

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: shootsafe@shootsafelearning.com
Subject: Conditional Use Permit - Firearm Shooting Range
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 11:54:36 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I appreciate having the opportunity to speak on behalf of Edmund Tan, and his efforts to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for a Firearm Shooting Range. I have known Edmund for more than 5 years, and I have been able to attend his instruction classes, as well as seeing his behavior at the Sharpshooters Range, that was in Torrance. Edmund is, without a doubt, the most professional and knowledgeable instructor, as well as the most gun safety individual that I have had the good fortune to know. Everything that I have observed over the years, is that Edmund truly knows what he is doing, and takes what he is doing very seriously.

Last year, I was able to obtain a Concealed Carry Permit for California. I am proficient with firearms, going to a range at least 2 times per month, shooting over 300 rounds each time. I attended Edmund's classes to learn even more extensive gun safety, and to satisfy the shooting portion of the permit process.

I feel that a gun range in Gardena, would continue to help us that know how to shoot and handle guns. Even more important, the instructions will be so valuable for others that are just beginning to learn about firearms and shooting, for protection and safety.

Safety, efficiency, and professionalism truly describes the operation of Edmund. I encourage, the decision-making members, to grant the Conditional Use Permit.

Thank you,

John Sabio [REDACTED]

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Torrance, CA 90505

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Conditional Use Permit for Indoor Shooting Range at 1435 West 130th St, Gardena, CA 90249 Applicant Edmund Tan
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:10:02 PM

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Honorable Gardena Councilmembers:

I'm writing in support of subject CUP application of Edmund Tan.

I've known Edmund for several years, having taken three classes from Shoot Safe Learning taught by he and his Family. One of my sons has also taken a class taught by Edmund.

As an avid target shooter, I've taken courses from other firearm schools too-some good, some not so good. This has fostered my appreciation for what Edmund brings to the table.

While Edmund's technical proficiency is impressive, Edmund Tan and Shoot Safe Learning stands out from these others based on a personal commitment to safety, responsibility and following the law/regulations, as well as possessing an approachable, welcoming teaching style that is effective with both new and experienced gun owners.

With many new gun owners in the community, a safe, professional, local training and practice environment is critical to advancing responsible gun ownership. There is more to responsible gun ownership than simply acquiring a firearm legally and learning to hit a target at the range. Edmund and family foster a holistic approach, emphasizing situational awareness (recognizing and avoiding placing yourself or loved ones in situations that are dangerous in the first place), compliance with regulations, proper firearm storage and maintenance.

There is a shortage of shooting ranges and training in the South Bay. I presently travel 35 miles each way in order to attend a facility that I consider to be well-run, safe and disciplined. I know from experience in our community that others will not travel this far, thus neglecting the requisite practice and training. I would prefer to be able to attend a well-run local facility.

While I'm not a resident of Gardena (but have lived 43 years in the South Bay), my wife grew up in Gardena, having attended Mary Regina. Her large family of cousins, aunts, uncles and paternal grandparents lived in Gardena for many years. One of her uncles operated a small business in Gardena until he was in his late 80s.

I believe approval will, despite a negative perception of some concerning establishment of a shooting range, address a key need for safe training and actually be a credit to the community as long as Edmund Tan is the one operating it.

Respectfully,

Jeff Kreager
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

From: [Garrett Kelley](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Shoot Safe Learning](#)
Subject: Conditional Use Permit to establish an indoor firearm shooting range.
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 12:37:37 PM

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Honorable City Council members,

While I am not a resident of your fine city, I do live in nearby Manhattan Beach. I was trained in firearms safety by Edmund Tran and his son during one of their Shoot Safe Learning classes. Their professional lessons are an excellent introduction to the art and science of firearms and I am grateful to have learned from them. Unfortunately there is a lack of locations to safely practice what I have learned, not to mention take more classes from, in the Southbay.

I write to you emphasizing the following for you to consider as you look to approve their permit.

