



Dallas County Republican Party Resolution to Oppose the State Fair of Texas’s Ban on Carrying Firearms at the Fair

Whereas: the State Fair of Texas has implemented a new policy banning for the first time fairgoers from carrying all firearms, including concealed carry and open carry of firearms, anywhere on the fairgrounds;

Whereas: the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 23 of the Texas Constitution secure the right to keep and bear arms by Texas citizens;

Whereas: carrying a firearm empowers Texas citizens to deter violent criminal acts and defend themselves, their families, and others from dangerous criminals;

Whereas: the Firearm Carry Act of 2021 allows most Texas citizens 21 years of age and older to carry a handgun in Texas without a license to carry;

Whereas: 82% of mass public shootings since 1998 and 94% since 1954 have occurred in places with gun bans in effect;

Whereas: 51% of “mass shootings” have been stopped by armed civilians between 2014 and 2023;

Whereas: “gun-free” zones attract violent crime by removing the ability of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves from dangerous criminals;

Whereas: the State Fair of Texas and the City of Dallas lack the resources to provide sufficient security to protect Texas citizens attending the fair from the parking lot throughout the fairgrounds; and

Whereas: the heritage and values of the State of Texas has always included the ability for free men and women to keep and bear arms to take personal responsibility for the safety of themselves, their families, and their communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Dallas County Republican Party opposes in the strongest terms the State Fair of Texas’s policy to ban the carrying of firearms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Dallas County Republican Party calls on the State Fair of Texas to immediately rescind its policy to ban the carrying of firearms.

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allen West".

Lt. Col. Allen West (Ret.)
Dallas County Republican Party, *Chair*

September, 17, 2024

Date