

# State Republican Executive Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting, Sept 22-24, 2022

## COMMITTEES YOUR SREC MEMBERS SERVE ON:

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Convention Planning

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## DEFEND TEXAS, SAVE AMERICA

This weekend I learned that this is our new Republican Party of Texas motto. James Wesolek, the RPT Communications Director, told us this on Thursday, the first day of our State Republican Executive Committee meetings at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Austin.

There is a lot of Republican work to be done, and the RPT Chairman breaks the members of the SREC into committees to tackle this work. Chairman Matt Rinaldi created a couple new special committees this year, in addition to the standing committees:

- Finance
- Candidate Resource Committee (CRC)
- Party Organization
- Partners & Coalitions
- Resolutions
- Rules
- Legislative Priorities
- Election Integrity
- Local Government (Special Committee)
- Engagement (Special Committee)
- Platform Advocacy (Special Committee)
- Candidate Development (Special Committee)
- Convention Planning (Special Committee)



*The SREC meeting of the whole on Sat.*

Unfortunately, the Legislative Priorities and Election Integrity Committees always meet at the same time during the SREC meetings, so no one can be a member of both of these committees. Francisco Canseco and I are both committed to working on Election Integrity bills during the upcoming legislative session, so we both felt we could be most effective by serving on the Legislative Priorities Committee.

## **Here are the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities for the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session**

### **Partners and Coalitions**

RPT Vice Chair Dana Myers requests contact information for all conservative organizations in Texas, so they can receive Legislative Priorities action items and Election Integrity updates. If you are a member of a conservative club or organization, please send information about your group to her at [dmyers@texasgop.org](mailto:dmyers@texasgop.org)

Clubs should also take advantage of the calendar on the TexasGOP.org website, and add your upcoming events, so people new to the area can find them. Go to [https://texasgop.org/ptype\\_sections/events/](https://texasgop.org/ptype_sections/events/) and then click on “Submit a New Event Here” below.

I will be taking part in the effort to gather the required information from all Texas organizations wishing to continue as or become new Partners or Coalitions of the Republican Party of Texas. Statewide organizations wishing to requalify or apply for the first time should contact the committee chair, Jerry Fisher, at [jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com](mailto:jerry.fishersd2@gmail.com). You will be asked to submit information like a list of your current club officers, details about your organization, your bylaws or constitution, and a mission statement.

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*The next State Republican Convention will be at the Henry B. Gonzalez  
Convention Center in **San Antonio** from **May 20-25, 2024***

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Casting votes on Saturday using the electronic vote “clickers.”



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## VOTES, RESOLUTIONS AND RULES

For my first vote as a member of the SREC, I cast my vote supporting the Resolution Honoring Chris McDonald. I knew and liked this long-serving, well-respected member of the SREC from the Houston area.

My first motion was made in the Partners and Coalitions Committee—to have the committee contact all the organizations listed on the Texas GOP website and request that they submit their bylaws and officers, in order to enable them to maintain their status as Partner or Coalition Organizations.

We voted to approve new party chairmen to fill vacancies in several counties. Out of 254 counties, there are now Republican Party Chairmen in 250 of them. The counties which still lack Republican Chairmen are Castro, Crockett, Culberson, and Zavala. There is a prospect for Zavala County.

A new rule which passed was that all resolutions must be submitted to the SREC Resolutions Committee Chairman, Scott Bowen, by 11:59 PM the Tuesday before the Friday that the Resolutions Committee meets at the quarterly SREC meeting, in order to be considered.

*At the end of this newsletter you can see the **original** text of resolutions passed by the SREC, but be aware it is **NOT** the final, official language for any of them—some edits and amendments were made.* The final language will be published later by the state party secretary, Vergel Cruz.

I will be working with the SREC Rules Committee Chairman, Steve Evans, to create a new rule for the submission of resolutions to the state convention from senate district and county conventions. People have many important ideas for new planks for the state party platform, and currently the haphazard ways they arrive leaves too much room for some of them to slip through the cracks.

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*The Voter Registration Project spearheaded by Karl Rove has registered 130,000 new Republican voters, and expects to have registered 150,000 by the deadline, October 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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**DON'T JUST TAKE MY WORD FOR IT**

You can always see for yourself what your party volunteer leadership is doing in meetings. Watch us live during State Republican Executive Committee quarterly meetings or the recordings anytime on the state party's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/c/RepublicanPartyofTexas/featured>. You are also always welcome to attend any SREC meeting, and the subcommittee meetings as well. For the foreseeable future, the quarterly meetings will be held at the Wyndham Garden Austin.