- I Vouch as to the level of professional integrity of the staff and officers of Shoot Safe Learning
- Shoot Safe focuses on safety, discipline, responsibility and legality
- Excellent professional training provided by Shoot Safe Learning
- Edmund and his staff are the highest of character and tolerate no foolishness

- As mentioned above there is an important need for a local indoor range in order for responsible gun owners to regularly practice and maintain ones skills

- The dire need for new and potential gun buyers to learn more about firearms safety, maintenance, laws and proper storage

I appreciate you taking the time to read the above and I look forward to being able to frequent the new Shoot Safe Learning range.

Best,

Garrett Kelley

From: [Paul Murray](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Shoot Safe Learning](#)
Subject: Edmund Tan Shooting Range Application
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:41:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Hi,

I would like to offer my strong support and recommendation for Mr. Tan in his application to open a shooting range. My wife and I have taken several courses from Shoot Safe Learning and we were very impressed at how he puts gun safety as the most important skill to learn. When my daughter expressed interest in purchasing a gun, we recommended that she first take Mr. Tan's courses. She did, and she gained a lot of knowledge and respect for gun safety.

On one occasion my wife and I were practicing at a gun range where Mr. Tan occasionally taught lessons (that range has since closed). The range was very busy and some patrons were behaving in what we considered an unsafe manor. The range employees were ignoring the situation so we decided to leave. We met Mr. Tan on our way out and told him of our concern. Regardless of not being an employee of the range, Mr. Tan took control of the situation. He gave the patrons (and range employees) a short and effective refresher on gun safety and got things under control. Mr. Tan is truly a leader in gun safety and his efforts make the sport safer for all.

We do not currently reside in Gardena area, but we have close family ties there and are always interested in the community. Having a safe place to practice is extremely important, and we look forward to future gun safety courses once Mr. Tan opens his range.

Paul Murray, Ph.D.
Professor, Industrial Automation
Bakersfield College

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From: [Ron Mabry](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Gardena Indoor Range
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:32:45 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Edmund Tan and the Shoot Safe Learning business. I am a past student of firearm safety and concealed carry courses. I have nothing but praise for the professionalism and proper firearm handling instructions that Edmund and crew exhibit. Edmund and his team are dedicated to the ownership and practice of safe firearm handling and operation. The attention to detail that every student gets insures mishaps are minimal if not eliminated. The instructions are clear and definite. That is how this team trains. Please strongly consider this business legitimate, safe and beneficial to the city and the surrounding areas.

Ron Mabry

From: [David Kim](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Indoor shooting range
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6:29:10 PM

My name is David Kim. I live in the South Bay.

I personally have taken Edmund Tan's classes. I will vouch that he and his staff are professional, and knowledgeable.

Our community needs experienced professional firearm's instructors like him, and a local facility where he can train and teach safe use of firearms to potential, new, and current firearms owners.

A local shooting range is a must for responsible gun owners to go practice marksmanship, and safety.

Please approve his application.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Adrian Cone](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: New Gardena shooting Range
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 7:08:55 AM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Since the closing of Socal Sharpshooters Range there is no local place for our residents of this area to practice and train. Although there are ranges in other areas the time and distance that it takes to get to these locations makes training there less available and more sporadic. Regular practice and training is the best way to stay proficient with a firearm, which in turn makes that individual safer, which makes the community safer as a whole. Although I have not taken a class with Ed at ShootSafe I have spoken with him and watch as he conducted a few classes during my time at Socal. Allowing a new shooting range in Gardena is needed, it can do nothing but make law-abiding citizens safer. During this time of anti-gun sentiment, it's not enough to say you have nothing against guns, just not here. The political climate for firearms and the 2nd amendment has / is changing for the better and we will have to change with them as well.

Thank You for listening
Gardena Resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Keith Covington](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Planning Commission CUP 1435 West 130th Street, Gardena, CA 90249
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:49:57 PM

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Project Location: 1435 West 130th Street, Gardena, CA 90249
Applicant: Edmund Tan

Dear Planning commission

I have trained with Edmund Tan for firearms in class and on the range.

