

## **Wants, Needs, & Demands**

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On April 30 at 5:40 p.m., a former student opened fire into classroom 236 in the Kennedy Building of UNC Charlotte. Two students, Ellis "Reed" Parker and Riley Howell, were killed. Emily Houpt, Drew Pescaro, Rami Al-Ramadhan, and Sean DeHart were injured. In response, Real Change Now Charlotte was formed. School shootings should not occur. The escalation of gun violence in our community should not occur. Of all the cities in North Carolina, Charlotte has the highest propensity for gun-related violence. We want to prevent gun violence in our community, our state, and our country. With the aforementioned in mind, we make the following demands...

### **We ask that you advocate at the state level for**

Requiring permits for all guns, not just handguns. As such, we also ask that permit renewals be mandatory for all guns in North Carolina.

Limiting the number of guns and the amount of ammunition that can be purchased at one time.

Instituting mandatory waiting periods for both guns and ammunition purchases.

Requiring background checks in order to give a gun as a gift.

Banning high-capacity firearms and magazines.

Requiring licenses for all gun dealers in North Carolina.

Requiring the safe storage of guns.

Requiring that all lost or stolen firearms be reported to the police.

Considering and addressing toxic masculinity.

### **We demand that you**

Refund donations from the National Rifle Association and refuse to accept any future donations from that organization.

Restrict guns on the grounds of public spaces such as academic institutions, government buildings, and parks.

Institute a permanent county-wide task force dedicated to preventing gun violence throughout the county.

We demand that this task force be committed to hyper-transparency and community engagement. We demand that members come from a variety of backgrounds, such as CMPD, the Sheriff's Department, gun violence survivors, community and religious organizations, nonprofits, teachers, and government representatives.

Create and implement Gun Violence Prevention Programs open to all community members, as well as fund Gun Violence Research Programs. We also demand that you work with City Council to expand funding for pre-existing organizations and programs that are doing such work.

Make a public statement of support for House Bill 454, which creates Extreme Risk Protective Orders that would restrict an individual's access to guns if there is evidence they pose a risk to themselves or others.

Create a mandatory high school exit program to provide resources to those about to drop out of their academic institution.

We demand that this program provide an opportunity for students to express their dissatisfaction with their academic institution and provide them with school and community resources.

**Pledge**

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, knowingly and willingly sign this pledge dedicating my energies  
(print name)  
to addressing a nationwide epidemic of gun violence that has infiltrated our community and  
public spaces. I pledge to use my power as an elected official to consider suggestions for new  
gun reform legislation with an open-mind, to keep the conversation surrounding gun vio-  
lence protection efforts active, and to remain in active communication with Real Change Now.

As a symbol of my commitment to diminishing the prevalence of gun violence in my city,  
state, and country, I will no longer accept campaign donations from the National Rifle Associa-  
tion (NRA) or other organizations in opposition of common sense gun reform.

In signing this pledge, I actively acknowledge the concerns raised by Real Change Now and  
their partners and provide my wholehearted support of their efforts in addressing gun vio-  
lence.

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(Signature)

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(Date)