

Bio for Rose Ann Alderson Sharp for Torrey Pines Democratic Club: 6/24/21

Rose Ann Sharp is a member of the Torrey Pines Democratic club and the Rancho Santa Fe Democratic club and has lived in Del Mar for the last 25 years although only since 2013 has she been a fulltime resident.

Rose Ann co-founded with Ira Sharp the grass roots organization, Never AgainCA after 17 students and faculty at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas school in Parkland were killed on Valentine's Day in 2018. The group sponsored AB 893 with Assemblyman Todd Gloria and on Oct.11, 2019 which was one year and one month after the Del Mar Fair board suspended gun shows, the bill passed to forbid the sale of guns and ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Todd Gloria honored Rose Ann's work as a Woman of Distinction in 2019.

Now NeverAgainCA is working with State Senator Dave Min of Orange County to ban the sale of these weapons and GHOST GUNS on all state-owned properties as proposed in SB 264.

In 2016, Rose Ann and Wayne Dernetz founded Gun Safety Advocates. They asked the Del Mar FairBoard to end gun shows based on community input aligned with a directive from the state to listen to the community on gun shows. They lost 8 votes against ending gun shows and 1 in favor. Two years later they prevailed!

Rose Ann is chair of the Del Mar Community Alliance Board of Directors which publishes the Sandpiper, an advertising free community journal for Del Mar voters.

From 1977- 2004, Rose Ann lived in Washington, DC and was the President of a national court reporting and litigation support company. Prior to that she lived in St. Louis where her community activities included organizing the FIRST Women's Health Fair with over 10,000 attendees and over 100 providers.

She graduated from Maryville University in St. Louis where she was Student Body President and taught citizenship classes to minorities living in public housing who later went on to be elected members of city organizations.

She is married to Ira Sharp and has two children and one grandson.

Rose Ann embodies Nancy Pelosi's directive: don't agonize; organize.