi

Ruth Allison (Naperville Interfaith Leadership Association)

Elizabeth Sartell

Jane Bauer (Moms)

Jennifer Dietz (Moms Demand Action)

Xiomara Banos

Demi Wang

Mark Liu

Katie Brose

Kristin Louis

Nazim Nizar (Naperville Interfaith Leaders Association)

Sandra Martinich

Diana Lacy McClaurin

Geri Smith

Tamar

Barbara kopchak

Michael Ryder

Ginny Wehrli-Hemmeter

Annette Arnold

Anne Schultz

Anna Kirby

Bill Kirby

Lucy Nobrega

Elisabeth

Mary Hutchinson

Geralyn Prokop

Lordina Samore

Barbara Katz

Jessica

tamara schultz

Jennifer Hoover

Marlene Eisler

Jennifer Swerdlik

Dana Merk (Moms Demand Action Kane and Kendall County)

Lynn Venderley

Charles Venderley

Joy Rosenberg

Daniel Merk (Moms Demand Action)

Erin Zimmer

Kathy Schneider Iliff

Juan Martinez-Galarza
Luzareli Setork (Range USA in Naperville, Illinois.)
Ghadeer Yacoub
Martha Johnston
Mona
Laura Kelly
Kristie Coyle
Mary Michelle Hamilton
Sara Havel
Lorey Maszka
Samuel Hus
Ben Hus
Carie Mackey
Katie bamonte
Tom and Robin Cagle
Carol Beach
Holly Patterson
Jeffrey Cagle
Lauren Jackson
Lisa Tisdale Wolf
Gunde M Iwersen-Burritt
Kate Burritt
Jack Maszka
Elizabeth Portnoy
Amy
Laura Underhile
Jen Bamonte
Pastor Sarah Swindall
Allison Longenbaugh

COMMENTS ONLY

Richard Regan - Dear Council Members, The recent rash of armed robberies and car jackings in Naperville do not involve rifles of any type. It is peculiar that your proposal targets so called assault weapons which are used to commit the minority of crimes. Your timing, to help disarm law abiding citizens during a crime wave is also quite poor. Looks like some kind of irrational virtue signaling to me. Thank you.

John Cook - 5 times as many people are killed by knives

Edward Bilski - There are millions of law abiding citizens who own guns. When someone runs there car or truck into people we don't ban cars or trucks. When hijacker's fly a plane into the twin towers we don't ban airplanes. It is a horrible thing that a few bad people compared to the millions of law abiding citizens use guns to kill people. But banding weapons will not stop criminals from doing bad things. It only hurts law abiding citizens from protecting themselves. Japan is a prime example the average citizens can not have a gun. But a criminal still shot the former prime minister. Criminals don't care about laws. Us law abiding citizens do! Prosecute the criminals to the full extent of the law!!!

Marcy Wood - Like all citizens, I have concern about the handful of bad actors in modern society that wreak harm and havoc to the innocent general public. In IL, I believe the Governor should support the ISP with a stronger budget, rather than stripping its funds for other programs to allow the ISP to better facilitate the FOID process, one which I do not agree with but abide by these governing laws. I believe we need to participate and lead our way through this together with open minds without prejudice or caricature, by being present and participating in person in Town Halls. This is a subject for in person, not screen speak. Prior to such a broad and one-sided legislative action supported by a few, I believe working together with knowledgeable firearm dealers and their customers, local police agencies, broader news sources, and local law abiding citizens first would provide all our government leaders locally and across the nation with a better consensus of how the current laws affect the ones who already abide by the laws and how the proposed draft list does not solve broader society's problem.

James E Boyajian - I will submit my written comments to the Mayor and Council , City Manager, and the office of City Clerk for public record and wish them to be made available and part of the official record..

Denise Hayes - I strongly support this amendment

Andrew Cousar - This bill directly impacts the rights of minorities and POC from obtaining affordable and accessible means of self-defense. Firearms such as the Hi-Point Carbine, AR-15, and other affordable, entry-level firearms allow traditionally oppressed groups and POC to have the same access to self-defense as traditionally empowered groups. If this bill passes, then the right to defend oneself will be restricted to only those who can afford it (ie those who can afford to drive one or several towns away). Disenfranchising POC and those living paycheck-to-paycheck would be the greatest impact of this bill, as everyone else will simply purchase their firearms from Bolingbrook, Plainfield, or any of the surrounding towns. Those living under the duress of poverty do not have this option, so this bill is inherently classiest as well. Naperville has always been a town of opportunity, understanding, and compassion, and it is very disheartening to see the most vulnerable groups of our town's population being the targets of discriminatory legislature. Thank you -Andrew Cousar

Shoshana Frank and Jill Lexier (National Council of Jewish Women Illinois) - Dear Mayor Chirico and the Naperville City Council, National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) supports the proposed Ordinance Adding Chapter 19 (Regulation of the Commercial Sale of Assault Weapons and Large- Capacity Magazines) of Title 3 (Business and License Regulations) of the Naperville Municipal Code. As the Ordinance recites, our country continues to be devastated by gun violence. We are still reeling from the shock of one mass shooting when the next occurs. This does not even cover the countless acts of gun violence that happen every day and barely register in our national consciousness. We are numb to the reality that guns are now the leading cause of death for children in Illinois. Although recent federal legislation was a necessary first step in the right direction, it is simply not enough. We cannot stand by as senseless gun violence continues to plague our state, our country, and our children. Military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines are designed to kill large numbers of people quickly and have no legitimate use in civilian hands. I am proud that we can do something right here in Naperville to address gun violence. NCJW strongly supports using Naperville's Home Rule to pass this ban on the future sale of assault weapons to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of city. Thank you, Shoshana Frank, Director of Advocacy - Chicago North Shore Jill Lexier, State Policy Advocacy Chair – Illinois National Council of Jewish Women

Julian Vega - The banning of sale of assault weapons and high cap mags would for one put me out of a job. this would prohibit the sale of most firearms commonly available to other people and I oppose this motion.

