



TEXAS GUN RIGHTS

2026 STATE & FEDERAL CANDIDATE SURVEY

Candidate Name: _____ **Party:** _____

Office Sought: _____ **District:** _____

1. Do you **OPPOSE** restrictions on the manufacture, importation, sale, purchase, or possession of firearms, magazines, components, and accessories (including rifles, shotguns, and handguns)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Do you **SUPPORT** state preemption laws that prevent local governments from enacting additional restrictions on firearms, ammunition, or related accessories?
☐ Yes ☐ No
3. Do you **OPPOSE** legislation banning private firearm sales between law-abiding citizens without a Federal Firearms License or background check, creating a de facto gun registry?
☐ Yes ☐ No
4. Do you **OPPOSE** all “Red Flag” laws and other legislation that allow individuals to be disarmed (even temporarily) without due process—through ex parte orders, mental health accusations, or other arbitrary determinations not decided by a court?
☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Do you **OPPOSE** legislation like the Texas Gag Act, which would silence grassroots groups by banning virtually any mention of a candidate’s name or voting record during an election season or legislative session, and force organizations like Texas Gun Rights to disclose their donors’ private information to the government?
☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Do you **SUPPORT** a Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA) to prohibit state and local law enforcement from enforcing federal gun control laws that are more strict than the laws of Texas — under threat of civil or criminal

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penalty?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

7. Do you **SUPPORT** eliminating sales tax on firearms, ammunition, and accessories to reduce the financial burden on law-abiding gun owners?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

8. Do you **SUPPORT** Texas' "Stand Your Ground" law and efforts to strengthen legal protections for law-abiding citizens who justifiably use deadly force in self-defense—shielding them from criminal prosecution and civil liability?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

9. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation to eliminate many so-called "gun-free" zones on taxpayer-funded properties like schools, hospitals, the State Fair, and the rodeo?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

10. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation to eliminate Texas' "51%" law that makes it a felony for law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm into many restaurants or venues that serve alcohol—*so long as they are not intoxicated*—similar to laws in other states, like Colorado and Arizona?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

11. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation to hold businesses liable for the safety of their customers if they prohibit lawful firearm carrying on their property for self-defense — just as they are held liable for other hazards such as slips and falls?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

12. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation that protects businesses from liability if they allow lawful firearm carry for self-defense?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

13. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation requiring public schools and universities in Texas to teach students about the history and purpose of the Second Amendment, including the importance of an armed citizenry and the historical consequences of gun control?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

14. Do you **SUPPORT** legislation to abolish the scandal-ridden Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), due to its repeated abuse of power—bypassing Congress to impose gun control through arbitrary rule changes that have turned millions of law-abiding citizens into felons overnight—many of which have been struck down by the courts for unconstitutional overreach?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

15. Do you **SUPPORT** repealing the National Firearms Act (NFA), which the ATF has used to impose unconstitutional gun regulations by redefining firearms and accessories under the Act?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Would you: ☐ Author ☐ Co-author ☐ Not Applicable

-- Candidate Authorization --

My signature affirms that the answers given above accurately represent my beliefs as a candidate for _____

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please Note:

- Completion of this survey is required for endorsement consideration by the Texas Gun Rights PAC.
- Failure to return a signed survey may be communicated to our membership; any questions left blank will be considered an anti-gun response.
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2026 CANDIDATE SURVEY BRIEFING

This briefing provides background information and justification for each question in the 2026 Texas Gun Rights Candidate Survey.

Question 1 – Broad Gun and Accessory Bans Gun control advocates continue pushing bans on the manufacture, sale, and possession of many firearms and related accessories, often targeting commonly owned rifles, shotguns, and handguns. These restrictions typically ban firearms based on cosmetic features or magazine capacity — not actual lethality or criminal misuse. Texas Gun Rights opposes all such blanket bans as unconstitutional infringements on the Second Amendment.

Question 2 – State Preemption Laws Texas law currently prohibits local governments from enacting their own firearm restrictions, preserving uniformity and protecting gun owners who travel across the state. Weakening state preemption would open the door to a confusing patchwork of local laws that criminalize otherwise lawful behavior. Defending preemption is critical to ensuring consistent protections statewide.

Question 3 – Private Firearm Sales and Gun Registration So-called "universal background checks" are a pretext to ban private firearm transfers and expand government databases of lawful gun owners. These laws require citizens to obtain a Federal Firearms License or go through an FFL to transfer firearms—even between friends or family—effectively creating a de facto gun registry. Millions of lawful gun owners would be criminalized for exercising their rights without government permission.

