

Del Mar Fairgrounds could end gun shows after 2018

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SAN DIEGO (KGTV) -- The days could be numbered for the Crossroads of the West gun show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, where the event has taken place for 30 years.

On Tuesday, the Del Mar Fairgrounds board will consider a proposal to not renew any contracts for gun shows after 2018 until a series of reforms are adopted, including age appropriateness and enhanced safety plans.

"I'm ecstatic," said Rose Ann Sharp, founder of Never Again California, which has pushed for two years to get the gun shows off of state-owned property. "I call them the gateway to gun violence. It's the glorification of guns that starts at the gun show and then children think that this is a toy. It's a weapon. It's meant to kill."

But those who support the show say it's exactly what is needed to promote gun safety.

"You want to have a gun show in your area if you want responsible gun owners," said Tiffany Cheauvront, a gun owner and attorney who represents show promoted B and L Productions.

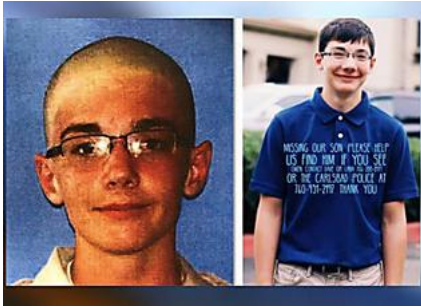
Cheauvront says the gun shows are some of the most heavily regulated events in the state, highly secured and promote education. A memo from the fairground's public safety director says the show has operated with no violations in his 17 years.

Cheauvront says the gun show promoters could pursue legal action if the fairgrounds board decides against renewing the events for 2019. The Crossroads of the West has requested dates on five weekends in 2019.

"They are a government agency that's running government land and they're trying to discriminate against a group of people that's conducting lawful activity," Cheauvront said.

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