



## Republican Party of Texas State Republican Executive Committee

### Third Quarterly Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2017

Wyndham Garden Woodward Conference Center, 3401 South IH-35, Austin TX 78741

Chairman James Dickey called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

The invocation was led by Chaplain-Jeremy Story. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag was led by Deon Starnes, SD-30 and the National Anthem was sung by Chris McDonald, SD-6. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Jack Barcroft, SD-24, and Texas Our Texas was sung by Rhonda Lacy, SD-31.

Chairman Dickey appointed a Proxy Committee chaired by Randall Dunning, SD-16 with Mark Dunham, SD-29, and Linda Kinney, SD-25 as members.

Jim Wiggins-Secretary, called the roll. Members were present unless otherwise noted in the minutes.

Chairman	James	Dickey
Vice Chair	Amy	Clark
Secretary	Jim	Wiggins
Treasurer	Larry	Hicks
Nat. Committeeman	Robin	Armstrong
Nat. Committeewoman	Toni Anne	Dashiell
General Counsel	Chris	Gober
Asst. Gen. Counsel	Trey	Trainer <i>-absent</i>
Parliamentarian	Holly	Alt
Assistant Parliamentarian	Chris	Howe
Sergeant at Arms	Nelda	Eppes
Chaplain	Jeremy	Story
SD 1	Dennis	Cable
SD 1	Sue	Evenwel <i>-by proxy Marty Rhymes</i>
SD 2	Jason	Ross
SD 2	Vicki	Slaton
SD 3	Terry	Holcomb
SD 3	Judy	Parada
SD 4	Will	Robbins <i>- by proxy Garrett Peal</i>
SD 4	Melinda	Fredricks
SD 5	Michael	McCloskey
SD 5	Nita	Davidson
SD 6	Chris	McDonald
SD 6	Tammie	Nielsen <i>by proxy Chris McDonald</i>

SD 7	Mark	Ramsey
SD 7	Sarah	Singleton
SD 8	Karl	Voigtsberger <i>by proxy Mark Reid</i>
SD 8	Candy	Noble
SD 9	Steve	Atwell <i>-absent</i>
SD 9	Shelly	Pritchard
SD 10	Jeremy	Blosser
SD 10	Susan	Wright
SD 11	JT	Edwards
SD 11	Tanya	Robertson
SD 12	David	Halvorson
SD 12	Debbie	Terry
SD 13	Dale	Gibble
SD 13	Melanie	Flowers
SD 14	Fernando	Trevino, Jr.
SD 14	Jan	Duncan
SD 15	Vergel	Cruz
SD 15	Gail	Stanart
SD 16	Randall	Dunning
SD 16	Virginia	Prodan <i>by proxy Randall Dunning</i>
SD 17	Marvin	Clede
SD 17	Tina	Gibson
SD 18	Michael	Cloud
SD 18	Edee	Sinclair
SD 19	Scott	Stratton
SD 19	Terri	DuBose
SD 20	Sam	Dalton
SD 20	Janie	Melendez
SD 21	Mike	Goldman
SD 21	Naomi	Narvaiz
SD 22	Chuck	Wilson <i>-absent</i>
SD 22	Denise	DeLara <i>by proxy Ashley Sellars</i>
SD 23	Stephen	Broden
SD 23	Marian	Phillips <i>by proxy Elaine Cook</i>
SD 24	Jack	Barcroft
SD 24	Randan	Steinhauser <i>by proxy Summer Wise Yen</i>
SD 25	Mark	Dorazio
SD 25	Linda	Kinney
SD 26	Fred	Rangel
SD 26	Marian	Stanko
SD 27	Elijah	Casas
SD 27	Sharon	Batterson
SD 28	Drew	Bullard
SD 28	Jane	Cansino
SD 29	Mark	Dunham
SD 29	Lisa	Sprinkle
SD 30	Paul	Braswell
SD 30	Deon	Starnes
SD 31	Tom	Roller
SD 31	Rhonda	Lacy <i>by proxy Debi Hays</i>

Proxy Committee Chair reported that the proxies submitted were in order. The report of the Proxy Committee was approved via voice vote.

