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Public Safety Partnerships: Protecting the Public After 5/14

White House Official, Buffalo Councilmember Zeneta Everhart Join NYAGV to Discuss Gun Violence & Solutions After Racially Motivated Massacre in Buffalo

BUFFALO, N.Y.—New Yorkers Against Gun Violence (NYAGV) is honored to partner with ***newly elected Buffalo Councilmember Zeneta Everhart*** to bring residents of Buffalo together to discuss the gun violence crisis impacting Western New York.

The event on **Wednesday, January 24** is part of NYAGV's Public Safety Partnerships: [Connecting Communities to End Gun Violence](#) program—a statewide initiative to illuminate the impact of gun violence by fostering critical conversations among experts and activists, spurring public awareness and action to address the gun violence crisis across New York.

“Buffalo became ground zero in our fight against gun violence after 5/14, the day in 2022 a deadly mass shooting took place at a supermarket targeting Black customers,” says ***Rebecca Fischer, Executive Director of NYAGV***. “We are dedicated to helping this community find answers and continue the healing after this terrible tragedy.”

Councilmember Everhart was personally impacted by this racially motivated shooting, as her son, 22-year-old Zaire Goodman was injured by the gunman’s bullets.

“A lot of times when these mass shootings happen, we just move on with our lives,” ***Everhart told an ABC News reporter***. “We set up memorials, and we have a few community meetings, and Congress does some committee work, and they sit down, and they try to pass some laws and resolutions, and nothing goes anywhere, and then we're on to the next mass shooting.”

“But this time, I'm involved,” she added. “My heart is involved. Buffalo is involved. I'm heartbroken for my community.”

Also joining the panel is ***Greg Jackson, White House Deputy Director of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention***.

With an election year now upon us, NYAGV wants to ensure that our local, state, and federal leaders are doing all that they can to reduce gun violence and to make our communities safer. At New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, we are committed to supporting and partnering with lawmakers and government officials who understand the complex causes of the gun

violence crisis and who champion effective, trauma-informed solutions to ending the cycle of violence and shootings.

This in-person panel discussion is free and open to the public. Media is welcome and encouraged to promote this event to their audiences. Members of the public interested in attending must [register here](#). We hope you will join us as we work together end gun violence in our communities throughout New York State!

WHO:

Zeneta Everhart, Buffalo Common Councilmember, **Greg Jackson**, Deputy Director of White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, **Rebecca Fischer**, Executive Director of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, **Ron Dixon**, Crime Prevention Manager for Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, **Willie Griffin**, Lead Hospital Responder for Brave/SNUG at Erie County Medical Center

WHEN:

Wednesday, January 24th
5:30pm

WHERE:

Canisius University
Science Hall
1901 Main Street, Buffalo

- Attendees are welcome to park in the lot adjacent to Science Hall.

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About New Yorkers Against Gun Violence

NYAGV mission is to reduce gun violence through legislative advocacy and education designed to encourage action, influence public opinion and lead to policy change. With a primary focus on New York State, NYAGV also advocates at the local and national levels for laws, policies and practices that protect New York State residents, particularly youth, from gun violence. NYAGV was established in 1993 by Brooklyn mothers galvanized by the senseless shooting death of a teacher in Prospect Park.