Dr Ratnam Chitturi - I support the ordinance to prohibit the local commercial sale of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. USA has become the number one country among the top developed countries in gun violence. Death rate of children due to gun violence is also the number one. Mass shootings have become common. According to BBC, "Firearms deaths are a fixture in American life. There were 1.5 million of them between 1968 and 2017 - that's higher than the number of soldiers killed in every US conflict since the American War for Independence in 1775." There is no reason whatsoever for people to own assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. They are not needed for self-protection.

Shujen Chen - I support the proposed Assault Weapon Sales Ban Ordinance.

Jamshed Rivetna - I strongly support the proposed ordinance banning sale of assault weapons in Naperville.

Monica Reed - I strongly support a ban on assault weapon sales in Naperville.

Nina - I strongly support this amendment.

David J. Atkins - I OPPOSE the bill before the Naperville City Counsel to ban the same of semi-automatic weapons and high capacity magazines Attempting to curb crime by punishing the innocent never works. The ability to purchase such weapons are not the cause of incidents listed in this proposal. The problems that caused these incidents are a mixture of: 1) the breakdown of the family and lack of support for parents. The problems were born months and years before the incidents took place. 2) mental illness and inability to function within society 3) the decrease in the willingness or the ability of law enforcement to enforce the law and fully prosecute those that break the law. 4) a breakdown within the educational system caused by the inability of teachers to enforce a moral standard of conduct. Several members of council have indicated that the "need to do something" . Agree- but banning the sale does not address the issues and actually punishes the law-abiding citizens.

Anne V Swanson - The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution states as follows: A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. As it specifically states "militia," it was intended as a means for citizens to protect themselves from foreign enemies, not each other. Thus, it seems patently obvious, that unless one is in the "militia" one does not need to bear arms. I laud the City Council for any steps to limit the purchase or sale of military assault weapons and magazines within the city limits. This violence has to stop!

Mr. David L. Parta - 1. Why drive business out of Naperville into surrounding communities? Just like the marijuana topic, buyers will just spend their funds next door. 2. This ordinance will have ZERO effect to dissuade the criminals, just hinder free exercise of our Second Amendment rights and you know it. 3. Highland Park has had a similar ban for years, but it did nothing to stop that shooting. 4. The best thing to stop a bad guy with a gun remains a good guy with a gun. Don't penalize the law-abiding citizens a.k.a. "good guys" with this ill-advised knee-jerk reaction to "do something". 5. How much of our money will you end up spending to try to defend this ordinance when it is challenged? 6. What next? ban large

capacity dump trucks because they cause worse accidents? How about addressing the root causes of violence instead?

Kate Refine - I am writing to encourage the members of the Naperville City Council to move forward with the banning of the sale of assault rifles. This would underscore that we as a city support efforts to keep weapons like 'assault weapons' out of our family oriented community. My family, last year, experienced the horror of gun violence when a family member was shot during a drive by shooting while he was just traveling home from work. The instrument used was an assault weapon. The horror of that day lives on in all of us. He survived but will have life long injuries to work through and trauma to deal with. I don't think I can underscore enough about how significant the trauma is. To all of us in the family. Getting the phone call your loved one has been shot, spending weeks at the bedside hoping they will live and regain a normal life - this is the side of assault weapons we don't see. The lives ruined by assault weapons - and the way society moves on to cover other stories and even support the rights of assault weapon owners over their victims. The anger knowing there are people who would rather support the gun and not the victim. It's so awful. Restricting the sale will not stop the gun violence - but think of the impact it will have on the many victims of gun violence - and to our children - that this type of 'assault weapon' is not one we as Naperville residents need. Rather - residents of Naperville support each other and our right to live, work, and raise families free of fear of 'assault weapon' violence.

Karen V Peck - "I just received my daughter's backpack from the FBI...with bullet holes in it. No parent should go through this." – Kimberly Garcia, mother of 10-year-old girl, Amerie, slain in class by a legally purchased AR-15 in Uvalde. I am in support of agenda item 22-0848, "the ordinance amending Title 3 of the Naperville Municipal Code to prohibit the local commercial sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazine." A prohibition of local commercial sales of weapons of war and large capacity magazines in Naperville is the safe course of action for our City. Second Amendment advocates will have you believe that their right to arms is unregulated and unlimited. It is not. Not one parent in Naperville should have to experience what Kim Garcia is living with for the rest of her life. Not one person attending religious services, not one mall shopper, parade attendee, musical concert goer, not one person should have to be victimized by gun violence. I urge a 9-0 vote. Anything less is immoral. Please councilmembers, do not risk blood on your hands. Sincerely, Karen V. Peck Naperville Resident, 60563

Laura Kelly - My name is Laura Kelly. I am a Naperville resident, mother of 3 attending 203 schools, and my family owns a local small business. I am writing to express my strong support for ending the sale of commercial assault weapons and large-capacity magazines. Please amend Title 3 to keep our schools, businesses, and community safe.