He and his employees are safe, professional and passionate. I have taken several other firearm courses so I have a comparison and by far I know his knowledge and professionalism is what is needed in the industry as well as for safe areas for law abiding citizens to practices their skills. Having a local range in Gardena would be a positive for the industry and community.

I support his indoor firing range business without hesitation.

Keith Covington

[REDACTED]
El Segundo, CA 90245

From: [Patrick Benedek](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Project Location: 1435 West 130th Street, Gardena, CA 90249 Applicant: Edmund Tan Public Hearing: February 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 10:38:34 AM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2018-11-01 at 8.58.32 AM copy.png](#)

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Dear City of Gardena Council Members:

I am writing in support of the above referenced application.

My family and I have taken classes administered by Shoot Safe Learning (“Shoot Safe”). The classes were geared towards the safe practice of shooting, focusing on much needed self defense tools. The level of experience and integrity of the staff and officers of Shoot Safe is unparalleled and outstanding. At every moment of any of their classes, we constantly felt safe, secure, and following the utmost discipline by the teachers and volunteers. This discipline is instinctively reflected anytime we are at a range practicing.

During some of the classes, we had visits of police officers and other law enforcement personnel, attorneys, and even judges, who would come to help out with the training, and give us a legal perspective on the safe use of firearms.

Just attending classes, however, is not sufficient to maintain the quality training that Shoot Safe has instilled on us. Therefore, we do need to use indoor ranges often to practice and maintain our skills. Sadly enough, currently the only indoor ranges around the South Bay are still pretty far away, forcing us to commute and spend our money in remote cities.

We fully support Shoot Safe’s application for this indoor range, trusting their professionalism and very high safety standards.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

Patrick

Patrick Benedek

- Attorney



[REDACTED] Torrance, CA 90503
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From: [Walter Banta](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Proposed Gun Range In Gardena
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 7:54:36 AM

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am wholeheartedly in favor of a new gun range within Gardena. It will positively affect economic enterprise within the city, and it will provide a positive activity for those who favor shooting. As it currently stands, there are few, if any, ranges in near proximity to Gardena, and this necessitates an extended drive, consuming time and money that could better be spent closer to home. A local range would also allow revenue to flow into Gardena from adjacent city residents.

Please add your vote in favor of a new gun range within city limits.

Walter Banta



Gardena, CA 90247

From: [David Adams](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Proposed Shooting Range at 1435 West 130th Street, Gardena
Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023 2:33:29 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

To Whom it May Concern,

Responsible gun ownership is dependent upon proper training and practice. There is no question that a gun in the hands of an untrained individual is a dangerous combination. As a responsible gun owner, I have taken numerous courses with different organizations and practice with my firearms on a weekly basis. I am a business owner in Torrance and was disappointed that Sharp Shooter closed its doors. A new shooting range in the area is desperately needed to improve gun safety in the south bay region.

I have taken dozens of classes with Edmund Tan (Shoot Safe Learning). His focus on safety is exceptional and I have learned a great deal from him over the last five years. His instructors are extremely knowledgeable and have a passion to ensure that each student learns the proper handling, storage and cleaning of their firearm. I highly recommend Edmund Tan as a perfect person to open and run a facility that allows individuals to practice using their firearms and improve safety for our community.

Many people argue over the validity of the 2nd Amendment. Some want all guns abolished. Others want unlimited access to guns. What is often lost in these debates is that the 2nd amendment starts with "A well regulated Militia...". It seems obvious to me that any Militia would require training in how to use a firearm. Regardless of people's opinions on guns, everyone should be in favor of more training.

New gun ownership has been on the rise for the last three years in southern California. A training facility in our area is needed to improve gun safety. Edmund Tan is the perfect person for that training facility.

Thank you,
David Adams, Jr.



