

## Talking Points

Hello my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a CRPA member

I am here today to urge you to consider keeping the Crossroads of the West Gun Show here in Costa Mesa

- While those opposed to this gun show say banning it will make us safer, banning the show will actually deprive the community of vital safety training opportunities
  - Gun shows are a major outlet for firearm safety training and materials.
  - The gun show serves as a venue for classes like Eddie Eagle and Project Childsafe, which teach safe responsible firearms ownership.
  - Banning the show will cut off countless law abiding gun owners from these safety resources.
- Gun shows sell much more than guns
  - Everything from apparel, gear, parts, and ammunition is sold at these shows. They provide a valuable outlet for local small businesses to showcase and demonstrate their goods to the community.
- In the history of the Costa Mesa Show, there has never been any incident of illegal or criminal activity
  - Crossroads Costa Mesa Show has a perfect record of complying with California's firearms laws.
- Despite the misconception that someone can go to the show and walk out with a gun, there is no "gun show loophole"
  - In California, there is no gun show loophole. Any gun purchase made at the show must be conducted through a licensed dealer with a background check and a 10 day waiting period. Firearms are kept separate and out of direct reach of the public.
- Gun Shows are a safe and family friendly environment
  - Gun shows create a safe environment where children can be introduced to shooting sports and hunting with the proper safety and supervision.
- The move to ban this show is a reactionary response to isolated incidents of terror
  - Banning this show will have no effect on gun violence; the opposition is taking advantage of tragedy to advance their unconstitutional agenda of disarmament.
- Gun Show attendees are law-abiding gun owners and are a vital part of the social fabric of Orange County
  - Firearms and gun owners are a daily component of life in Orange County
  - This county has issued more CCWs than any other in California and the community has remained safe without incidents of "OK Corral" style shootouts
- This show brings in vital revenue for the County Fair Grounds as well as revenue to the surrounding community.

I respectfully ask you to vote in favor of the Crossroads CostaMesa show. Allowing it to close would eliminate a critical source of gun safety programs, materials, and training opportunities, in Orange County.