

CA Press Conference Comments

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As your City Administrator, and as a husband and father in Billings, I share my grief with family members and friends who have lost loved ones unnecessarily.

I want to thank our first responders, prosecutors and all those who support them. They do an excellent job serving our community and solving crimes. We understand that witnessing the results of gun violence never gets easy.

Speaking on behalf of all City departments, in partnership with our elected officials – improving the health and safety of Billings is our highest priority. We cannot accomplish this strategic goal by ourselves. We need all 120,000 residents engaged in making Billings safe. We are also pushing on all aspects of the criminal justice system at the city, county, and state to improve accountability and help victims.

I also want to take this opportunity to emphasize how important crime prevention is. Way too many of our citizens are living in unhealthy homes and are regularly subjected to violence and trauma. In partnership with our non-profits and faith-based service providers, we must do more to stop generational trauma and crime from becoming the norm.

Chief Rich St. John, along with all his men and women in uniform, the city and county attorney's office have my full support. We will continue to demand the county and state do all they can do to improve accountability and the safety of our community.

Thank you.