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For San Diego Sheriff 2022

Michael Schwartz and I got off on the wrong foot during my interview with him on Gun Owners Radio. I would like to clear the air and clarify my position on Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVROs).

I respect Michael's concern that GVROs may be abused. I agree that the standard for GVROs that remove a firearm from someone's possession poses the possible risks of abuse. We also agree that GVROs should only be used in narrowly defined cases.

I pledge that if elected sheriff, I will ensure each GVRO with which the department is involved is thoroughly scrutinized, I will not encourage or support the expansion of GVRO laws, and I will work with legislators to pass protections of the rights of gun owners from the misuse of GVROs.

I pledge transparency in the GVRO process. I will establish a citizen's oversight panel to review each GVRO, including at least one representative of San Diego County Gun Owners PAC. I support and will facilitate the creation of such a panel. I will maintain strict scrutiny and oversight of the GVRO process, and I pledge to provide the panel with access to all filings of GVROs. I will not tolerate any abuse of GVROs and I will investigate any allegations of abuse uncovered by the panel and take remedial action as necessary, whether within the Sheriff's Office or in court.

I respect the hard work San Diego County Gun Owners PAC does every day and their longstanding defense of the Second Amendment and their expertise on guns - I invite them to continue to scrutinize public policy that has an impact on gun owners in San Diego County. Just like the community that expects the Sheriff to be an ally in keeping them safe, gun owners will also have me as an ally.