

WoMen Against Gun Violence was founded in Los Angeles in 1993. Now, after more than 30 years of working to prevent gun violence in Los Angeles, and throughout California and the nation, we have made the difficult decision to close our doors at the end of 2024. As fierce, focused, and effective activists, we are confident that it is the right decision at the right time. It is time to pass the torch to the next generation of gun violence prevention activists.

Together we have accomplished so much! With you as partners we helped ban junk guns, assault weapons, high-capacity ammunition magazines, and ghost guns in California. We helped spread the word about the importance of safe gun storage and provided crucial information – both in print and on our websites – in four languages. We have distributed thousands of gun locks and worked with local jurisdictions on gun buybacks. We helped pass some of the strictest firearm storage requirements in the nation. We held the first Suicide and Firearms Summit in Los Angeles that resulted in a statewide requirement to post suicide prevention information in all firearm retail locations. We led the movement to divest funds from the gun industry and we provided a specialized website to help guide you through the process. We recognized early the link between alcohol and gun violence, and now we are trailblazers again, this time in recognizing the link between animal cruelty and gun violence. We have worked hard to pass a state law that restricts the possession of firearms by those who have abused animals. And we continue to work with local jurisdictions to review, update, and institute new gun violence prevention ordinances, the critical cornerstone of our trickle-up legislative philosophy.

Thank you for your continuing advocacy as we wind down over the next few months. We will continue to send out our Action Alerts and advocate for important legislation. We encourage you all to continue to follow us on our social media platforms until our closing on December 31.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and with gratitude,

Ann Reiss Lane, Founder Loren Lieb, Chair of the Board

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