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May 6, 2026

The Honorable George K. Chen
Mayor, City of Torrance
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Dear Mayor Chen:

I am writing to encourage you to make every effort to strengthen gun store regulations in the City of Torrance. I write this letter with urgency, after recent reporting revealed that Cole Tomas Allen went to Turner's Outdoorsman in Torrance to purchase the gun used during his alleged assassination attempt at the White House Correspondents' Dinner. New data shows that Turner's Outdoorsman has a long track record of selling guns that end up in crime scenes, and I believe that cities across the state can and should do more to improve oversight of gun sellers like Turner's.

Turner's Outdoorsman is connected to more so-called crime guns – guns that were used in a crime or illegally possessed than any other California dealer, and their Torrance location ranks second in overall crime gun sales in the state. Between 2022 and 2024, 642 guns that were sold by Turner's in Torrance were recovered as crime guns.

In 2023, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved several ordinances that I put forward aimed at strengthening gun violence prevention protections for residents and holding gun dealers accountable to common-sense regulations. But the ordinances in Los Angeles County only apply to unincorporated LA – not to cities like Torrance.

The first LA County ordinance banned the sale of .50 caliber guns and ammunition. These are the giant bullets that were developed for combat situations that tear through bodies, causing terrible destruction. Another ordinance prohibits gun and ammunition dealers from operating within 1,000 feet of a sensitive site, like a school, park, library, childcare center, or another gun and ammunition dealer.

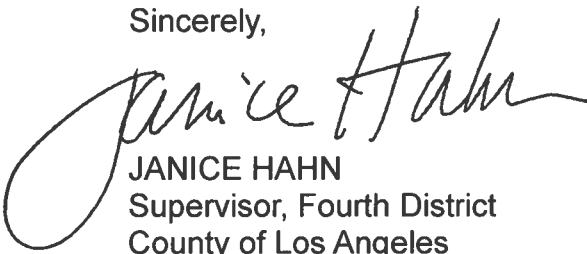
We also approved a comprehensive gun and ammunition dealer ordinance. It prohibits minors in stores that sell guns and ammunition unless accompanied by an adult and requires mixed-use stores to have sight separation. It also requires stores to maintain an annual sales report, keep a fingerprint log of purchasers of guns and ammunition, maintain a weekly inventory report, install security cameras, and display signs in stores that warn customers about the risks associated with access to guns.

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I am hopeful that your City Council will implement similar local ordinances and hold Turner's Outdoorsman accountable to these commonsense regulations.

For your awareness, I am also calling on our District Attorney, Nathan Hochman, to launch an investigation into Turner's Outdoorsman, given the concerning rate of crime guns sold at their Torrance location and other stores across the County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Hahn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J".

JANICE HAHN
Supervisor, Fourth District
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cc: Torrance City Councilmembers