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## Taking Action on Gun Safety

### Celebrating 10 Years of Life-Saving Work

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, and over a hundred Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action Volunteers called for action on gun safety during their annual advocacy day in Salem. This year's advocacy day coincides with the celebration of 10 years of Moms Demand Action's life-saving work to protect our families and communities from gun violence.

"Over the last decade, our grassroots movement has changed the political calculus and narrative on gun safety in Oregon," said Amie Wexler, a volunteer with the Oregon Chapter of Moms Demand Action. "Thanks to the advocacy of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action volunteers, Oregon has become a national leader in the fight to end gun violence. Now, alongside our gun sense leaders, we're building on that progress and demanding continued action to save lives from gun violence."

Thanks to the advocacy of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action volunteers, gun safety advocates fended off every measure seeking to weaken Oregon's



Governor Tina Kotek, joined more than 100 Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action Volunteers to Call for Action on Gun Safety during Annual Advocacy Day. (photo courtesy of Tina Kotek's Twitter)

gun laws, and after seeing tragedies unfold throughout the state and nation, volunteers worked with lawmakers to enact new gun safety legislation like a secure storage law in 2021, an extreme risk law in 2017, and background checks on all gun sales in 2015 all to protect Oregon families from gun violence.

This year, Moms Demand Action volunteers throughout our nation are asking

lawmakers to take action and pass additional proactive measures that will save lives. This comes after Moms Demand Action volunteers had major success this past election cycle across the country 150 Moms Demand Action volunteers won their race for office, and gun violence prevention proved to be a winning issue including in Oregon.

In 2022, Oregonians elected nine Moms Demand Action volunteers for office up and down the ballot in the midterm elections, highlighting the political power of Moms Demand Action volunteers and the importance of gun safety for voters. This was in addition to voting to implement Measure 114, which contains critical policies that help keep our communities safe.



City officials stand in front of location picked for future building plans.

## Goals for the City of Portland 2023 promises to be transformational for Portland

We're only a couple of months into 2023, and already this year is shaping up to be transformational for the City of Portland. Here are a few other exciting updates from recent weeks.

Building more affordable housing: The start of construction on Alder 9, which is one of the tallest and largest affordable housing developments funded by the Portland Housing Bureau. In partnership with Related Northwest and Centro Cultural, Alder 9 will bring 159 affordable units to

the Central Eastside targeting dedicated, impactful on-site services toward seniors as well as multigenerational and BIPOC families, who are too often overlooked.

Protecting privacy, transparency in surveillance technology: This new policy will build trust, increase transparency, and enable the City to confidently use the right technology that also protect our community's civil liberties and privacy. This is not about banning technologies — it's about ensuring we adopt and use technology responsibly, ethically, and legally.

Celebrating small businesses: Small business is the backbone of our econo-

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