

# SPEAK-UP!



We show-up, stand-up and speak-up to make the world a safer place for our grandchildren and yours!



## Save the Date...October 25, 2022 Women on Guns

BY MAUREEN FRISCH, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

GAGV's Grand Conversation 3.0 "Women on Guns" is scheduled for October 25 at 5:00 pm, Pacific time. We will partner with the Museum of History and Industry on this virtual event.

Our Third Grand Conversation follows the tradition Grandmothers and the Museum of History and Industry have established to bring together people with different points of view about guns in America. These conversations, moderated expertly, search for common ground on this national, painful epidemic and model listening to all voices. We are aware that more women are buying guns, believing they must do so to protect themselves and have a means of self-defense. The challenge is that data clearly indicates that guns in the home, especially if improperly stored, pose more risk than provide safety. How do we work from evidence and not fear alone? What are the implications to the dynamic where more women are becoming gun owners?

We have a stellar panel of participants: **Ralph Fascitelli**, former Executive Director, CeaseFire, WA, and technology/smart gun expert; **Carmen Best**, former Chief of Police, Seattle and now Chief of Security for Microsoft and **Gregg Jackson**, Executive Director, Community Justice Action Network, national leader on gun violence and communities of color. **Leonard Garfield**, Executive Director, Museum of History and Industry is a partner of this event with Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. **Naomi Ishisaka**, Seattle Times, will moderate this informative and thought-provoking conversation.

*"The single largest, most powerful element in a gun violence tragedy is access to a gun."*

*Margaret Heldring, a leader and founding member.*

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## GAGV Foundation Hosts September Webinar Research to Action: Solutions to Gun Violence.

The Grandmothers Foundation hosted an exciting webinar on September 13, 2022 entitled Research to Action: Solutions to Gun Violence. The program introduced a crucial selection of research we have been supporting with the grants we give. Two very different sets of researchers presented reports on their work, holding an audience of more than sixty rapt for a fast-moving hour emceed with poise and surety by Foundation Board Member, Cindy Jackson.

### Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO)



Drs. Alice Ellyson and Ali Rowhani-Rahbar provided a moving picture of how Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO's) are working to protect children in King County. They emphasized that Foundation funding had allowed them to get this picture in better focus. This is a complex area where violence prevention, the justice system and proper implementation of existing laws come together. In more than half the instances where DVPO's are granted children are involved. Over the period they studied, more than 130 instances occurred where the petitioner did not even know the respondent had a gun! The importance of Orders to Surrender Weapons (OTSW) as part of DVPO's cannot be overstated.

Since the creation of the Regional Domestic Violence Firearms Enforcement Unit (RDVFEU) documented compliance with OTSW's has risen, but much is still unknown: How frequently do judges miss including such orders even where mandated by law? What happens when DVPO's expire? How can we best serve children after there has been gun violence in their homes, whether they are its direct targets or not?



### Creating Suicide Prevention Curriculum

The second team of researchers, Dr. Jennifer Stuber and Mr. Ted Robbins presented their work creating a suicide prevention curriculum for parents and guardians of teenagers. The Foundation has provided support through the first phase of this work and is very pleased that it will continue and expand in the coming year. Dr. Stuber gave an overview of the problem and explained the sequence of curriculum development, training trainers to use it, and implementation in collaboration with schools. Two of the elements that help the work stand out are the inclusion of practical training in securing lethal means, such as safe storage of firearms and medication, and the use of trainers with a vested interest in the topic, including parents who have lost someone to suicide. Mr. Robbins was one such trainer and his presentation of the part of the curriculum that dealt with safe storage of lethal means was both moving and informative. Having such a sample of meetings they are conducting made it clear that this is much more than a lecture about adolescents and suicide. Next year will involve more training of trainers, more partnering with schools and more specific evaluation research to gauge effectiveness.

We are proud to have helped further these important pieces of work. They represent a wide spectrum of scholarly activity. One looks at how the numbers change as policy changes, while the other goes for an immediate impact on a specific type of gun violence.



To close our webinar Cindy Jackson reviewed the planned focus of the Foundation going forward, which will continue to include supporting emerging researchers and focusing on otherwise underfunded questions. We hope to have our yearly reports, such as this webinar, become highlights of the Grandmothers programmatic schedule.

In case you missed the webinar or would like to watch it again here is the link to it on our website. [www.grandmothersagainstgunviolence.org/past-events](http://www.grandmothersagainstgunviolence.org/past-events)

Pictured above, from top to bottom, Dr Alice Ellyson, Dr. Ali Rowhani-Rahbar, Dr. Jennifer Stuber and Mr. Ted Robbins, doctoral candidate.