Enjoy gathering with your neighbors on **National Night Out** on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and full speed ahead in all our efforts to win *all the way down the ballot* in November!

**UNTIL NEXT TIME - DEFEND TEXAS, SAVE AMERICA!**

*Sincerely,*

*Karen M. Marshall*  
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See the original, as-yet-unofficial language of the resolutions we passed at the SREC on the following pages.

**Resolution #1:  
Honoring the Life of Chris McDonald**

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald was a beloved and strong leader in the South Belt community, in the Harris County Republican Party, and in the Republican Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald was the Republican Nominee for Harris County Constable, Precinct 2, in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald was the Senate District 6 State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) member since 2014, where he served on the Officials Committee and Rules Committee, and was responsible for the creation of the Legislative Priorities Committee; and

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald served on the Senatorial District Convention Rules Committee, State Convention Rules Committee, and as a delegate to the Republican National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald served his local community by serving on various boards, by assisting campaigns, and by supplying his thoughtful rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” to events; and

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald was a veteran police officer, having just retired after 27 years of service with the Baytown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Chris McDonald was a good friend, mentor, and leader in the Republican Party of Texas; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas honors the life of Chris McDonald, who passed away on May 22, 2022, and honors his achievements and contributions to our state party; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of the State Republican Executive Committee, joined by Republican Party of Texas staff and voters we represent, express our sympathy and well-wishes to his wife Dawn McDonald, who is a fellow member of the SREC, and to his family and his friends; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee will pause from its duties for one minute to allow its members to pray in contemplation of the life of Chris McDonald, who honored his savior Jesus Christ with his many acts of service, and for his family.

Respectfully submitted unanimously,  
Resolutions Committee

**Resolution #2:  
Resolution on the Declaration of a State of Disaster**

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of Texas residents are under an imminent threat of disaster from the unprecedented levels of illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug smuggling coming across the U.S. border from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, since January 2021, more than 3.2 million illegal aliens have been apprehended after unlawfully entering the United States. More than 800,000 illegal aliens have avoided apprehension while unlawfully entering the United States and remain unaccounted for within our nation. So far this year, CBP has identified more than 50 known terrorists who have unlawfully entered the United States through our unsecured border with Mexico. The unprecedented amount of human trafficking, combined with the smuggling of fentanyl and other opioids infiltrating our border with Mexico has killed over 71,238 American citizens. The sophisticated human smuggling and drug trafficking organizations that facilitate these criminal acts are spearheaded by violent international drug cartels who have operational control over our unsecured U.S.-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing immigration crisis on the Texas border is not acceptable, and has resulted in a security threat and humanitarian disaster with overwhelming consequences to Texans; and

WHEREAS, several counties in Texas have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to ensure the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of county residents; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the current situation constitutes an invasion of Texas as the term “invasion” is used in Article IV, Section 4 of the United States Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 431.111 of the Texas Government Code (Calling of Forces by Governor) and Article 4, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution (Governor as Commander-in-Chief of Military Forces), the Republican Party of Texas requests the Governor of Texas, as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the State, to declare the existence of an invasion on its border with Mexico and to take necessary actions to preserve and protect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution hereby requests the Governor of Texas to act under the constitutional authority granted unto him under Article 4, Section 7 of the Texas Constitution and to immediately remove all persons invading the sovereignty of Texas and of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a state of disaster should be declared for all of Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster should continue until rescinded by the governor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, the declaration of a state of disaster should be given prompt and general publicity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration should authorize the use of all lawfully available resources and the authority granted under both the Constitution of Texas and the Constitution of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the office of the Governor of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

**Resolution #3:  
Resolution Regarding the FBI Raid on Donald J. Trump's Home**

WHEREAS, high-ranking officials within the United States Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation have politicized and weaponized those agencies, have applied double standards to investigations and prosecutions of individuals with whom they disagree, including former President and probable presidential candidate Donald J. Trump, which has culminated in a lawless and unprecedented raid on his home; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas condemns the August 8, 2022, raid on Donald J. Trump's home at Mar-A-Lago, and urges that members of Congress demand a complete and impartial investigation into the actions of the United States Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigations at Mar-a-Lago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas urges that any such investigation include an assessment to determine whether the FBI should be abolished, and its duties transferred to another agency such as the United States Marshals Service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee directs the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas to issue a press release notifying the public, media, and Congressional members of this resolution upon its passage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