James E. Boyajian - Mayor and Council

Comments for the official public record: Ordinance to regulate the commercial of assault weapons and large capacity magazines in Naperville

My name is James Boyajian. Some of you may recall I am a 3 term past Councilman for the City of Naperville. My wife and I have had a home in Naperville since 1977. We currently reside at 484 Le Provence Circle. By way of full disclosure, I am an avid firearms enthusiast, sportsman, shooter and past hunter. We have raised our three sons in Naperville to be restful and aware of firearm safety and to enjoy the sport.

First, let me thank you for your service to the residents of Naperville. This is not an easy job. You are confronted with numerous topics where you need to sort out emotion, opinions and facts in forming your decisions. Over my years on Council one of the more challenging tasks was to determine the difference between those three things. Often people speak passionately, as I am sure they will tonight, but sorting out opinions from facts is your task to perform. Listening to those who come before you respectfully is essential. Listening however should not be

confused with agreement unless you explore all the facts from all viewpoints. We all have a tendency to present facts that support our opinions, but often leave out others. You are here to make policies that influence the quality of life in Naperville, but not all things can or should be done by your actions if there is a greater or more effective forum for resolution. Please consider this tonight.

We have two very respectable firearm establishments in Naperville. They both are very professional, very safety conscience and operate with full compliance (to the best of my observation) with local, state and federal laws. I urge you to visit these businesses. I don't believe it is objective for you to be pass legislation from the Dias that will affect their businesses unless you are aware of these establishments.

I mentioned earlier that we all use facts to make our case while ignoring others. The firearms debate is full of that kind of practice and in fact I would argue that your proposed ordinance has many of those problems. Federal, State and Local governing bodies often quickly go the lowest common denominator on this topic when it comes to preventing gun violence, that is, the firearm. The fact is more shootings occur with handguns than long guns in our country by a huge margin. Look up the facts. Likewise, politicians and the uneducated about firearms want to use media or Hollywood depictions of cosmetics as to what makes up a so-called assault weapon. Case in point a foregrip or handle on a firearm stock has no bearing on functioning of a weapon. Another fact ignored. Violent firearm crimes are heavily caused by drug and gang activity. Ask your police department for those facts. Governing bodies often don't want to talk about those facts because those "problems" are harder to solve or address than simply outlawing firearms. Mental health is a serious and growing problem that needs our attention. When it comes to firearms, Red Flag laws have not been adequately implemented in our State. We have laws on the books what have not worked as intended due to the failing of State and Local law enforcement cooperation. This was the case in the recent Highland Park event. Look at the facts. The background check system needs serious updating. More resources by the ATF, State and local gun stores need attention. Government attention is needed in this area. Use of an unlawful weapon in the act of a crime needs serious and consistent prosecution. Our legal system is failing us.

So why do I say all this? It is because this is where our attention should be directed. You have the ability to influence state and federal jurisdictions where these actions are needed. You can take a stronger stand on crimes committed in our city. Don't take the Lazy, feel-good way out and pass an ordinance that will not have the affect you are seeking. What are we doing about early warning signs of mental health in our city? What are we doing about the need for red flag law cooperation between the county, state and our police department? What have you done to explore these issues that are more directed at violent misuse of a firearm?

We have hundreds of automobile accidents each year in our state that are caused by people texting while driving. Have we outlawed cell phones? No, we made laws to prescribe lawful use while operating a motor vehicle and hopefully enforce them vigorously. We have hundreds of people that are injured by drunk drivers each year. Did we outlaw automobiles? No, we made laws and penalties for such unlawful use and hopefully enforce them vigorously. We have crime in our city from outsiders coming into Naperville. Do we prevent people from coming to our riverwalk, our downtown, our night life? No, we enact laws and ordinances to enforce good conduct and hopefully vigorously enforce them.

We have recently allowed the selling of cannabis in our city. Many of us think this is very unwise and are against this drug use. Only history will show us whether we have created the next tobacco problem 20 or 50 years from now. Why did we allow this? Well, communities around us allowed it so we took the tact to enjoy the sales tax revenue and prevent people from going to another city to buy their weed. If we had not decided to sell cannabis in our city, would it have prevented it from coming to our city? I'll let you answer that question. The same applies to firearm laws that are not enacted on a broader state wide basis. Local jurisdiction is good in many cases, but not all. If we outlaw the sale of assault weapons will this prevent them coming into ownership in our city? I think not. Broader action, state and federal (while I don't support this) is the correct jurisdiction. Don't take the lazy, feel-good least course of action "solution" that is no solution. Work to influence the correct governing jurisdictions. Elect people who will address these issues.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. I wish it to be part of the official record.
Sincerely,
James E. Boyajian
July 17, 2022

Anna Kirby - I support a ban of assault weapons

Brian Olson - I oppose the ban

Michael Katz - I wish to support a ban of assault weapons

Nancy Turner - I am the sister of someone who was the victim of a random, non-fatal act of gun violence years many years ago. I have seen first hand how one bullet changed my sister's life and my parents' lives in many ways beyond the actual shooting for years afterwards. I hope Naperville bans the sale of these even more-deadly weapons within city limits.

