

My Dream

My dream to make this world a better place is for people to be more peaceful with one another. This means to solve problems nonviolently, which will reduce homicides and killings. Some of the ways to reduce violence is to stop making it so easy to buy a gun nowadays, have programs to buy back guns from the public, and create programs to educate the youth about non-violent behavior.

There are about 317 million people in the US and there are an estimated 270 million total guns out there, which are only the registered firearms, making the US the best-armed civilian population in the world, according to the Internet. This fact shows that there are too many guns in the America. The more guns there are, the more violence there will be. These days, people can buy guns on the streets, online, and at sporting stores. You never know what someone can do when he or she is mad and has a gun.

I would suggest for people to go through five safety tests before owning a gun. They will get a registration as it is done in getting a driver's license. In doing so, police can do a background check; people can learn how to store and use a gun safely; and also, learn ways to resolve problems peacefully.

I would support existing Guns Buyback programs such as the one in Oakland by Mayor Jean Quan to encourage people to trade in their guns for cash. This will help to reduce guns on the streets.

I would also work with the youth to teach them not to be involved in violent behavior and also appeal to their schools to have fun activities to keep them busy and focused. Playing together in team sports will help them to build good sportsmanship and learn to respect each other.

My hope is one day; we can all watch news on the T.V. without hearing there is a shooting in our neighborhoods or better yet, no killings at all. My dream to make the world better relates to Cesar Chavez's dream because he believed in nonviolence like I do. When he struggled for farm workers he did it bravely but nonviolently and peacefully.