

*From the desk of*  
Mayor Alan Webber

Dear Friend,

The [NY Times calls gun violence “Childhood’s greatest danger.”](#) Gun violence has surpassed car accidents as the leading cause of death among children. We’ve all watched in horror as extremists have killed children at schools, shopping centers, and parades. Every time it happens, it’s one time too many. It tears out our hearts and brings us to our knees. Lawmakers offer thoughts and prayers. Then it happens again.

In Santa Fe, **we can act.** I’ve [introduced a resolution](#), co-sponsored by Councilors Amanda Chavez and Carol Romero-Wirth, that identifies City facilities that are used for school-related and school-sanctioned activities, where guns are banned. This includes libraries, municipal soccer fields, and even City Hall. Our resolution would send a clear message that in Santa Fe, we intend to keep our children safe. Will it solve all our problems with gun violence? No. But it’s a start.

[Some on the City Council are vocally opposing our resolution.](#) They say we don’t have the authority to make our public facilities safe from guns. Here’s what I say to them: **Let’s get caught trying.** Let’s do *something*. Thoughts and prayers don’t save lives. We have the responsibility to act.

**I’m ready to act on guns.** I hope you’ll join me in supporting this important resolution. You can call your Councilors and tell them your thoughts, too.

There’s more we can do: Join me in encouraging the legislature to take action. Representative Andrea Romero is sponsoring several gun safety bills including bans on automatic weapons. I stand with her and

encourage all of you to do the same. It takes courage to stand up to the NRA, but that's what it takes to keep our children safe.

Let's get caught trying. Let's take action. Join me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*PS: If you want to contribute to the cause, make a donation this holiday season to New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence: <https://www.newmexicanstopreventgunviolence.org/>*

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