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Subject: End the Gun Shows

22nd District Agricultural Association Board of Directors,

You have heard from so many for so long that the Crossroads of the West Gun Shows are not appropriate family events for the Del Mar Fairgrounds. It is time for you to consider the words of students who are calling on you to stop these events which promote gun ownership.

Today all the students at Torrey Pines High School in this community missed one of the most important days of their school years. They are anxiously preparing for the SAT tests two days from now. Their prom is this coming weekend. All adults can clearly remember their own versions of these special days.

However, **today the Torrey Pines students are all at home worrying about a threat of an active shooter at their school.** Students live with this in the back of their minds at all times; they have learned that it is "just part of school." When you bring the "excitement" for and the profit from marketing guns into their neighborhood, it is a strong statement to the students this will not change for them.

If you were to have a one on one discussion with a high school student, I believe it would allow you to understand the depth of the worries. They have no agenda; they simply want to know that somewhere there are adults who hear them. I suggest you have a conversation with middle and high school students.

At some point, profits from guns will become less important than this community's support for our children's ability to attend school without fear. Please consider ending the gun shows at the Fairgrounds.

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