Memorandum in Response to the Mass Shooting in Las Vegas

The deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history took place in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017 at the “Route 91 Harvest Country Music Festival”, where 59 people ultimately lost their lives. What can only be described by witnesses as an active war zone, the sound of rapid gunfire continued for approximately 10 minutes as concert-goers sought shelter amongst the chaos and confusion. In total, 547 victims were the result of this heinous act, changing the lives of so many in an instant.

The Student Government Association of The University of Texas at San Antonio would like to recognize those first responders both on and off duty as well as civilians who heroically answered the call to help those injured, even with the stress of an ever-present threat. Without the quick reactions of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, security personnel, and other law enforcement agencies, the outcome of this event would have been even more tragic.

In showing our solidarity for Las Vegas and the victims of this tragic event, our organization had requested that for the nights of Monday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 3rd the monuments at John Peace Boulevard and the UC Tower be softly illuminated, turned white, and dimmed to symbolize a candle.¹

Our organization would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to those affected by this tragedy, and we grieve along with the entire nation. We express our deepest condolences, especially to those who have lost loved ones caused by this horrific act of domestic terrorism. We denounce any form of hatred and evil, which this horrible incident exhibited.

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¹ https://www.instagram.com/p/BZwvYfog5ap/?taken-by=utsastudents