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**District Attorney Michael Dougherty to Host
Gun Violence Prevention Forum on October 22, 2023**

District Attorney Michael Dougherty will host a public forum on October 22nd to discuss gun violence prevention in our community. The event will be held at the Longmont Museum at 400 Quail Road in Longmont. Doors will open at 2:15pm and the forum begins at 2:30pm. Community leaders will serve as panelists to discuss a range of topics regarding gun violence prevention, including legislation on gun laws, gun violence that we are experiencing in the community, and the increase in youth violence and gang violence. The panelists will also answer questions from members of the public, which should be submitted in advance by email to boulderda@bouldercounty.gov.

The community leaders and panelists at this forum will include Boulder County Commissioner Marta Loachamin, Longmont Police Chief Jeff Satur, State Representative Karen McCormick, and Artist and Community Advocate Gamma Acosta. Additionally, there will be introductory video remarks from Congressman Joe Neguse.

The upcoming gun violence prevention forum comes on the heels of a successful gun safe giveaway event on September 16, 2023. The District Attorney's Office, along with community partners St. John's Episcopal Church and Congregation Bonai Shalom, gave away over 200 free gun safes to Boulder County community members in just 2 hours. The District Attorney's Office obtained these gun safes through a grant received from Colorado's Office of Gun Violence Prevention.

The District Attorney's Office prioritizes addressing gun violence in Boulder County and throughout Colorado. The District Attorney's Office vigorously prosecutes crimes involving gun violence, fights for sensible gun reforms at the Legislature, and promotes safe gun storage.

Information about gun safety and the District Attorney's Office gun violence prevention efforts can be found at <https://bouldercounty.gov/district-attorney/gun-safety/>.