**Resolution #4:  
Republican Majority Means Republican Control**

WHEREAS, the Republican Party has historically been a party of conservative principles, one which advocates for policies that are based on the Judeo-Christian worldview, and Godly and righteous standards; and

WHEREAS, God’s blessings as a result of that fidelity to His precepts and principles have historically undergirded the effectual preservation of our liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the definition, function, and nature of conservatism is to conserve – which is to say – to preserve and to maintain, to safeguard from adulteration, and to avert the degradation of the original standard, and to protect the historical precedent; and

WHEREAS, in decades past, comity and civility existed in the discourse between Republican and Democrat lawmakers, and the practice of extending chairmanships of certain committees to the other party served to promote this bipartisan goodwill and civility; and

WHEREAS, such civility has progressively eroded over the years as conservative principles have remained steadfast, and the Left has moved further and further leftward towards socialism, secular humanism, and Marxist state control, including the degradation of morality and promotion of Godlessness; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the 2022 Republican Party of Texas State Convention overwhelmingly passed eight legislative priorities, the fifth of which reads “to ensure all legislative priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats”; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas hereby declares its support of the legislative priority regarding ending the practice of granting chairmanships of legislative committees to Democrat members of the Texas Legislature, beginning with the 88th Texas Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas shall send this resolution to the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas, each State Representative, the Speaker of the Texas House, requesting an acknowledgement of receipt, a positive declaration of support of this legislative priority, and an articulation of actions the elected official plans to take during the next session regarding this legislative priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee



**Resolution #5:**

**Resolution Restoring the Sovereignty of Texas and the Integrity of the Mexican Border**

WHEREAS, allied forces comprised of troops from the United States, United Kingdom, and Canada conducted an invasion named D-Day, June 6, 1944, with a combined force of approximately 156,000; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas has been invaded at the D-Day rate every month for the past 18 months; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott recently cited a study which estimated that a recent court ruling allowing the Biden administration to end the “remain in Mexico policy” could increase the number of illegals entering Texas to 18,000 non-citizens daily which would constitute an increase to one D-Day invasion every 10 days; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of Texans are under an imminent threat of disaster from the unprecedented levels of illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug smuggling coming across the U.S. border from Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the sophisticated human smuggling and drug trafficking organizations that facilitate these criminal acts are spearheaded by violent international drug cartels who have operational control over our unsecured U.S.-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS, their stated mission requires Federal Border Patrol Agents to “safeguard the American people” and to deny “illegal entry along the border between ports of entry” to any and all “undocumented non-citizens”; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Homeland Security has ordered their trained and dedicated Border agents to process into the United States an unlimited number of illegal non-citizens with complete disregard for their own stated mission; and

WHEREAS, this invasion constitutes a violation of the Guarantee Clause, Article IV, Section 4 of the US Constitution, as it relates to the Federal Government protecting any state against invasion; and

WHEREAS, the Founders ratified the U.S. Constitution to include a remedy for each sovereign state if the Federal Government has willfully abandoned its duty to defend the states against invasion; and

WHEREAS, this constitutional authority provided by Article I, Section 10, Clause 3, to repel the invasion is the legal solution available to Governor Abbott; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022, the Governor of Texas has identified certain cartels as terrorist organizations and has called upon the Biden administration to create certain federal terrorist designations for these cartels which have not occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Texas has also directed the Texas Department of Public Safety and other law enforcement agencies to identify Texas gangs that support Mexican drug cartels; and

WHEREAS, multiple counties have so boldly declared an invasion because the health, safety, and welfare of their residents are under an imminent threat of disaster from the unprecedented levels of illegal immigration, human trafficking, and drug smuggling coming across the U.S. border from Mexico; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Governor Abbott should declare an invasion of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Abbott should organize the appropriate assets of Texas to repel this growing lawless invasion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Abbott should transport, by any means available, an increasing number of undocumented illegal non-citizens across the same border they illegally crossed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Abbott's actions must be implemented in order to extinguish the worldwide incentive for millions of undocumented non-citizens to continue to gain illegal access to the United States via Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dade Phelan.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

