

**A Resolution to authorize the Chairman of the REPUBLICAN PARTY OF BEXAR COUNTY to notify precinct chairs they are considered to have abandoned the office of precinct chair and the duties of the office.**

**December 20, 2022**

Chairman McManus has identified 72 precinct chairs who appear to have abandoned the office due to failing to attend 4 consecutive county executive meetings. There are an additional 26 that have failed to attend 3 consecutive county executive meetings prior to today's county executive meeting.

TEXAS ELECTION CODE (TEC), Section 171.029 provides for the removal of Precinct Chairs who fail to attend four or more consecutive County Executive Committee's meetings and establishes the procedure to be followed in the event of a Precinct Chair abandoning his or her office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee authorizes the County Chair to take the actions as follows:

The County Chair may send a notice to a precinct chair that the precinct chair is considered to have abandoned the office of precinct chair and the duties of the office.

The reasons the county Executive Committee believes the Precinct Chair has abandoned the office is that the precinct chair has failed to attend 4 consecutive meetings of the Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee.

The notification must be sent by certified mail.

The notification will request a response from the precinct chair not later than the seventh day after the date the precinct chair receives the notice. The response must state whether the Precinct Chair wishes to continue in office.

A Precinct Chair's failure to respond and affirmatively state that the Precinct Chair wishes to remain in office results in a vacancy in the office of Precinct Chair.

This authorization is for the full term of office of the Chairman of the Republican Party of Bexar County.

## A Resolution for Conservative Leadership in the Texas House

WHEREAS, 81% of Republican voters asked Republicans in the Texas Legislature to end the Texas House's current practice of awarding Democrats powerful committee chairmanships; and

WHEREAS, The Republican Party of Texas has clearly laid out a strong list of legislative priorities which provide a bare minimum list of necessary accomplishments for the upcoming session, and

WHEREAS, The current "Republican" speaker used the support of very liberal Democrats to ignore the GOP caucus process last year, and

WHEREAS, The current speaker has refused to issue a single public statement for a single GOP priority, and has publicly defended his choice to put some of the most liberal Democrats in Texas in charge of 40% of House committees, and

WHEREAS, Bexar County currently only has 1 elected Representative who chairs a committee, and that representative is a Democrat, even though we have 3 Republican Representatives in the legislature, and

WHEREAS, Another candidate is also running for speaker and has announced that all GOP priorities should receive a vote on the Texas House floor, and was previously 1 of only 5 Republicans who supported the will of GOP voters by voting to ban Democrats from chairing committees, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That all Republican State Representatives from Bexar County should publicly support the legislative priorities of the Republican Party of Texas and co-author legislation which the Republican Party of Texas says accomplishes those priorities, and be it further

RESOLVED, Republican legislators should vote to ban Democrat chairs when the rules of the Texas House are voted on, and be it further

RESOLVED, legislators should refrain from supporting any speaker candidate who withholds support from Republican legislative priorities, including banning Democrat committee chairs, and be it further

RESOLVED, that an official copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, and every elected Republican Representative in Bexar County.

## **Resolution for Texas to Withdraw from the Electronic Registration Information Center, commonly known as ERIC**

**Whereas:** The Texas Election Code Section 18.062 states:

*“INTERSTATE VOTER REGISTRATION CROSSCHECK PROGRAM. (a) To maintain the statewide voter registration list and to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history, and voter registration lists to identify voters whose addresses have changed....”*

**Whereas:** During the 2019 legislative session, the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for Texas to join the consortium.

**Whereas:** New state members pay a one-time fee of \$25,000 and annual dues are based on the size of the state with a maximum of approximately \$116,000, annually.

**Whereas:** Each member state turns over data of each voter registration including their motor vehicle licensee, address, date of birth and last four digits of their social security.

**Whereas:** ERIC was funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts, who has ties to The Open Society Foundation, a George Soros organization.

**Whereas:** ERIC prohibits transparency of reports, created by ERIC, requiring a court order to disclose any data, even if disclosing this data is required by Texas laws (ERIC Bylaws and Membership Agreement Exhibit A, 4., b.)

**Whereas:** ERIC Member Agreement prohibits transparency of voter roll maintenance by requiring states to contact 95% of unregistered voters identified by ERIC yet prohibiting them from publicly disclosing or acknowledging these contacts are due to ERIC.