Joe Geraci - With all the violent crime occurring lately here in Naperville, (car jackings, robberies, shootings downtown, officers attacked) I feel that this is not the appropriate time to bring this politically charged partisan issue forward. We are being terrorized by brazen criminals every other week who have no regard for any laws or ordinances in this city. We should not prevent our citizens from being able to purchase self defense for themselves. We should not eliminate another small business after so many have suffered. I believe most of us are in agreement that red flag laws, age restrictions, insurance requirements, better background checks, and stiffer penalties for illegal use of weapons, will more appropriately address the state and national issues we are seeing. Your sphere of influence should address what's happening here, not elsewhere. The only things you will accomplish, is making it harder for responsible Naperville residents to purchase a self defense, and destroy yet another small business. Perhaps you can pass an ordinance on age restrictions? I do not agree with this ban.

Susan Phillips - These weapons have no place in our community. Someone's right to bear assault weapons does not trump my right to walk freely without worrying about my children or grandchildren being massacred. There is absolutely no need for these weapons outside the military and certainly not in our community. Arguments for protection of so-called second amendment rights are a farce, broadcast by selfish people who have twisted the Constitution in seventeen different ways so they can hold on to their precious assault rifles. It's a travesty. City Council, stand firm! Pass this legislation!

Heather Grier – Support the ban

Pat Quinn - I would just like Naperville, IL to ban assault weapons.

Kyle Anderson - Thank you for the opportunity to share my beliefs. I will try to be brief. The right to implement the ban is based totally on our form of government. If our nation is a pure democracy then the council should side with the most vocal group; the largest group, living people, who offer you the most political clout. Whichever side has has the most people should decide. Simple. But, if our government is designed around, founded on, a set of principles meant to guide it, then, the number, passion, or power of any group... must not matter. The principles our political system is based on, is what is important; our country is a constitutional republic. A pure democracy, I believe, could be used to reinstate Slavery, ban Freedom of Speech, end Religious Freedom of any group, remove our right of private property, as well as, take away our rights, and abilities, to defend ourselves. A constitutional

republic is meant to protect the freedom of the minority and the majority of people. Even though, when doing so, isn't politically popular. Sincerely, Kyle Anderson.

Esmeralda Hernandez - " To ban guns because of criminals use them is to tell the law abiding that their rights and liberties depend not on their own conduct, but on the conduct of the guilty and the lawless." - attrib. Lysander Spooner If you vote for this bill you will lose my vote.

Daniel Perez - Hello, my name is Daniel Perez. I Live in the Bolingbrook area and I oppose of this new gun control law banning Assault weapons and high capacity mags. It violates our second amendment right and is unconstitutional. It is unfair to the responsible law abiding gun owners in the city of Naperville and surrounding suburbs. Banning the sale of large capacity magazines and assault weapons won't make the peoples lives more safe or prevent criminals from being a criminal. They don't follow the laws to begin with. All it does is punish the law abiding citizens and responsible gun owners that follow the law and take their rights away. If theirs one thing to take away from these shootings, it's that all these shooters broke laws that we already have put in place and no matter how many more new laws are put in place these criminals will still break the laws because they don't care about the law. If they want to cause harm to people They will use a handgun or a knife or even a car. Passing this bill, all it does is makes it difficult for us law abiding responsible gun owners from protecting ourselves and our loved ones. If you support this bill You will lose my vote.

Rosemary Stephens - I strongly support a ban on the sale of assault weapons and magazines in Naperville.

Kristen Regan - I am submitting a written statement opposing the ban of assault weapons in Naperville. The idea that we will be safer for taking away the ability for a law abiding, responsible gun owner to defend themselves and their family against an individual or group of individuals causing harm (who didn't obtain their weapon legally, by the way) does not make sense. As a woman, I know I am more likely to be targeted for harm. I deserve the right to defend myself and my children against evil. By proposing this ban, you are taking away access to the tools necessary to defend my life and children's lives. This ban will restrict my access to practice responsible gun ownership by taking classes and practicing in the range. We all deserve to the right to feel safe, but there will always be bad people doing bad things. We cannot disarm the good guys (and ladies!) and think that will make us safer. We need to stop handcuffing our men and women in law enforcement and let do what is necessary to stop the criminals. Law abiding citizens do not need their right to defend themselves and their families taken away. It's time to stop the criminals. Thank you for your time.

Bryan - I am writing to oppose the proposed plan to outlaw semi-automatic weapons in the city of Naperville, IL. Aside from the litigation Naperville is about to weather if this is passed and the taxpayer cost in defending this unconstitutional move, I plead with you to strongly oppose this. With the stroke of a pen, otherwise law-abiding citizens will become criminals. Those who are seeking ways to defend themselves from threats will not have that opportunity. We learned from Uvalde that police are only minutes away when seconds count, and they are not held liable for inaction. This would hurt our women, our children, our disabled, and every citizen that currently has the opportunity to level the playing field when the wolf comes for the sheep. We do not extract the teeth of the sheep because the wolf uses it's teeth to do damage. Not only will the legislation be a terrible failure to prevent anything it intends to prevent, but the unintended consequences will be devastating. You will hurt the families living in this community. You will hurt the businesses in this community. Please consider instead educating the public on safe use of firearms, investing in your shotgun trap field, and letting this

community become proficient, law-abiding, competent gun owners. The large majority of firearms are not used for anything other than sporting and leisure. The remainder are for self-defense and never get used. But when they do, they are extremely effective. Please see the attached articles including very recent articles of good people using this tool to save themselves or loved ones. Don't make this mistake.

