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Biden addresses gun violence

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President Joe Biden introduced the Office of Gun Violence Prevention, a new governmental office put in order to deal with gun violence related issues, on Friday, Sept. 22.

This new office will implement both executive and legislative action to end gun violence in the United States, according to a website from the White House. The office will be overseen by Vice President Kamala Harris and has team members in the White House working to resolve gun violence issues in America.

He said he will urge Congress to take action such as enacting universal background checks and banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, according to the same website.

“But in the absence of that badly-needed action, the Office of Gun Violence Prevention along with the rest of my administration will continue to do everything it can to combat the epidemic of gun violence that is tearing our families, our communities, and our country apart,” Biden said in a statement, according to the same website from the White House.

Biden said he is also calling to Congress to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, requiring safe storage of firearms and eliminating gun manufacturers’ immunity from liability, according to the same source.

Another plan is enacting Biden’s Safer America Plan, which would put more police officers on streets for accountable, community policing and invest in gun violence prevention and intervention, according to the official Giffords’ website, an organization “dedicated to saving lives from gun violence.”

Rohan Rafeek, engineering management graduate and international student, said he was pleased to hear about the new office.

“It’s reassuring to know that the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention is a positive effort to combat the United States' current problems with gun violence,” Rafeek said. “It’s reassuring when you think about it. It’s heartening to see responsibilities being taken to address an issue that has had a tremendous impact on the citizens of the United States.”

He said he believes more policies should be implemented to reduce illegally possessed firearms, and gun purchases should only be promoted for individuals with licenses obtained through proper training and classes.

“I don’t perceive any downsides to this office, but I sincerely hope that it is not merely a strategy that democrats have adopted to win elections, and that they will follow through on their commitments,” Rafeek said.

Political science lecturer Marc Harris said he is the executive director of the nonprofit POPVOX, Foundation, where she works closely with Congress on a variety of issues.

According to the official POPVOX Foundation’s website, the foundation works with governments to address the challenges presented by the people and support government capacity that helps attract and retain personnel from diverse backgrounds.

“The White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention is largely a symbolic gesture, but shows that the President is dedicating resources to the issue,” Harris said.

“Ultimately, to change policy, Congress has to take action. However, this office will provide a dedicated place within the White House for staff to focus on the issues and potentially find things that the federal agencies can do without Congressional action.”

The Biden-Harris administration has worked to implement the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, and announced dozens of executive actions, according to the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education website.

“The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is already saving lives,” by investing in community violence interventions, improving access to mental health services in schools who have trauma or grief due to gun violence. The Justice Department will prosecute firearm traffickers and prohibit an individual younger than 21 from purchasing a firearm, according to the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Biden-Harris administration have announced executive actions to keep dangerous weapons and repetitive shooters off of streets and address the root causes of gun violence. Gun dealers and traffickers will be held accountable and law enforcement will be provided with tools and resources needed to reduce gun violence, according to the same website from the White House.

Computational math senior James Altizer said President Biden has taken action on guns safety to a positive effect, but feels a dedicated office may not be beneficial for the United States government system.

“The office will not affect me personally however, I do not think it will lead to massive improvements,” Altizer said.

He said he is pro-gun because he said he feels that minorities and woman need a way to protect themselves, and that guns have historically deterrred serious crimes in the past.

“I also think that guns from a cultural standpoint are too dominant in American culture and gun violence is due to the proliferation of guns,” Altizer said.
Polyerius chugs for anti-fascist protest

#1: The bass player and the lead singer of alternative metal band Polyerius perform for anti-fascist rally on Monday.

#2: The lead singer of the band Polyerius headbangs and screams into a megaphone in front of the Student.

#3: Protestors gather to rally with Polyerius against the Turning Point event held in the Student Union.

#4: The lead singer and the bassist perform in front of anti-fascist rally in support of the protestors.

#5: The guitarist of the band Polyerius plays in front of the crowd at the anti-fascist protest.

#6: Polyerius performs in support of the anti-fascist rally that gathered in front of the Student Union.

Spartunes:
Anti-Fascist Songs

"I'll Be Me" - The Who
"Bless the Motherf**kers" - The Dead Weather
"The Kids Are All Right" - Two Door Cinema Club
"Two Sides of the Sky" - The Frozen Dead Guy
"How Many More Times" - Anti-Flag
"I Shot the Sheriff" - Bob Marley
"Nasty" - Metallica
"Highway to Hell" - AC/DC
"One Nation Under a Groove" - Parliament-Funkadelic
"Fight the Power" - Public Enemy
"Turn the Beat Around" - Village People
"The Resolve That We" - Die Antwoord
"Go to Hell!" - Black Sabbath
"The Truth Goes on" - Operation Ivy
"The Final Countdown" - Europe
"The Balladeers" - The Turtles

Selected by Angel Santiago
By Nathan Canilao

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Sophomore midfielder Angel Iniguez scored SJSU’s only goal of the day and goalkeeper David Swearney saved 4 goals.

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The Spartans (4-3-3, 1-0-0 WAC) scored 10 goals in their first two games. The Spartans up 1-0.

With the tie, the Spartans and the Wolverines have drawn a tied with conference foe Utah Valley (1-5-4, 0-1-1 WAC) 1-1 at home on Sunday afternoon.

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San Jose State women’s volleyball team secured its 10th win of the season against the University of Nevada, Reno on Thursday, beating them 3-1 at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall.

The Spartans (10-6, 1-2 MWC) returned to their home court for the first time after playing away for over a month.

Junior right-side hitter Brooke Bryant led the Spartans with 16 kills and second in the season against the University of Nevada, Reno on Thursday, San José State at Yoshihiro Uchida Hall on Thursday.

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