Mark Dorazio, SD-25 raised a question of privilege regarding presentation of resolutions in writing and the counting of votes. The Chairman acknowledged the request.

The Chairman asked for the adoption of special order to allow State Comptroller-Glenn Hegar to address the committee at 10:30am. The special order was adopted without objection.

Brandon Moore, RPT Organization Director reviewed the SREC meeting Packets to ensure all members had the necessary documents.

The Chairman asked for any additions or corrections to the June 3, 2017 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as submitted.

The Chairman then called on the party officers to give their reports.

Larry Hicks-Treasurer referred the committee to the detail reports included in their packet and reported that the party, as of June 22, 2017, has \$547,000 in its combined bank account. The Party is current with all regulatory reports and is in good standing with all agencies.

Chris Gober-General Counsel reported that the party is not party to any litigation at this time. Mr. Gober reported the Supreme Court of the United States has stayed the San Antonio court ruling, meaning that no changes in districts will take place before the primary.

National Committeeman, Dr. Robin Armstrong, reported that he has been elected to the RNC Executive Committee, that the four special election races that were all won by republicans, and fund raising results exceeded budget expectations thanks to President Trump who is very engaged with these activities. Dr. Armstrong has been appointed to the RNC Rules Committee. Next, Dr. Armstrong gave a synopsis of the pending health care reform bill and an analysis of the 2018 general election.

Dr. Armstrong announced pursuant to the bylaws that the audit committee has been appointed consisting of Tom Roller, SD-31 as chair with Marian Stanko, SD-26 and Linda Kinney, SD-25 as members. Dr. Armstrong called on Tom Roller to make a proposal to the body. Mr. Roller reported that the bylaws require that a complete audit be performed when there is a vacancy in the office of the Chairman. This requirement can be waived by a two-thirds vote of the SREC. Mike McCloskey, SD-5, with a second, made the motion to waive the requirement. Motion passed via standing vote of 60 in favor and -0- against.

National Committeewoman, Toni Anne Dashiell, reported that the RNC has raised \$93.3 million for 2017 and has cash on hand of \$45.8 million with no debt. Mrs. Dashiell reported that the RNC has a committee that is evaluating the presidential nominating process re: carve out states and other rules changes that will be made before the convention and requested comments and recommendations. Mrs. Dashiell reported on the seventeen summer campaign schools and recognized the individuals that assisted.

Vice Chair, Amy Clark, reported on the RPT hurricane Harvey relief efforts and the RPT successes during the legislative special session. Mrs. Clark listed and thanked the SREC members and auxiliary organizations that assisted in the relief efforts.

During the Vice Chair's report and pursuant to the special orders, Texas State Comptroller-Glenn Hegar spoke to the committee.

Chairman Dickey reported on his travels and meetings over the past three months, activities of the party and volunteers during the special session, RPT staffing, the new web site, and outreach programs. The Chair then introduced Kristy Wilkinson, RNC State Director/RPT Political Director who presented the voter contact program that is designed to expand the registration of new Republican voters. Chairman Dickey reported that fundraising has maintained the same level as earlier in the year thanks to efforts of staff and the help of Governor Abbott.

The Chairman requested a motion to ratify his appointments of county chairs as follows:

- Borden County-Trent Smith
- Rains County-Debbie Astleford-Nelson
- Lamb County-James Stephen Busby
- Kinney County-Guillermo Guzman

Motion was made, by J. T. Edwards, SD-11, with a second to ratify the appointments. Motion passed via voice vote.

The Chairman next presented rules clarifications that he had issued since the last meeting pursuant to RPT Rule 1.f. and asked if any member wished to discuss the clarifications. Hearing no request for discussion, the chair stated that the clarifications stand as presented.

Rules Committee chair-Melinda Fredricks presented the report of the committee. Mrs. Fredricks reported that the committee had developed a nominating petition form to be used pursuant to RPT Rule 8.A. and at the direction of the committee she moved the approval of the petition form. The motion passed via voice vote. Mrs. Fredricks next reported that the committee approved the presentation to the SREC at the next meeting of an amendment to the bylaws allowing the Party Organization Committee to meet via telephone conference call. Also, the committee is looking at revisions to RPT Rule 42 and state convention representation issues regarding Senate Districts that have a small portion of a county.