From: [18661873](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Proposed Rifle Range
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 7:41:47 AM

Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of the proposed opening of a rifle range in Gardena. Since the Sharpshooters Range closed two years ago in Torrance, the South Bay has been in need of a facility that allows law abiding gun owners a safe environment to learn responsible handling of firearms. As the proposed facility will have classroom space and conduct safe firearm instruction on the premises, I would say that this business is a win, not only for residents of the South Bay, but for the city of Gardena as well.

Please do not be swayed by those who would argue that "I have nothing against guns, just not in my neighborhood." This kind of intolerance ignores the positive aspects a rifle range would bring to the city of Gardena.

Sincerely:

Steven Oetzell

[REDACTED]
Redondo Beach, CA 90276
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From: [Carl H. Winton II](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Cc: [Edmund Tan](#)
Subject: Shoot Safe Indoor Range
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 8:01:12 PM

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My name is Carl H. Winton II and I have been a resident of Carson since 1967. I bought my house new and my wife and I raised our two children in this house. They both have had very successful carrers and are "responsible citizens."

The purpose of my email is to stand behind Edmund Tan's request to open an indoor range in the city of Gardena. I met Edmund when I enrolled in three of his pistol training classes. He was recommended to me by one of my very close friends whose wife had taken a class from him. They both are my God-Children and we attend the same church, Faithful Central Bible Church. Maurice and I serve as Deacons there, while Maurice is now the Chairman and I am the Secretary. Maurice is retired from the Sheriffs Department where he was a Sargent. His Wife, Robbin is a manager of Court Stenographers in our State Court houses.

Now let's talk about Edmund Tan and what a good trainer he is. I have owned pistols for many years, but Edmund taught me more about the proper way to hold, aim, and shoot them. He stresses SAFETY first and at all times. He knows how to teach with a good mannerism. Edmund teaches how to handle weapons responsibly and how to be aware of your surrondings. The other people that I met who work with him have the same high quality of standards as he does.

The location of a range in Gardena would offer several of his past students a better location to continue perfecting their skills. And a place that will offer more students, and professionals, to go for training and practice. With the increase of weapons being bought, it is to the benefit of our neighborhood to have a person like Edmund available to teach us the proper way to handle those weapons.

In closing, I strongly recommend that a permit be granted to Edmund Tan to open and run his business within Gardena.

Thanks,
Deacon Carl H. Winton, II

From: [BJMe](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Shoot Safe Learning Use Permit
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 4:34:40 PM

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Sirs:

I have participated in several classes and training sessions with Edmund Tan and can unequivocally vouch to the high level of professional integrity and quality of training offered by the staff and officers of Shoot Safe Learning.

It is obvious that at this particular time there is a dire need for new and potential gun buyers to learn more about firearms safety, maintenance, laws and proper storage.

As a responsible gun owner I need and prefer a local indoor range in order to safely practice and develop proper gun handling and shooting skills.

Relying on the many hours of responsible training and education I have spent with Shoot Safe Learning, as well as my high personal regard for Edmund Tan,
I sincerely request that the City of Gardena issue a Conditional Use Permit to establish an indoor firearm shooting range at 1435 West 130th Street, Gardena, CA 90249.

Thank you for your attention.

All the best,
B.J. Merholz

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Shoot safe learning
Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:06:46 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to show support to allow Shoot Safe Learning to have a conditional use permit in the city of gardena. I am a past student and really enjoyed my time with Edmund and the rest of the staff getting educated in the laws and safeties of using a firearm. I think this is an invaluable tool for people who are unfamiliar with using a firearm.

Best,

Andrew Chen

Sent from my iPhone

From: [William Robbins](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Support for Mr. Edmund Tan's Application - Indoor Shooting Range in Gardena
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:50:53 AM

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Dear Gardena City Council Members:

I am writing to express my support for the application of Mr. Edmund Tan for a Conditional Use Permet to establish an indoor firearms shooting range at 1435 West 130th St, Gardena, CA 90249.