## Diversity and Partnership Committee



Debbie McDonald, GAGV  
Diversity and Partnership



Lynniah Grayson, RISE  
Executive Director

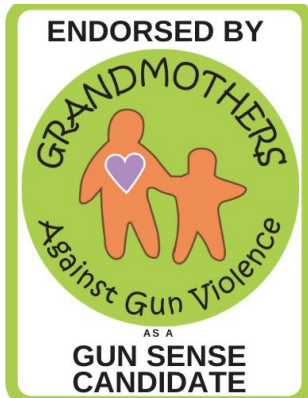
The Diversity and Partnership Committee has introduced a new partnership to Grandmothers Against Gun Violence through our June program and two collaborative new articles published by Seattle Child Magazine. Lynniah Grayson is the Executive Director and Visionary of Resilient In Sustaining Empowerment (RISE) a nonprofit organization based in Washington State. RISE offers assistance to women and children who have been impacted by gun violence, Their many services include providing professional mental health services, childcare for grieving children, grief support services, workforce training and development workshops for widows and single mothers as well as food, housing, and additional support for youth and families.

We are fortunate to partner with such a worthwhile and truly needed organization.

Read article here- [RISEing up \(seattleschild.com\)](https://seattleschild.com)

## GAGV Endorses Gun-Sense Candidates in Washington State

by Suzanne Tripp and Jennifer Dolan-Waldman, Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee



The Legislative Committee of Grandmothers Against Gun Violence assembled nine two-person teams of members to research candidates for Washington State Senate and House seats. We based our endorsements of incumbents on their voting records on GAGV priority bills for the 2022 session. These bills include bans on high-capacity magazines, ghost guns and active shooter drills, as well as limits to locations where guns are allowed. For challengers our teams reviewed their public statements about gun safety measures, and asked candidates how they would have voted on our priority bills.

Using this information, the lists below are candidates whom we encourage you to vote for and to support in any way you can. We are pleased to share with you this list of current and future gun violence prevention candidates

### SENATE DISTRICT CANDIDATE

21 Marko Liias  
27 Yasmin Trudeau  
30 Claire Wilson  
32 Jesse Salomon  
32 Patricia Weber  
33 Karen Keiser  
34 Joe Nguyen  
36 Noel Frame  
37 Rebecca Saldaña  
38 June Robinson  
42 Sharon Shewmake  
43 Jamie Pedersen  
44 John Lovick  
45 Manka Dhingra  
46 Javier Valdez  
46 Matthew Gross  
47 Claudia Kaufman  
48 Patty Kuderer

### HOUSE DISTRICT CANDIDATE

1 Davina Duerr  
1 Shelley Kloba  
3 Marcus Riccelli  
5 Lisa Callan  
5 Bill Ramos  
10 Dave Paul  
11 Steve Bergquist  
11 David Hackney  
16 Jeff Strickler  
16 Jan Corn  
17 Terri Niles  
18 John Zingale  
19 Cara Cusack  
19 Kelli Hughes-Ham  
21 Lillian Ortiz-Self  
21 Strom Petersen  
22 Jessica Bateman  
22 Beth Doglio

### HOUSE DISTRICT CANDIDATE

33 Mia Gregerson  
34 Joe Fitzgibbon  
34 Emily Alvarado  
34 Leah Griffin  
35 James DeHart  
36 Liz Berry  
36 Jeff Manson  
36 Julia Reed  
37 Sharon Tomiko Santos  
37 Emijah Smith  
38 Julio Cortes  
39 Jessica Wadhams  
40 Debra Lekanoff  
40 Alex Ramel  
41 Tana Senn  
41 My-Linh Thai  
42 Alicia Rule  
42 Joe Timmons

### HOUSE DISTRICT CANDIDATE

43 Frank Chopp  
44 Nicole Macri  
44 April Berg  
44 Brandy Donaghy  
46 Gerry Pollet  
46 Darya Farviar  
46 Lelach Rave  
47 Debra Entenman  
48 Vandana Slatter  
48 Amy Walen  
49 Monica Jurado-Stonier  
49 Sharon Wylie



# WHY I JOINED Grandmothers Against Gun Violence



"I worry about my granddaughter's future on many dimensions — climate change, reproductive rights, fragile world peace, the future of democracy, and more. However the events in Uvalde, Texas, and Highland Park, Illinois, made me worry about her safety right now. When I found GAGV, I felt that there were some forces for good at work in this worrisome world. I am really impressed by the intelligence and accomplishments of this group."

Cheryl S. Green is an ad hoc member of the Communications Committee. She joined Grandmothers in August of this year.

*Cheryl S. Green*

## WE SHOW UP!



Our goal is to get as much exposure as possible for Grandmothers Against Gun Violence and our message. Join us and don't forget to wear **ORANGE!** Check our website for locations and times. Join us for our upcoming **Show-Ups!** [www.grandmothersagainstgunviolence.org/upcoming-events](http://www.grandmothersagainstgunviolence.org/upcoming-events)

Upcoming Show-ups in Seattle.

**October 14th - Seattle**

Waiting for the Interurban Sculpture  
N. 34th St and Fremont Ave N

**November 14th - Seattle**

W. Thomas St. Pedestrian Overpass  
W. Thomas St and Elliott Ave. West

**December 14th - Seattle**

Holman Rd NW and 13th Ave NW

## Take the Survey

Grandmothers Against Gun Violence wants to do a better job of engaging you, our members (past and present). We'd like your input. We have work to do, and listening to you is where we'll start. Please take 10 minutes to respond to this short survey by the new deadline, **October 7, 2022.**

## Take the Survey!



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAGV](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAGV)