

Westchester's Faith & Municipal Leaders Find New Way Forward on Gun Violence – Join National Effort Pursuing Gun Industry Accountability Through Market Power

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Lincoln Park, Lincoln Avenue, New Rochelle, NY
([Corner of Lincoln Avenue and Prince Street](#))

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New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson and Police Commissioner Patrick Carroll will join dozens of **Westchester United** faith and community leaders at New Rochelle's Lincoln Park.

Together they will publicly announce the [Do No Stand Idly By Campaign](#): a national effort of community organizations building a bloc of gun buyers in the public sector – which buys 40 percent of the guns in America using tax dollars – to seek change in the gun industry. The bloc includes New Rochelle & Rye Brook, governors, mayors, county executives and police chiefs from 59 jurisdictions in 13 states, as well as the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The idea is simple: The manufacturers of guns have the power to reduce the number of Americans killed or injured by their products. As clients, we are asking them to use it.

On November 10, in coordinated events in several states, leaders and public officials will initiate a conversation with the major manufacturers of firearms serving the American market. We will announce our *Request for Information*, on behalf of the 59 participating jurisdictions, seeking their practices and capabilities in: safety technologies, distribution practices, and cooperation with law enforcement.

Deacon Nathaniel Adams of Shiloh Baptist Church said: “This effort is led by communities like mine who have buried too many children like my nephew and people who have been victimized like many of our church members.”

Mayor Noam Bramson of New Rochelle says: "30,000 Americans will be killed this year by firearms, and many of these deaths are preventable tragedies. Today, we are asking gun manufacturers to work with us - their customers - to save lives, by ensuring that products purchased with taxpayer dollars are used to protect the public's safety ."

Who: Westchester United is a growing power base of congregations and community groups in Westchester County. We are an affiliate of the Metro Industrial Areas Foundation, a non partisan citizens' organizing network and initiator of this effort. For more info see: www.westchester-united.org, www.metro-iaf.org, or www.dontstandidlyby.org

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