Firearms safety education and training are the most effective way to ensure safe and responsible behavior with regard to the lawful ownership, handling, storage and transportation of firearms. Firearms education and training cannot be performed safely and properly, in a reliably secure and supervised manner, without access to a shooting range. In densely populated, urbanized areas, such as Gardena, indoor shooting ranges offer are often the only conveniently accessible location where lawful citizens can learn, train and educate others (family members, friends, clients of trainers, etc.)

As a student of Mr. Edmund Tan, as well as a firearms instructor trained and certified by Mr. Tan, and as a certified Range Safety Officer, I am well aware of and highly sensitive to the civic and legal issues pertaining to the operation of shooting ranges in the Los Angeles area, and throughout the State of California. A well run shooting range can be a great asset to Gardena and the surrounding communities.

I urge the Gardena City Council to support firearms safety education and promote responsible citizenship among owners of firearms by approving Mr. Tan's application.

Sincerely,

William L. Robbins
Los Angeles, CA (Westside area resident and business owner)



From: [Kevin La](#)
To: [Kevin La](#)
Subject: 1435 West 130th Street Indoor Firearm Shooting Range Proposal
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:27:27 PM

From: Frances Chase [REDACTED]
Date: February 17, 2023 at 10:30:14 AM PST
To: Michael Saffell <msaffell@gardenapd.org>
Subject: 1435 West 130th Street Indoor Firearm Shooting Range Proposal

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Dear Captain Saffell,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am the property owner of 1441 W. 130th Street (Halldale intersection). You may remember I worked together with Officer Michael Bergeron to hold K-9 training at my building prior to the renovation.

I spoke with the property owner (Bacoka) of 1435 West 130th Street regarding the proposal to lease his property to Edmund Tan for the purpose of an indoor firearm shooting range. My primary concern is whether Gardena will hold Tan accountable that the guns are empty both when they arrive and leave.

Bacoka informed me the range will be open only to members, for the purpose of training federal air marshals and pilots, and Tan will keep logs.

Do you know if Tan is required to keep a Safety Check Log (no ammunition in gun) at entry and departure? A log with customer name, date, entry & departure time, and the initials of the employee(s) or range safety officer that conducted the check? I believe such a log should be kept, made available if Gardena PD asks for it, and submitted bi-weekly or at the most monthly.

My experience is that holding people accountable only works if they know there is a follow-up process. If no one is checking, they simply won't do it. If the checks are infrequent, they pencil whip/falsify the logs. Camera recordings are after the fact and not proactive.

I'd like to do everything possible to make sure there are no range customers walking around on the street with live ammunition in their guns. I have no issue with guns, my family owns them, and as you know I greatly admire and support the police department. My only concern is a weapon being fired on 130th Street whether by mistake or misfortune.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to your thoughts.

Frances Chase
[REDACTED]

From: [David Waldner](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: CUP for Indoor Shooting Range
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:15:38 PM

I'm writing to express my strong support for a conditional use permit for an indoor shooting range and training facility in Gardena. I've know the applicant Edmund Tan for several years and have taken three of his shooting classes that focus on safety first and responsible gun ownership above all else. The fact of the matter is that responsible persons in our area are going to continue to buy guns legally regardless of whether safe training is available. It is far better to have a facility and training program that focuses on safety and responsible gun ownership than to have no resources and people with guns who are not safe.

Edmund and the staff at Shoot Safe are beyond responsible. They absolutely will not tolerate any bad attitudes or irresponsibility in the classes and practice sessions they teach. They are professionals of the highest standards. They are truly a value to the community and I urge you to please approve this permit

Thank You

David Waldner, Redondo Beach

From: [Alan Takahashi](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Shooting Range
Date: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:03:53 PM

I would really appreciate being able to target practice - at a range in Gardena!

Please vote yes on the range here in Gardena. It will B much appreciated to me, as well as many of my other friends.

Giving my appreciation!

Regards,

Southwest Anglers Rod & Gun Club.

Alan W. Takahashi

Sent from my iPhone. Alan T.