Andrew Gregorio - The ordinance proposed to ban assault weapon sales in the city of Naperville. The proposal will not help stop violent crime in the city. It will simply shut down two beloved businesses, patroned by thousands of law abiding Napervilleans. This will hurt law abiding citizens instead of hurting criminals. I oppose this assault weapons ban.

Zachary Kill - This ordinance shows blatant disregard for the safety of the people of Naperville. Not allowing the people of Naperville to purchase the weapons and accessories that they deem necessary for the safety and protection of themselves, their families, and their loved ones, is a direct attack on the people of this community. This ordinance was drafted with the intent to increase safety in our community but it will do the exact opposite. I fear for the more targeted and vulnerable members of our community who will no longer be able to adequately defend themselves if they are not able to purchase in a city that allows what this ordinance plans to ban the sale of. The most radical and irresponsible part of this ordinance is the banning of the sale of magazines with a capacity of over ten rounds. The most targeted and vulnerable members of our community could need more than ten rounds to defend themselves, perhaps against a group of assailants. They could also need any one of the "assault weapons" this ordinance plans to ban the sale of. The decisions on how many rounds should be in the magazine of a self defense weapon and what self defense weapon(s) is/are necessary for efficient defense should be up to each individual in Naperville. I am completely opposed to this ordinance, and I ask the councilmen, councilwomen, and mayor to vote no on this ordinance that would jeopardize the safety of the people of Naperville.

Cheyenne Feliz - As a recent former resident of Naperville, I am disappointed by and firmly oppose this proposed measure restricting purchase of "assault weapons and large-capacity magazines" in Naperville. This is in violation of the Second Amendment which purposefully does not detail specific items. Prohibiting persons and entities from engaging in the commercial sale will de facto affect ownership and possession by placing an additional hardship for law abiding citizens to acquire this means of self defense. It is a person's right to protect themselves and their family from criminals and restricting access will not help this. Inanimate objects are not the problem in the many tragedies listed- it is the people themselves. Prohibiting sales to law abiding citizens will not solve the issue, it will create hardship for both law abiding citizens and businesses residing in the city of Naperville. A gut emotional reaction to prohibit sales is not a viable solution. A solution must be based on logic and well rounded research. There is a variety of factors related to mass shootings and I urge the public to consider the cause of each event rather than a common weapon. While each of these listed events is a tragedy and it is true that no municipality is exempt from risk- how does this proposed restriction lower that risk when a criminal will find access to some tool to commit these crimes? I urge the public to seek out data and stories about defense from home invasions which can also end in tragedy and irreparable harm to everyone involved. I urge this council and the public to seek out more information and consider how a prohibition on sales will affect people who are not criminal in any way. There are many cases as well in which mass shootings have been prevented by lawful concealed carry permit holders. It is negligent to ignore those facts and raises the question at what point restrictions to purchase will become detrimental. I ask the public and this council to consider this more broad picture and consider other solutions to decrease the probability of another tragedy.

Sun Kwok - Dear Naperville City Council, My name is Sun Kwok. I am a Naperville resident and a gun owner for the last 35 years. I ask you to please VOTE NO to the proposed ordinance to ban AR15's and large capacity magazines. We do not need to make a "statement" - we need to give our citizens the tools they need to adequately defend themselves. Criminals do not have restrictions on the weapons and magazine sizes that they can carry. If you look at recent Naperville news articles, we are often placed in a position where there is only one of us defending against multiple criminals, from car jackings, robberies, and home invasions - we need these tools to protect ourselves and our families. I do support deep background checks and longer wait periods for first time gun purchases, a raise in the minimum age to purchase rifles, annual firearms competency checks, training, concealed carry, mandated safe storage of weapons and ammunition, trigger locks, and more. "LARGE" Capacity Magazine Ban I would strongly encourage you to vote NO to any bans on large capacity magazines. The Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994 expired in 2004. Attempts to renew the ban have failed on the federal level, for good reason – because it is ridiculous. In any self-defense situation where there are 3 opponents or more – which is common in car jackings, home invasions, 10 rounds is simply not enough to defend yourself. Even the Sig P365 micro compact pistol designed for concealed carry has up to 15 round capacity. Between 2012 and 2016 trained, professional law enforcement officers from the Los Angeles Police Department averaged a successful hit ratio of 33.4% of shots fired. A regular civilian, under the stressful situation of having to defend our lives and our family would have a lower hit ratio. If our magazines only have 10 rounds and there are 3 opponents, in a best case scenario using the LAPD hit ratio, only 1 round would hit the target and likely would NOT incapacitate the target enough to stop their assault. With 3 opponents, you would likely already be outgunned. We don't need to make that disparity even worse. Source: <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2018/may/25/shannon-watts/do-more-7-10-police-bullets-miss-their-mark-gun-co/> AR-15 DEFENSIVE USES I don't own an AR-15. But there is a reason why the AR-15 is one of the most popular weapons. The larger capacity of these weapons is a life saving feature when confronted with multiple opponents. There have been many incidents where AR-15's have been used to save lives. Here are a few: On February 27, 2018, a Naperville Teen Charged in a Knife Attack was Stopped by an AR-15: <https://patch.com/illinois/naperville/naperville-teen-charged-knife-attack-stopped-ar-15> Consider these recent cases where the AR-15 made all the difference. 1. Harris County, Texas (2013) A 15-year-old boy saved both his life and the life of his 12-year-old sister by fending off a pair of home invaders with his father's AR-15. 2. Rochester, New York (2013) Two armed burglars retreated from a college student's apartment after coming face-to-face with an unloaded AR-15. The rifle itself instilled enough fear to cause them to flee. 3. Ferguson, Missouri (2014) During the Ferguson, Missouri, riots, nearly all businesses within a particular 2-square-mile area of the city were looted or destroyed—except for one. African-American men guarded the gas station and convenience store of a white friend from looters and rioters. They did so armed with an AR-15, a MAC-10 "machine pistol," and a variety of handguns. 4. Houston, Texas (2017) A target of a drive-by shooting successfully fended off the attack by using his legally owned AR-15 against his three armed attackers. He was able to hit all three men in the moving vehicle. 5. Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (2017) A homeowner's 19-year-old son used an AR-15 to defend himself against three would-be burglars who broke into the home in broad daylight. The 19-year-old was later determined to have acted in justifiable self-defense. 6. Sutherland Springs, Texas (2017) After a gunman opened fire on congregants inside First Baptist Church, a man living near the place of worship grabbed his AR-15 and engaged the shooter. The shooter subsequently dropped his own firearm and fled the scene as the courageous neighbor pursued him. 7. Oswego, Illinois (2018) (Naperville Man) A man with an AR-15 intervened to stop a Naperville neighbor's knife attack on a pregnant woman. The rifle's "intimidation factor" was credited as a reason why the attacker dropped his knife. 8. Catawba County, Illinois (2018) After his 17-year-old relative successfully used his own firearm to fend off three would-be robbers who attacked him in the driveway of his home, a man used his AR-15 to stop a threat

