



Palm Beach County Democratic Party Democratic Executive Committee

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To: The leadership of the Florida Legislature and the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners

Re: Proposed Open Carry Legislation in Florida

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RESOLUTION AGAINST OPEN CARRY OF HANDGUNS

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes that permit carrying a concealed weapon or firearm into any meeting of a governing body (excluding the Florida State legislative chambers), public school district, municipality or large political gathering, where public officials meet, would increase the risk of an altercation, because there are many other risks; and

WHEREAS, Florida police and sheriff groups overwhelmingly oppose open-carry gun proposals, because such Bills, if enacted, would restrict the ability of officers to ensure public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fraternal Order of Police unanimously opposes the legislation, because of a provision that would prohibit an officer from asking for someone's concealed-carry permit unless the officer has "probable cause"; and

WHEREAS, having more civilians with guns, who are not properly trained, would cause chaos; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in American history, this year gun deaths are expected to surpass automobile deaths, and that open carry would increase the possibility of even more gun deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Palm Beach County Democratic Party strongly opposes any open carry handgun legislation that would increase the gun violence epidemic; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Palm Beach County Democratic Party strongly urges the state legislators to vote against the said proposed Bills, and further urges all Florida residents to contact their state legislators to express opposition to said proposed Bills.

Respectfully submitted to the Palm Beach County Democratic Party Executive Committee

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