Legislative Affairs Committee Chair-Amy Clark reported about the committee's activities during the special session. The committee will now focus on the legislature's interim hearings. Chairman Dickey announced that after the resignation of Amy Clark as committee chair, he had appointed Terry Holcomb, SD-3, as the new chair of the committee.

Chairman Dickey announced the appointment of State Senator Dawn Buckingham, District 24, as the 2018 Victory Campaign Chair, and introduced her to the SREC.

CRC Chairman Steve Atwell made the report of the committee which included financial status of the fund and the presentation of key pins. Vergel Cruz, CRC committee member, reported re: the grants given during the last election cycle, the application process, and the revisions to the application form, and goals for the committee for the next election cycle.

Auxiliary reports were given by the Texas Federation of College Republicans and the College Young Republican Federation.

Stephen Broden, SD-23 gave the lunch blessing, and the meeting stood at ease for lunch.

Meeting reconvened at 12:35pm.

Chairman Dickey asked for recognition of the outstanding work of the Texas Federation of Republican Women (TFRW) and congratulated them for the numerous awards they received at the National Federation of Republican Women national convention. The Chairman then invited Theresa Kosmoski-President of TFRW to address the SREC.

Chairman Dickey then gave the Officials Committee report which included the committee's approval of the production contract for the 2018 state convention totaling \$781,815.55 and the fundraising contract with The Lauderback Group. The Officials Committee also voted to approve the contract for the 2018 state convention exhibit management services with Venture Alliance Group subject to SREC ratification of the committee's action. SREC ratification is required due to the fact that the committee did not receive the required five day notice. Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, made the motion, with a second, to ratify the Officials Committee approval of the contract. The motion passed via voice vote.

Chairman Dickey then reported that the Officials Committee requested input from the SREC regarding proposed contract with Potter & Company LLC to investigate the subletting of the current party office space. He called on Kyle Whatley to provide information regarding the current rent and occupancy cost and possible options. After discussion, Chris McDonald, SD-6, moved, with a second, to instruct the Officials Committee to approve the RPT entering into a brokerage agreement to investigate potential cost savings in regards to the party office space. Mark Ramsey, SD-7, moved, with a second, a substitute motion that it is the preference of the SREC that the Chair and the Officials Committee and the RPT engage a brokerage firm to investigate a relocation option with the goal of reducing operational expenses provided that no lease agreement will be entered into until it is presented to the SREC for review. Terry Holcomb, SD-3, made a motion to amend the substitute motion to add "and approve" at the end of the motion. Amendment was ruled out of order since it is in violation of the bylaws. Mark Dunham, SD-29, made a motion, with a second, to amend to add a time frame of six months. Motion to amend passed via standing vote with 27 in favor and 25 against. Paul Braswell, SD-30, with a second, called the question. The motion to call the question passed via voice vote. Substitute motion failed via voice vote. Original motion passed via voice vote.

Resolutions Committee chair-Candy Noble then presented the report of the committee. Mrs. Noble moved at the direction of the committee the adoption of a resolution titled "Resolution Calling for the Republican Caucus in the Texas House of Representatives to Select the Speaker." Point of order raised by Mike McCloskey, SD-5, stating that it has been the custom in the past of ruling resolutions that are already in the platform out of order. Mr. McCloskey then called on the Chairman to make a ruling regarding his point of order. Chairman Dickey stated that he would, without objection, uphold the custom of not being redundant with the platform. An objection was raised. Mr. McCloskey, with a second, made the motion sustain the point of order that the consideration of resolutions that are already in the platform is out of order. Motion to uphold the point of order failed via voice vote. Motion on the resolution passed via voice vote.