**Whereas:** ERIC does not allow any transparency on the effectiveness of membership in ERIC as shown by the fact they “found” 17 million new voters for the 2020 election, but there is no published number for how many voters were actually removed from the voter rolls by ERIC.

**Whereas:** ERIC goes well beyond Texas law in identifying potential new voters but cannot be shown to address the law in satisfying the requirement to identify ineligible voters due to the secrecy built into the Bylaws and Membership Agreement with ERIC.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Texas voters deserve complete transparency and accountability for ALL actions taken with respect to maintaining accurate voter rolls and should not accept any process that is not transparent and cannot be held accountable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Republican Party of Bexar County (RPBC) calls on its

Legislators to immediately withdraw Texas from ERIC

Signed by:

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Jeff McManus, Chairman  
Republican Party of Bexar County

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Date

*Sponsored by:*  
Bexar County Election Integrity

CC:

All Republican State Senators and Representatives

Texas GOP Party Chair:  
Chair Matt Rinaldi at: [matt@mattrinaldi.com](mailto:matt@mattrinaldi.com)

# Contract Approval

## December 20, 2022

Authorization is requested to enter a contract with a public relations firm.

### Primary Purpose

Raise the awareness of the voting public of the Republican Party Bexar County. Educate voters on issues and proposals. Increase the participation in Bexar County of Republican voters and candidates.

Increase the value and effectiveness of the Republican Party franchise in Bexar County.

Supplement the efforts of communication and education that are not met by the volunteers and committees of the Republican Party Bexar County

### Cost

Total more than \$5,000. Term one year.

There is no cost to the Republican Party of Bexar County. All costs are being covered by specific fund-raising in a joint effort by the proposed PR firm and Chairman McManus. Those that have been identified as potential donors are only interested in funding the PR firm engagement.

The contributors are a selected group of individuals. The funds raised will be ear marked for this project and used only for this project.

If the funds are not raised there will be no contract executed.

The contract may be terminated at any time without cause or ensuing liability.

## Messaging

### Content Creation for Digital & Public Relations Communications – Copywriting & Graphic Design Services

The contracted entity in consultation with the Republican Party Chair – will develop concise, impactful, and consistent messaging. This includes creating content for social media posts, emails, and other RPBC communications including Public Relations

The creative content will work to establish the party’s “brand” – what it stands for and what voting Republican means for the average Bexar County voter – and its messaging.

## Digital Marketing and Advertising

### Social Media Management

Manage and market the RPBC’s Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter social media accounts. Implement a social a social media strategy to create and position messaging to encourage, interact and act with our follower and supporters. Management and marketing on social media include:

- Targeting our audience and creating a personal, consistent relationship with our member using data in our possession and any future data to be collected across future interactions.
- Creating engaging and informational posts to build rapport and encourage promotion through word of mouth
- Storytelling based around testimonials from those embodying our work and mission throughout the community, including elected officials, candidates, voters, and allies.

## Social Media Advertising

Using the proposed social media advertising budget implement two types of social advertising:

- Brand awareness advertising to grow following on our social media pages.
- Voter engagement advertising allowing supporters to fill out forms to volunteer, donate, or commit to supporting the RPBC

## Public Relations

### Public Relations

They will serve as the party's "on-call" PR agency. Along with continuous social media management and publishing. They will manage incoming media requests, oversee media coverage, and arrange all external messaging opportunities should circumstances require us to do so.

They will utilize traditional media and social media monitoring services, on our behalf. This service allows them to be notified of all mentions of the RPBC and its candidates in the traditional media and on social media. When issues arise, they will establish temporary news and social media monitoring tools to track threats to our reputation and respond accordingly.

- Utilizing Media Connections  
They will use established relationships with local journalists and media outlets which they will utilize on behalf of the RPBC and its candidates to establish, when needed, interview and responses.
- Handling the Media
  - Advising on and managing incoming requests from the media
  - Traditional and social media monitoring
  - Arranging public speaking opportunities and interviews for party leaders

- Writing communication to support public speaking press release, op-eds, specific key messages and Q&A etc.
- Production of press kit/brochure for media.
- Serve as spokesman, when necessary



Resolution  
Proposed by Zachary Rathbun Pct 4097

Reaffirmation of the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States

WHEREAS the Constitution of the United States is the law of the land and 2nd Amendment is included in the Constitution.

WHEREAS the Precinct Chairmen of the Republican Party of Bexar County swore an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Bexar County reaffirms the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.