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I am writing to express my concern regarding the current policy of allowing firearms at the State Fair of Texas. As the representative for District 7, I strongly believe that the presence of firearms poses a significant risk to the safety of fairgoers and the community.

The State Fair of Texas is a tremendous annual event that brings in millions of people from around the country to celebrate our state's culture and traditions. The presence of firearms on fairgrounds introduces an unnecessary element of danger and potential harm. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there were over 48,000 firearm related deaths in the United States in 2022. In 2021, the State of Texas had over 4,500 firearm deaths.

I am requesting that you reconsider the current policy and implement a restriction of firearms, regardless of a permit to carry. While I understand and respect the rights of individuals to bear arms, I firmly believe that there are appropriate places and occasions for exercising those rights.

The large crowds and range of activities that the fair attracts, including the sale and consumption of alcohol, is not an appropriate place for the presence of this. It is in the best interest of the State Fair of Texas and the City of Dallas to do everything we can to take the necessary steps to protect the public. The safety and well-being of our residents should always be a top priority for our city.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to another successful and safe State Fair in 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Bazaldua", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Bazaldua  
Council Member, District 7  
City of Dallas