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**Boston Police Commissioner Makes Endorsement on Temple Israel Podcast**

*Commissioner Evans agrees to join Gun Buyers Research Group*

**Boston, MA:** In a new episode of our podcast, [Pulpit on the Common](#), Boston Police Commissioner Evans publicly endorses the [Do Not Stand Idly By \(DNSIB\) Campaign](#) and has agreed to be part of the Gun Buyers Research Group.

In brief, the DNSIB campaign is asking mayors, police chiefs, governors, and others to join a Gun Buyers Research Group which will initiate discussions with gun manufacturers. Officials will be submitting formal Request for Information - regarding distribution practices, safety technologies, and cooperation with law enforcement. Manufacturers' responses will help guide future purchasing decisions.

So far, officials from 57 jurisdictions and 13 states have signed on, **including Mayor Walsh and Attorney General Healey.**

Commissioner Evans was on his way to record with us on February 12 when he was, ironically, called to respond to a [shooting](#) involving his officers in Dorchester. Because of the incident, our episode on Gun Violence Prevention became a two-part piece:

- Part 1 (aired on 2/17) with Rev. Dan Smith of First Church in Cambridge, and Rev. Kim Odom, co-pastor of the True Vine Church in Dorchester and mother of Steven Odom, a homicide victim to gun violence in October 2007.
- Part 2 with Commissioner Evans was released today. The Commissioner also opens up about his faith and how it has guided him in his career, specifically citing his role in the Boston Marathon bombing.

*Pulpit on the Common* is a conversation on the intersection of faith and public life based here in the birthplace of American freedom, Boston, MA. Temple Israel has a rich history of developing innovative approaches towards engagement. *Pulpit on the Common* establishes a new setting for the content and conversation that was once situated on the pulpit – making the pulpit accessible anywhere, anytime, to anyone.

The episode is available on [iTunes](#), [Stitcher](#), and [pulpitonthecommon.org](http://pulpitonthecommon.org).

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