from one of the would-be robber's upset family members. Law-abiding Americans regularly choose larger capacity magazines and AR-15s to defend themselves, their families, and their communities against threats of violence. Should the situation arise, they should have the best tools available to defend themselves. Sun P Kwok

Kimberly Sumner - I strongly support this amendment.

Kelly Kozik - As US Citizen I have a right to bear arms and as a mother, I have a right to defend myself and my family. Banning fire arms and large capacity magazines for everyone is not a viable solution as it will result in loss of businesses, and encourage illegal purchase of guns elsewhere. Consider raising the age for fire arms purchase, improved screening that may include the providing of character references, and the requirement of gun safety classes which can further screen for criminal intent. Consider banning anything that can convert a semi-automatic gun to a more "fully automatic" and educate communities on correct gun nomenclature instead of instilling fear of "AR" guns. Don't prevent purchases for the non-Criminal majority, rather look at viable prevention tactics. Thank you.

Daniel R Devine - I have been involved in firearms for over fifty years. My experience includes military, police service, and instructing at many levels . I have realized that to ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines is the wrong approach and not a measurable indicator or prevention of gun violence . In most of the tragic incidents through out the country mental health signs were present and ignored . To take the right of ownership of assault weapons away from citizens it sends a terrible message to citizens and voters. It is also the first step in complete ban on ownership. I am a combat veteran I emprove the city council to realize that the terrible acts by a few mentally unbalanced people does not mean you punish the law abiding citizens in your community.

Jane Bodine, LCPC, LLC - I was a teacher for five years I have been a therapist in private practice in Naperville for over 30 years working with children through adult age with severe anxiety, severe depression, PTSD, OCD, and other disorders. I have observed first hand the effect on young children through college age who have been negatively impacted by the rampant needless shooting by angry men who the majority of time are venting their unleashed anger on innocent victims with assault rifles. These assault rifles are made to kill. Pure and simple. Enough is enough. I watched with horror as a parade in Highland Park, Illinois was forever changed due to a troubled young man who got a hold of an assault rifle due to his father signing for him. There needs to be strict rules and background checks for the purchase of any gun. In my opinion, we need to be a safer community by banning any assault rifles from this city. Let's not wait until Naperville becomes the next city to experience a horrendous assault due to city officials not having the foresight to make this an assault weapon ban zone. Why have young children, teens and college aged children live in fear any time they go to school or participate in group activities, such as parades, dances, sports events and concerts? Enough trauma Enough sorrow Enough fear Enough weak justification for mass violence We are tired of excuses We are sickened by the increased racism We are saddened by glorification of weapons in a society that seeks to be an example for other nations, but is lacking in ethical behavior and protection of children We must act as a town with enlightened citizenry. We must care enough to help children live feeling we adults will do whatever we can to protect them not to put them in harms way. BAN ASSAULT RIFLES today.

Betsy Maaks - US Constitution guarantees that the right to bear arms, any arms, shall not be infringed. This ordinance is unlawful. The recitation of shootings by criminals lists, not a reason to restrict guns, but the reason for law enforcement against the criminals. Data show that "assault rifles" are not used in these incidences—illegally obtained handguns by criminals who break the law. Enforce the laws already

on the books against criminals. Empower the police, jail the criminals and follow existing laws and the US Constitution. We elect you and pay you to do just that.

Annette Gallego - I support the passing of this ordinance that will ban the sale of assault weapons & large- capacity ammunition magazines in the city of Naperville. I feel strongly, especially in the light of the mass shootings that have used these weapons that this ordinance should be passed. These weapons do not belong in the hands of civilians. They are weapons of war that are simply designed to kill the greatest amount of people in the shortest amount of time. The Founders of our Constitution couldn't have imagined these weapons when it was drafted. We, as citizens, have the right to be safe in our schools, movie theaters, concerts, malls & community events & celebrations. Until these weapons are restricted on a national level- we must attempt change on a local level. One may argue that these weapons can just be purchased in a nearby locale. I argue if cities, counties & states each do their part to present obstacles to the purchase of these weapons, perhaps even one more mass shooting will be prevented. This may even echo to create action on a national level.