**Resolution #6:  
Resolution to Enforce Republican Party of Texas Platform Plank 234**

WHEREAS, the delegates to the Republican Party of Texas State Convention adopted the 2022 Texas GOP Platform; and

WHEREAS, Plank 234, Caucus Priorities, reads, "We urge the Texas Senate Republican Caucus and the Texas House Republican Caucus to adopt and publish a list of legislative priorities before convening each regular session of the legislature"; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the 2022 Republican Party of Texas State Convention and Republican voters across Texas expect our Republican elected legislators to take their direction from their constituents, not from House or Senate leadership; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas calls on the Texas Senate Republican Caucus and the Texas House Republican Caucus to carefully consider the 2022-23 Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas as they prepare their respective Legislative Priorities lists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas urges the Texas Senate Republican Caucus and the Texas House Republican Caucus to adopt and publish their respective lists of Republican priorities prior to the 88th legislature; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be distributed to each Republican member of the Texas Legislature, to the Governor, and to the Lieutenant Governor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

**Resolution #7:**

**Republican Party of Texas Endorses Candidates for Princeton ISD and Wylie ISD**

WHEREAS, education and parents' rights are at the forefront of Texas Republican Party's platform and local elections are no longer non-partisan; and

WHEREAS, the State Republican Executive Committee has approved guidelines for County Executive Committees to endorse non-partisan candidates; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, contingent upon the endorsement of the Collin County Republican Executive Committee, the Republican Party of Texas endorses:

Princeton ISD: John Campbell and Julia Schmoker

Wylie ISD: Jill Palmer (Place 1), Jeffrey Keech (Place 2), Kevin Brooks (Place 5), and Michael Schwerin (Place 6)

and shall provide any and all resources available to local school board candidates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

**Resolution #8:**

**Republican Party of Texas Endorses Candidates for Round Rock ISD**

WHEREAS, the Republican Party benefits from having principled conservatives seek local office and serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, parents across Texas are increasingly concerned about political indoctrination in the classroom, inappropriate sexual materials in school curriculum and libraries, and the lack of school district transparency; and

WHEREAS, many school boards have not been responsive to parent concerns; and

WHEREAS, grassroots movements and parent groups across the state have organized to elect principled conservative school board members who put students and parents first; and

WHEREAS, Round Rock ISD's lack of transparency and responsiveness to parents has been particularly problematic and newsworthy and has ignited a movement among RRISD parents to elect new school board members; and

WHEREAS, the Round Rock ISD school board imposed a mask mandate on students in 2021 despite protests from parents; and

WHEREAS, the Round Rock ISD school board has refused to address parental concerns about sexually inappropriate materials in campus libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Round Rock ISD school board has limited parents' speech at school board meetings, and one Round Rock ISD parent (and Texas GOP Chaplain) Jeremy Story was forcibly removed for speaking at an open forum; and

WHEREAS, the Round Rock ISD school board majority has attempted to retaliate against and silence two dissenting board members who have spoken out against these abuses; and

WHEREAS, a team of five courageous and qualified candidates has stepped forward to run for Round Rock ISD school board to put students first, to make the district more accountable to parents, and to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely; and

WHEREAS, the Travis County Republican Party has endorsed these five superb candidates; and

WHEREAS, Republican Party of Texas Chairman Matt Rinaldi, in his personal capacity, has endorsed these five superb candidates; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas endorses John Keagy (Place 1), Orlando Salinas (Place 3), Jill Farris (Place 4); Christie Slape (Place 5), and Don Zimmerman (Place 6) for Round Rock ISD Board of Trustees in the November 2022 election, contingent upon the endorsement of the Travis County Republican Party.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee

#### **Resolution #9:**

#### **Resolution in Support of the Due Process Rights of the January 6, 2021 Protestors**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas supports the due process rights of the protestors charged with crimes stemming from the events on January 6, 2021, believes that the rights of those charged with crimes have been violated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice, and rejects the effective suspension of the writ of habeas corpus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we reject the false narrative, promoted by the corporate media and Democrats in Congress, that the events at the U.S. Capitol were an "insurrection" and that acts of sedition were committed by participants in those events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Resolutions Committee