Mrs. Noble then moved at the direction of the committee to adopt a resolution titled "Resolution to Preserve and Protect the Alamo." Marvin Clede, SD-17, with a second, made a motion to postponed indefinitely consideration of the resolution. The motion to postpone indefinitely failed via voice vote. Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, moved, with a second, to strike the "Whereas" statements in the resolution. Chairman Dickey, after consultation with the parliamentarian, stated the proper method to proceed is to take up the "Resolved" statements first and then take up the "Whereas" statements. Melinda Fredricks, SD-4, moved, with a second, to strike the first and second "Resolved" statements. Motion failed via standing vote with 25 in favor and 34 against the motion to strike. Summer Wise Yen, SD-24 proxy, moved, with a second, to replace language in the first "Resolved" with "decision-making authorities must affirm the intrinsic significance of the 1836 battle in telling the story of the Alamo." Randall Dunning, SD-16, moved, with a second, to strike the word "must" and replace it with "shall" in the amendment. Amendment to the amendment passed via voice vote. Gail Stanart, SD-15, moved, with a second, to add the words "and emphasize" after the word "affirm." Amendment to the amendment passed via voice vote. The language substitution, as amended, passed via voice vote. Mark Ramsey, SD-7, moved, with a second, to strike words and add "...that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully asks that the Texas General Land Office voluntarily commit to transparency ..." in the second "Resolved." The amendment passed via voice vote. Marian Stanko, SD-26, moved to strike the word "Whereas" in the second "Resolved" statement. The amendment was approved without objection. The motion to adopt the "Resolved" statements passed via voice vote. Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, moved, with a second, to strike the third, fourth, and fifth "Whereas" statements. Amendment passed via voice vote. The resolution, as amended, passed via roll call vote of 57 in favor and 1 against.

Paul Braswell, SD-30, gave the Party Organization Committee report regarding the committee's progress in developing the county chairman and precinct chair handbooks.

Mr. Braswell next gave the report of the Voting Technology Committee and moved, at the direction of the committee, that the SREC authorize the purchase electronic voting equipment at an estimated cost of \$2,800. Jeremy Blosser, SD-10, moved, with a second, to amend the motion to request that the chair of the Rules Committee appoint a rules subcommittee to develop any needed rules changes to allow use of electronic voting equipment at the December, 2017 SREC meeting and to submit those rules in the call for the meeting. Mike McCloskey, SD-5, moved, with a second, to change December, 2017 to the first quarterly meeting in 2018. Motion failed via voice vote. Summer Wise Yen, SD-24 proxy, moved, with a second, to add the word "preliminary" after "allow." Amendment to the amendment passed via standing vote with 30 in favor and 20 against. The amendment as amended passed via voice vote. The original motion as amended passed via voice vote.

Chairman Dickey requested, without objection, to be able to turn over the gavel to National Committeeman-Dr. Robin Armstrong at such time as the Chairman will need to leave the meeting to catch a flight. There was no objection.

Auxiliaries and Coalitions Committee Chairman-J T Edwards gave the report of the committee. At the direction of the committee, Mr. Edwards moved that the Texas Republican County Chairman's Association be approved as an auxiliary of the RPT. Motion passed via voice vote.

Toni Anne Dashiell gave the report of the New Leaders on the Rise Committee and discussed the committee's mission statement.

David Halverson, SD-12, gave the report of the Grassroots Club and advised the SREC that the club information is available on the party web site.

The Volunteerism Committee Chair-Jane Cansino gave the report of the committee regarding the Friday volunteer recognition event.

The Convention Arrangements Committee Chair-Deon Starnes, SD-30, presented the report of the committee. Mrs. Starnes moved, at the direction of the committee to approve electronic voting at the 2018 convention for the caucuses, pending funding of the cost of \$80,336.65. Motion passed via voice vote.

The Advancement Committee Chair-Tanya Robertson gave the report of the committee. Mrs. Robertson explained the mission and tasks of the committee.

The Convention Site Selection Committee Chair-Linda Kinney gave the report of the committee. Mrs. reported that the committee is working on the 2022 convention and has requested proposals from several cities in Texas.

Mike McClosky, SD-5, moved, with a second, to take up a resolution titled "Lack of Confidence in the American Red Cross." The motion take up the resolution failed via voice vote.