Question 4 – Red Flag Laws and Mental Health Disarmament Red Flag laws and similar proposals allow individuals to be disarmed without due process, often based on unverified allegations. These laws enable firearm confiscation through ex parte court orders—meaning the accused is not present to defend themselves. In many cases, no crime has been committed. These laws undermine both the Second and Fourth Amendments and must be rejected.

Question 5 – Opposing the Texas Gag Act The so-called "Texas Gag Act" (e.g., HB 1585, filed in 2023) represents one of the most dangerous attacks on free speech and grassroots activism in Texas history. Pushed under the deceptive label of "ethics reform," it would ban any mention of a politician's name by groups like Texas Gun Rights before a primary or general election or during legislative session, and force organizations to hand over donor names, home addresses, and employers to the government. This is a direct assault on the First

Amendment and aims to shield incumbents from public accountability.

Question 6 – Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA) The SAPA is designed to protect Texas from federal overreach by prohibiting state and local law enforcement from assisting in the enforcement of unconstitutional federal gun laws. It also imposes penalties on state actors who aid in enforcing federal mandates that exceed Texas law. SAPA reinforces the Tenth Amendment and puts the burden of enforcing federal gun control back on the federal government.

Question 7 – Eliminating Sales Tax on Firearms and Ammunition The right to keep and bear arms is a constitutional right — not a taxable privilege. Just as Americans do not pay a tax to exercise their right to free speech or religious expression, law-abiding Texans should not be penalized for purchasing tools necessary to defend themselves and their families. Eliminating sales tax reduces the financial barrier to exercising this fundamental right.

Question 8 – Stand Your Ground and Self-Defense Protections Texas' Stand Your Ground law ensures law-abiding citizens have the right to defend themselves or others with deadly force without a duty to retreat. Strengthening these protections shields defenders from malicious prosecution and frivolous lawsuits. With violent crime on the rise, Texans must be free to protect themselves without fear of legal retaliation.

Question 9 – Repealing Gun-Free Zones on Public Property So-called "gun-free" zones on taxpayer-funded property—like schools, hospitals, the State Fair, and the rodeo—disarm law-abiding citizens while doing nothing to stop violent criminals. These zones create soft targets. Repealing them on public property—while respecting private property rights—ensures Texans can protect themselves in the places they frequent most.

Question 10 – Repealing the 51% Rule for Restaurant Carry Under current Texas law, businesses that derive 51% or more of their revenue from alcohol must post a red "51%" sign, making it a felony to carry a firearm on the premises—regardless of whether the individual is consuming alcohol. This law unfairly criminalizes lawful carry in restaurants, even when patrons are sober. Many other states allow carry in such establishments as long as the carrier is not intoxicated. Repealing this law would restore the right to self-defense in common settings.

Question 11 – Holding Anti-Gun Businesses Liable If a business prohibits lawful firearm carry, it assumes responsibility for the safety of its disarmed

patrons. This question supports holding such businesses liable for any harm that occurs—just as they are already liable for injuries caused by hazardous conditions like wet floors or poor security. Texans shouldn't be forced to surrender their rights without assurance of safety. Home-based businesses would not be subject to this liability.

Question 12 – Liability Protection for Pro-Gun Businesses Conversely, this question supports shielding businesses from liability when they allow lawful carry and a firearm is used in a justified act of self-defense. Business owners should not face lawsuits for respecting constitutional rights. This protection encourages more businesses to allow firearms without fear of legal backlash.

Question 13 – Second Amendment Education in Schools Despite constitutional protections, many young Americans today grow up misinformed or completely unaware of the purpose behind the Second Amendment. Worse, many public schools and universities promote anti-gun narratives or portray gun ownership as dangerous or outdated. This question supports legislation that would require instruction on the founding intent of the Second Amendment, the importance of an armed citizenry to preserve liberty, and the historical consequences of gun control.

Question 14 – Abolishing the ATF The ATF has a long track record of abusing its authority by enacting gun control through rule changes rather than acts of Congress. Recent actions have turned millions of gun owners into felons overnight—such as its bans on pistol braces or forced reset triggers. Many of these rules have been overturned by the courts. Abolishing the ATF would eliminate this unelected regulatory threat and reassign legitimate criminal investigations to the FBI.

Question 15 – Repealing the National Firearms Act (NFA) The NFA is a nearly century-old law that imposes severe restrictions and registration requirements on suppressors, short-barreled rifles, and other constitutionally protected arms. The ATF has used the NFA to expand gun control through reclassification of items like pistol braces. Repealing the NFA would eliminate the federal framework used to justify these unconstitutional actions and restore Second Amendment protections to millions of Americans.