Cindy Karis - I strongly support this amendment. Our lives are at stake.

Mark Collins - Please stop punishing the innocent law abiding citizens for the crimes of criminals and the mentally disturbed. AWBs don't work. Highland Park has an AWB....that didn't work. This won't either. Treat the real issue of mental illness and Law Enforcement not enforcing the existing laws.

Peggy Frank - Dear Mayor Chirico and City Council Members, As a resident of Naperville for more than 40 years, I strongly endorse the Council's resolve to add Chapter 19 (Regulation of the Commercial Sale of Assault Weapons and Large- Capacity Magazines) of Title 3 (Business and License Regulations) to the Naperville Municipal Code. I am fully cognizant that this ordinance will not stop the use of assault weapons in our town, but it does send a very clear statement to both residents and non-residents that we take the issue of mass murder seriously and want to do something to curb its prevalence in our society. In lieu of federal legislation on this matter, if we speak out, other communities will take note and may also take action. As a home-rule community, you have the ability to make this happen and I applaud your leadership. The passage of this ordinance says that our City Council is willing and ready to use its powers (limited though they may be) in order to create a safer, healthier, more peaceful community here in Naperville. This type of ban will have a positive impact when people are considering where they want to live, where they want to locate their business. I am well aware that enacting this ordinance is not going to stop assault weapons from coming into Naperville that are bought in other locations, but what it will do is tell residents, business owners, and prospective new residents of Naperville that our elected officials truly care about our health, well-being and helping maintain a peaceful community. Thank you for your serious consideration of this measure. Peggy Frank

John Signatur - As a father and resident of Naperville, I fully support amending Title 3 of the Naperville Municipal Code to prohibit the local commercial sale of assault weapons and large capacity magazines. The time is now for Naperville to take the lead in helping to keep our communities safe.

John Riordan - While well intentioned, this ordinance will do nothing to solve the problem. What it will result in is the loss of tax revenue and the additional cost to the city in legal expenses associated with the inevitable lawsuit. This is a frivolous waste of the city's time and the taxpayer's money.

Meg Collins - I live in Naperville with my husband and daughter. All three of us support an assault weapons ban in Naperville. It seems every day there is a new mass shooting in this country. The latest

one was just yesterday in Greenwood, Indiana, where my brother lives. 4 people died. So far this year, there have been 322 mass shootings in the U.S. that left 351 dead and 1425 injured. Why are we normalizing this amount of gun violence and death? Why are we letting a small minority push an agenda that is fine with untrained individuals running around with weapons that are meant for soldiers in combat? No civilian needs this kind of weapon. Period. Please vote for an assault weapons ban. So Naperville children can go to school safely, and families can enjoy the Riverwalk, parades, Centennial beach and all the wonderful things that Naperville has to offer without fear of being gunned down. Please. We do not want to be the next Highland Park. Thank you.

Lynn Gosselin - I strongly support a ban on the sale, possession, and use of automatic and semi-automatic weapons, high capacity clips, etc in the city of Naperville. Residents and guests of Naperville can exercise their right to bear arms without these weapons of war. The proposal in front of the dais is not about stopping all violence it is about mitigating the very worst violence. It is clear from the performance of the 400 law enforcement officers in Uvalde that police are afraid of these weapons too. Naperville is naive to think a Uvalde or Highland Park won't happen here. Naperville schools had several violent threats in the 2021-22 school year. The city has a wide array of public events, parades, etc. that are vulnerable, just like Highland Park's 4th of July parade. I encourage you to read the damage a semi automatic weapon does to the human body as you weigh your decision: <https://www.wired.com/2016/06/ar-15-can-human-body/amp> City Council can and should implement mitigations against these preventable mass executions.

Janet - I strongly support this amendment. Please ban assault rifle sales in Naperville

Derek Miller - I wholeheartedly agree with the idea to ban the sale of assault weapons in Naperville and I hope this leads to other communities doing so as well. My brother was at the parade in Highland Park with his young family and had to run for his life while holding his 3 year old daughter. There is no reason for people outside the military to own weapons whose sole purpose is to kill many people as quickly as possible. Thank you for considering this ordinance and leading the way for other communities in the state of Illinois.

Lynn Hamilton - I strongly support this amendment. Please do the right thing by making it just that much harder for someone to get an assault weapon. No one can solve the whole problem of mass gun violence, but we can all do our little part in the corner of the world where we live. You represent Naperville, do your part HERE. This is common sense. NO ONE needs an assault weapon.

Toni Wherry (A Girl & A Gun Women's Shooting League) - I am in opposition of this ban. 1). It is our constitutional right to defend ourselves and our loved ones. 2). If you ban these weapons, it only makes the law abiding citizens defenseless. It won't stop the criminals from obtaining these weapons.

Thomas Suter - There should not be a ban on guns or certain magazines

Jolene Fiscella - Hello - my family and I are residents of Naperville. My father, a U.S. Army Veteran, has lived here over 30 years. My husband, son, and I have lived her since 2016. We would like to say that we do not believe that regular citizens need to own any sort of assault weapon & we do not feel they should be sold or permitted in Naperville. These are not the sort of guns anybody needs for hunting, sport, or even personal protection. They are best suited for the military or law enforcemet. Thank you.

