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VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA) SHOOTING

Oxnard, CA – The tragic incident that took place today in the City of San Jose at the Valley Transportation Authority light rail facility was heartbreaking and devastating. Employees were gathering for a Union meeting. It turned into chaos as a person opened fire, killing eight and injuring others. As part of the public transportation community, it hits home, although these acts of unnecessary violence are not uncommon. We must not forget that these victims were mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and friends. They had someone that looked to them for guidance and support.

These incidents should not be part of our lives. We all know that with common sense, these tragic events would end. Because we know that those that have ill intentions or seem they need help DO NOT deserve to own a firearm. Politicians will send their thoughts and prayers knowing they can enact change and prevent future events from occurring. I support the 2nd Amendment, but common sense will always come first.

My heart breaks for the victim's families, friends, and the community. I pray, and I hope that common sense will bring change one day and we no longer see these vicious and violent incidents.