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**Board Moves Forward on Ordinance for Safe Storage of Weapons**

*Cortese's Proposal Will Return to the Board on September 10 With Details*

To reduce the risk of accidents, injuries and deaths, Supervisor Dave Cortese has proposed an ordinance to require safe storage of firearms in homes in unincorporated Santa Clara County.

At its meeting on Tuesday, August 13, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the proposal for county Counsel and the Administration to return to the Board on September 10 with details on how a safe storage ordinance would work.

County will also look into a program to provide free trigger locks for weapons and rebates on safe storage cases or cabinets.

The idea has been in the works since the Community Summit on Firearms Safety, which drew 300 people together from various viewpoints to talk about keeping communities safe.

The proposed ordinance would apply to any firearm kept in a residence, and it would address safe storage while the owner or another authorized person is not in “close proximity and control” of their weapon.

Supervisor Cortese asked that the proposal be released to the public as soon as possible for input and questions before the Board considers a proposal on September 10.

Also on Tuesday, the Board unanimously approved support for federal passage of a comprehensive assault weapons ban, as well as gathering support from other local governments on this issue.

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