



**GREATER ANNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
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Dear Mayor Nate Pike and City Council,

After much deliberation, our Greater Anna Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted in a majority to postpone the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show to a later date. There were many factors that went into this decision.

First, we take into account the welfare of our community. During a typical fireworks show we open the Anna ISD Coyote Football Stadium for the best view of the fireworks show. On average, there are an estimated 1,000 people in the stands plus much more in their vehicles and in lawn chairs around Slayter Creek Park. At the present time, Governor Greg Abbott decreased the number of people allowed in large gatherings to 100. We feel it would be difficult to limit the City of Anna's estimated 16,000 people to only 100 to view the fireworks in the best viewing area.

Second, due to buildings and construction in the area, the fireworks can only shoot a few hundred feet in the air; many people cannot stay in their homes and see the fireworks. While Slayter Creek Park is available for people to be in their vehicles, this area is limited to around 150 parking spaces if we limit vehicles to a minimum of 6 feet apart from each other.

Last, but not least, we took into consideration our Chamber members. Since the middle of March many of our business and non-profit members have had to close, reduce their workforce and/or follow strict guidelines related to public safety (i.e. masks and social distancing.) As doing our part to support and respect these business owners, their employees and families in order to keep them safe is a top priority. We owe it to our community and those who live, work and play here to offer quality events that do not negatively affect their quality of life.

Again, it is our recommendation to postpone the fireworks show until a later date where we can make the event better and safer for our community.

Regards,

Kevin Hall  
President/CEO

Pete Cain  
Chairman