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## Orange County Sheriff Candidate Bill Moore Urges Immediate Policy Reform in the City of Winter Garden Following First Amendment Violations

Candidate for Orange County Sheriff, **Bill Moore**, issued a strong statement today demanding immediate corrective action by the City of Winter Garden following a serious constitutional rights violation involving a local podcaster who was unlawfully trespassed from the Winter Garden Farmers Market.

***“The First Amendment is not optional,”*** said Moore, a retired police detective and advocate for constitutional policing. ***“Winter Garden must immediately revise its city policies, event permit language, and staff training procedures to comply with the U.S. Constitution.”***

The call for reform follows a statement from City Manager **Jon C. Williams**, who acknowledged that the Farmers Market operates on public property and that a trespass warning issued to a social media journalist was improperly applied. Despite this acknowledgment and the rescinding of the trespass warning, the **official Farmers Market website continues to list “Political Solicitation” and “Religious Solicitation” as prohibited activities**, both of which are clearly protected speech in a public forum.

Moore emphasized that for more than 17 years, the City has allowed unconstitutional restrictions at its signature public event, misleading both the public and permit holders about their rights. ***“The City’s failure to update its website and event policies even after admitting wrongdoing is unacceptable,”*** Moore said. ***“It sends the wrong message to citizens, police officers, and event organizers.”***

Moore is calling for the following **immediate actions** by the City of Winter Garden:

- **Revise all permit applications and website language** to clearly reflect constitutionally protected activities.
- **Remove all unconstitutional restrictions**, such as blanket bans on political or religious speech.
- **Provide mandatory training to all city staff and police officers** regarding First Amendment rights in public forums.
- **Notify all permit holders**, including Farmers Market vendors and event managers, that they **cannot request individuals be trespassed** solely for engaging in protected speech.
- **Establish a written policy** that upholds constitutional rights at all public events on city-owned property.

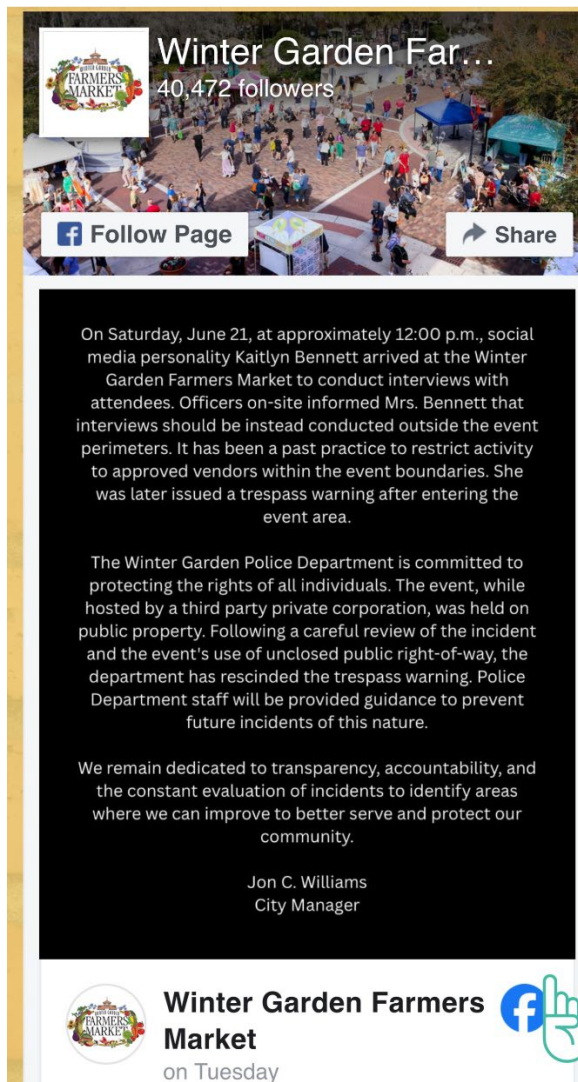
***“This is a matter of law, not preference,”*** Moore said. ***“As your next Sheriff, I will ensure deputies understand and defend the rights of all individuals, regardless of the message they carry. Winter Garden, and all of Orange County, must be held to the same standard.”***

For more information or to support the campaign, visit [www.mooreforsheriff.com](http://www.mooreforsheriff.com).

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FOLLOWING FIRST AMENDMENT VIOLATIONS  
(CONTINUED)**

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The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook post from the 'Winter Garden Farmers Market' page. The post header includes the market's logo, name, and 40,472 followers. Below the header is a photo of a crowded market scene. The main text of the post is a public statement from the City Manager regarding a trespassing incident at the market. The post concludes with the City Manager's name and title, and a Facebook 'Like' button.

Winter Garden Far...  
40,472 followers

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On Saturday, June 21, at approximately 12:00 p.m., social media personality Kaitlyn Bennett arrived at the Winter Garden Farmers Market to conduct interviews with attendees. Officers on-site informed Mrs. Bennett that interviews should be instead conducted outside the event perimeters. It has been a past practice to restrict activity to approved vendors within the event boundaries. She was later issued a trespass warning after entering the event area.

The Winter Garden Police Department is committed to protecting the rights of all individuals. The event, while hosted by a third party private corporation, was held on public property. Following a careful review of the incident and the event's use of unclosed public right-of-way, the department has rescinded the trespass warning. Police Department staff will be provided guidance to prevent future incidents of this nature.

We remain dedicated to transparency, accountability, and the constant evaluation of incidents to identify areas where we can improve to better serve and protect our community.

Jon C. Williams  
City Manager

**Winter Garden Farmers Market**  
on Tuesday

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The image shows a digital sign with a black background and gold text. The sign lists various activities that are prohibited at the market, framed by a gold laurel wreath. The text is centered and reads: 'NO Soliciting Unauthorized Fundraising Political Solicitation Unauthorized Selling of Goods Religious Solicitation Flash Mobs Pop Up Events Costume Characters Marketing Materials Animals Except Leashed Dogs & Cats'. At the bottom, it says 'Thank you!' with a small gold laurel wreath and a hand cursor icon pointing to the text.

**NO**

Soliciting  
Unauthorized  
Fundraising  
Political Solicitation  
Unauthorized Selling  
of Goods  
Religious Solicitation  
Flash Mobs  
Pop Up Events  
Costume Characters  
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*Thank you!*

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