Michael Kolberg - Banning the sale of assault weapons locally is largely symbolic in nature and will accomplish nothing in reality. This ordinance should not be adopted and passed. All feeling individuals witnessed the horror of what happened in Highland Park and in Uvalde Texas. We also witnessed what evil a 4000 pound SUV could accomplish in Waukesha Wisconsin. Evil seems to find a way. Punishing local businesses and their patrons is not an effective use of lawmaking authority.

Barbara Will-Henn - Reading this items portrays a small number of unstable, mentally ill people who did very bad things. There are infinitely more good people who legally own and use, lawfully, similar firearms to those used in the enumerated bad acts. Lawful gun owners abide by the law, and criminals never do nor will they. It is not the what, but the who. Legal gun owners follow the law and abide peacefully in their communities. Criminals do not follow the law and will still have access to any firearm or magazine they wish and will use it how they wish. Please assist the state in enforcing the laws that exist and do not punish legal gun owners for the bad things criminals do. Punish the criminals!

Lturner - There are over 300 Federal gun laws and approximately 200,000 local and state gun laws. This ordinance will prohibit the law abiding and responsible citizens from their 2A and given the civil unrest that's been escalating everywhere (looting and vandalism at Naperville and Aurora), citizens of this nation should be able to defend themselves. This ban will end the existence of the 2 current stores in Naperville which are both excellent resources for training in responsible firearm ownership. The ban not only end the livelihood of these shop owners and employees, but removes the revenue these shops generate for the municipality.

Andrew Lee - I am again asking you to ensure the safety of our residents and VOTE NO on 22-0848 if it makes it past reading. Removing the financial viability of businesses containing gunsmiths and safety course instructors is immensely shortsighted. All this serves to do is hurt our community while pushing the sales to businesses in other suburbs. Those other businesses do not staff the same safety personnel as are staffed in Naperville. It would mean gun owners with malfunctioning firearms must drive longer distances (around more homes and children) to worse gun repair personnel.

Jeb Elliott - I oppose this ordinance for many reasons: 1) It restricts the civil liberties of us as a community due to the unlawful actions of a few. 2) It does nothing to affect public safety. This kind of ordinance I believe is largely for showmanship to display the city council is "doing something." We have a capable city council, a great city, and a great Police department. The city council would do better to spend their time and energy looking at security concerns throughout the city that could truly affect public safety. For instance, the city council members could work with and urge the school districts to have School Resource Officers (SROs) at elementary schools. The Council could also eliminate gun free zone in many public places such as city parks. This restricts law abiding citizens including Concealed Carry holders and off-duty concealed carry law enforcement officers from concealed carrying in such spaces while criminals ignore the law anyway. It makes sense to not allow firearms in places such as courthouses where there is constant security, controlled access, and metal detectors. However, schools and other such spaces do not have this, yet normally law abiding citizen cannot concealed carry to protect themselves or others. Illinois has created a lot of spaces to restrict good people from being armed and being more vulnerable to non-law abiding citizens. The Council is not pursuing this which would be a real way of affecting public safety. Also, my suggestion does not infringe on any civil liberties. Thank you for your time, and God bless.

Sara Forster - Over the past 2 years, since mask-wearing became widely accepted in our community, Naperville has seen a rise in armed robberies, burglaries, carjackings, and even a murder during normal

business hours at a south Naperville health club. Permitting facial coverings in city buildings, grocery store parking lots, bank lobbies, gas stations, health club locker rooms, school corridors, and other crime-targets of bad actors only perpetuates the challenges. I am much more afraid to visit the Jewel store after putting my toddler to bed - when it otherwise would be most convenient for a working parent to run errands - than I am to stand along the well-attended Naperville parade routes or to send my child to a Naperville District 203 school. Naperville's Police Officers - if you have seen them in action- are the best of the best. Scoping out events; flagging community risks; responding to school incidents with courage and class. At this moment in time, there are many things that our city council actually can do to help our police officers to do their jobs better; to keep Naperville safer. For example, ending the acceptance of masks will allow officers to use facial recognition software & identify criminals more effectively. I am sure our police department can give you a longer list. We're you to ask them. The recent mass shootings in Uvalde, Texas; Highland Park, Illinois; and Buffalo, New York were all tragic and terrible. Because AR-15s cannot be banned by Naperville or Illinois altogether- absent action on the national level, a ban on AR-15 sales in Naperville seems to be symbolism alone. Will do little to nothing to impact a bad actor's pursuit of evil. Sometimes, symbolism can do much to lift a community's spirits. However, in a situation where real change - such as banning facial coverings in certain high-risk settings - could be enacted to improve Naperville safety, the deferral to politically ideologically motivated initiatives such as AR-15 weapons-sales bans is disheartening at best. Going forward, please limit safety-related ordinances to ones that will actually help our city officials to keep Naperville safe. Steer clear of divisive and politically-motivated but useless initiatives.

Silvia Vega-Mitchell - I am in support of prohibiting the sale of weapons used for mass destruction! The gun sale shop on north Aurora road has been crashed into twice! Yes a car has gone through the front door and windows twice! Now the eye sore if having good see cement pillars in front of every door of this large shop not only looks like a war zone but also reinforces the dangers of guns and what lengths a person would go to to get them therefore restricting the sale of mass destruction weapons in our town is not only necessary but is critical for the well being of community. Thank you

Meena Banasiak – I strongly support this amendment

Joseph Banasiak - I strongly support this amendment