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Hon. Pamela Panzenbeck and City Councilmembers
Via email

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

With no prior community notification whatsoever, a “guns & ammo” store has been allowed to open on Glen Street in downtown Glen Cove.

Although the present charter is silent on the question of whether such a store is permissible, the controversial nature of the presence of such an establishment in the heart of our downtown should have been the subject of a hearing to permit the public to speak. There was no legal impediment to such a hearing.

I respectfully request that our Mayor and Councilmembers amend the Glen Cove City Charter to create gun-store free zones to ensure that any such establishments are restricted to appropriate locations. The “guns & ammo” store is just feet away from “Madeline’s Play Cafe,” an outstanding addition to our City designed to attract children. The “guns & ammo” store will not provide a welcoming environment for any new retail interests intended to appeal to youngsters and young families and will in fact substantially inhibit the development of any such highly desired commercial interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charles Lavine'.

Charles Lavine