Vergel Cruz, SD-15, moved, with a second, to take up a resolution titled "Preserving Historical Landmarks." Motion to take up the resolution passed via voice vote. The Resolution passed via roll call vote with 50 in favor and -0- against.

Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion passed via voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 4:47pm.

Jim Wiggins  
SREC Secretary

SREC ROLL CALL - VOTE

Resolution to  
Preserve and  
Protect the  
Alamo

Office	First	Last	Yea	Nay	PNV
Chair	James	Dickey			✓
Vice Chair	Amy	Clark			✓
1	Dennis	Cable	✓		
1	Sue	Evenwel	✓		
2	Jason	Ross	✓		
2	Vicki	Slaton	✓		
3	Terry	Holcomb	✓		
3	Judy	Parada	✓		
4	Melinda	Fredricks	✓		
4	Will	Robbins	✓		
5	Nita	Davidson	✓		
5	Michael	McCloskey	✓		
6	Chris	McDonald	✓		
6	Tammie	Nielsen	✓		
7	Mark	Ramsey	✓		
7	Sarah	Singleton	✓		
8	Candy	Noble	✓		
8	Karl	Voigtsberger	✓		
9	Steve	Atwell	✓		
9	Shelly	Pritchard	✓		
10	Jeremy	Blosser	✓		
10	Susan	Wright	✓		
11	JT	Edwards	✓		
11	Tanya	Robertson	✓		
12	David	Halvorson	✓		
12	Debbie	Terry	✓		
13	Melanie	Flowers	✓		
13	Dale	Gibble	✓		
14	Jan	Duncan	✓		
14	Fernando	Trevino, Jr	✓		
15	Vergel	Cruz	✓		
15	Gail	Stanart	✓		
16	Randall	Dunning	✓		
16	Virginia	Prodan	✓		
17	Marvin	Clede	✓		
17	Tina	Gibson	✓		
18	Michael	Cloud	✓		
18	Edee	Sinclair	✓		
19	Terri	DuBose	✓		
19	Scott	Stratton	✓		
20	Sam	Dalton	✓		
20	Janie	Melendez	✓		
21	Mike	Goldman	✓		

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57 yea  
1 Nay

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SREC ROLL CALL - VOTE

Office	First	Last	Yea	Nay	PNV
21	Naomi	Narvaiz	✓		
22	Denise	DeLara			
22	Chuck	Wilson			
23	Stephen	Broden	✓		
23	Marian	Phillips	✓		
24	Jack	Barcroft	✓		
24	Randan	Steinhauser	✓		
25	Mark	Dorazio	✓		
25	Linda	Kinney	✓		
26	Fred	Rangel	✓		
26	Marian	Stanko	✓		
27	Sharon	Batterson	✓		
27	Elijah	Casas	✓		
28	Drew	Bullard	✓		
28	Jane	Cansino	✓		
29	Mark	Dunham			
29	Lisa	Sprinkle		✓	
30	Paul	Braswell	✓		
30	Deon	Starnes	✓		
31	Rhonda J.	Lacy	✓		
31	Tom	Roller	✓		

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### **Resolution to Preserve and Protect the Alamo**

WHEREAS the Alamo is the cradle of Texas liberty and has been the paramount symbol of our heritage for almost 200 years; and

WHEREAS there are forces at work to remake or "Reimagine" the history of the Alamo and diminish its inspiring message while the property around it undergoes renovation to increase profit from tourism; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that decision-making authorities shall affirm and emphasize the intrinsic significance of the 1836 battle in telling the story of the Alamo; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Texas respectfully asks that the Texas General Land Office voluntarily commit to transparency in finances and operations of the Alamo, including the open records requests for information from nonprofit corporations engaged in the restoration and operation of the Alamo; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Texas' authority regarding the Alamo shall not be infringed upon by any organization or authority, including but not limited to local governments, the federal government, the United Nations, or UNESCO; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be submitted to the Texas General Land Office and to the 2018 Republican Party of Texas convention Platform and Resolutions Committee for its consideration.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED 9-23-2017  
Resolutions Committee  
Sponsor: Sue Evenwel

