

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
ENACTING LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT OPEN CARRYING OF FIREARMS AND
WEAPONS IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

WHEREAS, public libraries are gathering places for children and all community members and are spaces dedicated to peace and learning, where individuals of all backgrounds and perspectives come to seek knowledge and share ideas without fear; and

WHEREAS, public libraries should remain safe havens for education, reflection, and community engagement, free from the intimidation or risk posed by the open carrying of firearms and weapons; and

WHEREAS, allowing the open carrying of weapons on library premises could create a threatening environment, deterring patrons—especially families and children – from using library resources, and the presence of weapons could also escalate conflicts, putting both staff and visitors at unnecessary risk; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting the open carrying of firearms and weapons helps maintain an atmosphere where everyone feels secure and respected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County supports legislation to prohibit the open carrying of firearms or weapons in public libraries.

Adopted by the Fort Bend County Commissioner’s Court this 17th day of December 2024

By: _____
County Judge KP George

By: _____
Commissioner Vincent Morales, Pct. 1

By: _____
Commissioner James “Grady” Prestage, Pct. 2

By: _____
Commissioner W. A. “Andy” Meyers, Pct. 3

By: _____
Commissioner Dexter L. McCoy, Pct. 4

ATTEST:

Laura Richard, County Clerk