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From: [Nancy Fry](#)
To: [CommissionComments](#)
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Hello Coconut Creek Commission and City Staff,

My name is Nancy Fry, and I'm a Coconut Creek resident. I apologize I couldn't be there in person tonight, but this is a topic that is too important to wait for the next Commission meeting.

In light of recent events, including the stolen guns recovered by CCPD and the incident involving a gun on campus at Coconut Creek High, it is imperative that education on safe gun storage becomes a priority in our city.

41% of adolescents in gun-owning homes report having "easy access" to firearms, and firearms are the leading cause of children in the US today. Furthermore, approximately 75% of school shooters obtained their gun from their home or the home of a family friend.

With that, I am encouraging Coconut Creek to partner with the Be SMART campaign, which has volunteers and free resources to educate the community on safe gun storage. I know one of the strategic goals in the Vision 2030 plan is to "Enhance community health, safety, and well-being", and, more specifically, that you want to foster partnerships within the community to achieve that goal.

Some ways the Be SMART program could be implemented:

1. Organize a series of City Safety family fun events where BeSmart Volunteers can attend, pass out gun locks & materials, and talk to the community
2. Display digital materials on the City website and TV monitors inside city buildings
3. Hold a City Safety Forum/Panel and invite local business and the media to attend (Be SMART volunteers can present at these events)
4. Provide Be SMART postcards to the City's Police Department to pass out

Clearly, this is a pressing matter in Coconut Creek, and I know our city has taken a strong stance on gun violence prevention as a party to the firearm preemption lawsuit against the State as well as your proclamations in support of Wear Orange for Gun Violence Awareness. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity for free resources that could save lives, and I'm happy to facilitate any connections needed. You have my email address from my public comment if you would like to reach out, and I will be at the next Commission meeting if you have any questions.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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