SREC ROLL CALL - VOTE

Office	First	Last	Yea	Nay	PNV
Chair	James	Dickey			✓
Vice Chair	Amy	Clark			✓
1	Dennis	Cable	/		
1	Sue	Evenwel	/		
2	Jason	Ross	/		
2	Vicki	Slaton	/		
3	Terry	Holcomb	/		
3	Judy	Parada	/		
4	Melinda	Fredricks	/		
4	Will	Robbins	/		
5	Nita	Davidson	/		
5	Michael	McCloskey	/		
6	Chris	McDonald	/		
6	Tammie	Nielsen	/		
7	Mark	Ramsey	/		
7	Sarah	Singleton	/		
8	Candy	Noble	/		
8	Karl	Voigtsberger	/		
9	Steve	Atwell	/		
9	Shelly	Pritchard	/		
10	Jeremy	Blosser	/		
10	Susan	Wright	/		
11	JT	Edwards	/		
11	Tanya	Robertson	/		
12	David	Halvorson	/		
12	Debbie	Terry	/		
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17	Tina	Gibson	/		
18	Michael	Cloud	/		
18	Edee	Sinclair	/		
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19	Scott	Stratton	/		
20	Sam	Dalton	/		
20	Janie	Melendez	/		
21	Mike	Goldman	/		

Resolution:  
 Preserving  
 Historical  
 Landmarks

50 year  
 - 0 - Nay

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SREC ROLL CALL - VOTE

Office	First	Last	Yea	Nay	PNV
21	Naomi	Narvaiz			
22	Denise	DeLara			
22	Chuck	Wilson			
23	Stephen	Broden			
23	Marian	Phillips			
24	Jack	Barcroft	/		
24	Randan	Steinhauser	/		
25	Mark	Dorazio	/		
25	Linda	Kinney	/		
26	Fred	Rangel	/		
26	Marian	Stanko	/		
27	Sharon	Batterson	/		
27	Elijah	Casas	/		
28	Drew	Bullard	/		
28	Jane	Cansino	/		
29	Mark	Dunham	/		
29	Lisa	Sprinkle	/		
30	Paul	Braswell	/		
30	Deon	Starnes	/		
31	Rhonda J.	Lacy			
31	Tom	Roller			

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## Preserving Historical Landmarks

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Texas was founded during Reconstruction by African American and Anglo Texans united by common principles; and

WHEREAS Democrats in Texas and throughout the United States for decades divided citizens by race, suppressed the franchise, endorsed segregation, and supported Jim Crow laws; and

WHEREAS Democrats around the United States consistently resisted legislation to give equal rights to all Americans; and

WHEREAS the 1924 Democratic National Convention, popularly known as the Klanbake, and other gatherings of Democrats for many decades refused to condemn the Ku Klux Klan and other supporters for racially-motivated violence; and

WHEREAS the senior Democrat in the United States Senate, as recently as 2010, had formerly been a member of the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS Democrats to the present day continue to endorse policies which pit Americans against each other based on race and ethnicity; and

WHEREAS the Republican Party of Texas wholeheartedly embraces the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to judge people "by the content of their character" and not -- as so many Left-wing groups do today -- "by the color of their skin"; and

WHEREAS a nation that forgets its history is doomed to repeat its mistakes; and

WHEREAS the preservation of plaques, statues, and other historical sites and markers absolutely does not confer an endorsement of beliefs held by individuals long since departed ("autres temps, autres moers"); and

WHEREAS many shortsighted and ignorant people, such as the Taliban destroying the Buddhas of Bamiyan in 2001, seek to send history down the memory hole in an attempt to control people; and

WHEREAS the 2016 Republican Party of Texas Platform supports "preservation of Texas History and historical sites"\*; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas affirms that historical sites in Texas should be preserved and maintained so that free-thinking individuals can understand and judge the past by their own standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas continues to support equal rights, as endowed by our Creator and guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas, for all Texans.

\*Plank 78, Republican Party of Texas 2016 Platform