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### International Condominium and Homeowners Association Leaders Respond to Toronto Condo Shooting Tragedy

As we learn more information about the deadly shootings on Dec. 18 at the Bellaria Residences condominium in the city of Vaughan, just north of Toronto, [Community Associations Institute](#) expresses our deepest condolences to the victims' families, friends, colleagues, and neighbors.

According to York Regional Police, a 73-year-old male resident shot six people, killing five on several different floors of the suburban Toronto condominium building. Police say three of the five people killed were members of the condo board.

“This heartbreaking tragedy is devastating to the families and neighbors impacted and to all residents who call a condominium home,” says **Denise Lash, a community association attorney and founding member of CAI’s Canada Chapter**. “We grieve for the victims and residents at Bellaria, and we vow to support the homeowner volunteers who are elected by their neighbors to represent the best interests of the entire community. These residents are doing a job. They should never have to fear serving on their community association board.”

In Toronto and around the world, condominiums, horizontal properties, and stratas are popular places of homeownership—communities where residents live together and share common areas, amenities. Millions of homeowners willingly volunteer their time to serve on their community’s governing board and committees.

“Violence of any kind to resolve neighbor disputes has no place in our communities,” says **Thomas M. Skiba, CAE, CAI’s chief executive officer**. “As the leading international authority for community association living, our entire industry is saddened and shocked by the recent gun violence in condominiums and homeowners associations. We are committed to bringing changes to our industry, our culture, and to stop violence in our communities, here in the U.S., Canada, and across the globe. Our homes and communities are places we should feel safe.”

CAI is offering practical advice and best practices for managing conflict and creating a safety plan in community associations. Download CAI’s community safety guide at [www.caionline.org/homeownerleaders](http://www.caionline.org/homeownerleaders).

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