

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 of Censure of U.S Senator John Cornyn III

WHEREAS, Rule 44 of the Republican Party of Texas allows the party to sanction a Republican office holder who takes three or more actions during a biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Cornyn III has demonstrated a pattern of action demonstrably opposed to the first, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth Core Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Platform, by repeatedly voting contrary to these Core Principles, and

WHEREAS, Senator John Cornyn, being part of a small contingent of Republican senators who, in opposition to the vast majority of their fellow Republican senators including Senators Cruz, Lee, Kennedy, Paul, and others, repeatedly crossed over to vote with the Democrat majority in procedural (cloture) votes, as well as final votes of confirmation, of at least twelve presidential appointees, including the U.S. Attorney for Minnesota, multiple U.S. District Judges, Director of the Asian Development Bank, a Member of the Federal Election Commission, Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis, a U.S. Circuit Judge, and the General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, and these actions violate the RPT's third core principle, namely, preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom, and

WHEREAS, Senator John Cornyn again crossed over with a small contingent, generally of the same Republican senators, to vote with the Democrat majority against a Motion to Proceed to S.Con.Res. 41, which was a concurrent resolution authored by Senator Rand Paul, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2023 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2024 through 2032, and this is a violation of the RPT's fourth and fifth core principles, namely, limiting government power to what is enumerated, and personal accountability and responsibility, and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn was the lead Republican negotiator for a working group made up of 20 Republican, Democrat, and independent senators, to work on gun control legislation, namely, S.2938, which subsidizes red flag laws, imposes additional restrictions on otherwise legal owners of firearms, expands background checks, and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn egregiously violated the RPT's eighth core principle regarding our right to defend ourselves, and violated the RPT's first core principle, which reaffirms our fidelity to the founding documents, which include our God-given right to self-defense, codified in the Second Amendment, which prohibits the exact infringements which Senator Cornyn voted for, as he negotiated our rights away to the Democrat Party, and he also violated the RPT's ninth core principle, which supports a free enterprise society unencumbered by government inference or subsidies, and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn, after having betrayed these several Republican principles with this one issue, had the unmitigated temerity to try to convince thousands of Republican delegates at the 2022 RPT convention that he was working to protect the 2nd Amendment, and such subterfuge is gross violation of the third and the fifth RPT core principles, of preservation of American and Texas sovereignty, and of personal accountability and responsibility, and

WHEREAS, Senator Cornyn's history of crossing over and voting with the Democrat Party to accomplish their objectives has continued with yet another bill, namely, S.4402, introduced by Senator Cornyn the text of which is also part of S.4384 by Democrat Senator Chris Coons, with Senator Cornyn and others named on it, which bill on its face seeks to foster increased civic engagement in the educational setting, and appropriates over \$6 billion over the next 6 years to fund nonprofits and educational institutions to create and implement programs designed to accomplish those ends, and

WHEREAS, S.4384 authorizes the \$6 billion in grant money to be disbursed by the Secretary of the Department of Education , for programs which accomplish the objective of striking traditional American history, free institutions, or Western civilizations and inserting, American political thought and history, free institutions, the impact of American representative democracy and constitutional democracies globally, or the means of participation in political and civic life and this is clearly an attempt to foster the imposition of critical race theory, and subsidize groups with other such non or anti traditional concepts of American exceptionalism, which erodes, historically accurate portrayals of America's foundation on, and contributions to, Western Civilization, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House introduced this legislation in March 2021, and between the House and Senate there are 5 versions of this bill, but the operative bills are S.4402 by Senator Cornyn and S.4384 by Senator Coons, with Senator Cornyn is a co-sponsor, and with such commitment to this bill by Senator Cornyn, this is clearly a violation of the RPT's seventh core principle, which calls for an educated population, yet with this bill, and the billions of dollars earmarked for organizations to "educate" children in an alternate version of American history, it is unconscionable to have Republican support, and

WHEREAS, Senator John Cornyn co-sponsored legislation along with Congressman Tony Gonzales (R-TX), and U.S. Representative Henry Cuellar (D-Laredo) to create four new processing facilities for asylum seekers and add to federal staffing along the border. These four centers would be used to process illegal aliens and release them into our community, who have entered our country illegally and these actions violate the RPT's first, third and fourth core principles of strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas and Preserving individual, Texan, and American sovereignty and freedom and limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at the duly schedule meeting held on January 24, 2023, a quorum being present, and with a vote exceeding two thirds present and voting, the

Republican Party of Bexar County does hereby CENSURE Senator John Cornyn III, and be it further

RESOLVED, we request that the State Republican Executive Committee concur in this resolution of censure and impose on Senator John Cornyn III, the full set of penalties provided in Rule 44 of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas; 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 be it further,

RESOLVED, that we, the Republican Party of Bexar County, in solidarity with Republicans across both our county and our state, are stridently opposed to Senator Cornyn's continued defamation of Republican principles, and we hereby demand his immediate resignation from the U.S. Senate for his faithlessness to our party and our principles, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage our fellow Republican Party County Executive Committees, Auxiliaries, and conservative groups across the state of Texas to pass this, or a similar resolution, in demonstration of the widespread dissatisfaction with Senator Cornyn's lack of fidelity to our founding principles, our national and state constitutions, and the Republican Party of Texas, and to express the solidarity of Republicans statewide, in opposition to his continued status as our elected Senator.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS

As of June 18, 2022, Texas State Republican Convention

Rule No. 44 – Censure Process and Penalties

- a. A County or Senatorial District Convention or a County or District Executive Committee may, after notice and invitation to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before a County or Senatorial Convention or a County or District Executive Committee, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, but in no case by less than a majority of the County Executive Committee (CEC) in full, adopt a resolution censuring a Republican public officeholder representing all or a portion of that County or District for three (3) or more actions taken during the current biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas defined in the Preamble of the Party Platform as described in Rule No. 43A or to the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention as described in Rule 34 (c). Any resolution of censure that does not meet those criteria shall be subject to challenge by a point of order. Such a resolution may include a request, to the SREC or any State Convention held prior to start of the filing period of a Republican Primary Election while these rules are in effect, that the named officeholder be penalized.

If such a request is included, after not less than fourteen (14) days' notice and opportunity to the officeholder to appear and be provided time to speak before the SREC or the State Convention in conformity with the request, the delegates of the State Convention by majority vote in the case of (1) below, or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the case of (2) below, or the State Republican Executive Committee by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the full membership, may vote to concur with the resolution of ensure and impose one or both of the following penalties:

1. declare that no Rule or Bylaw enacted by any division of the Party at any level that demands the Party be neutral in intraparty contests shall be observed with respect to the named officeholder, and no financial or other support shall be provided to their campaign by the Party except that which is required by law. If the officeholder files an application to run for any public office in the Republican Party primary following the censure resolution's passage, the SREC shall be authorized to spend up to twelve percent (12%) of the Party's general fund on voter education in the officeholder's district, by republishing the original censure resolution verbatim, using a media format determined by the SREC.
 2. declare that the named officeholder is discouraged from participating in the Republican Party Primary following the censure passage. Any above penalty imposed shall expire on the day following the date of the Primary runoff in which the officeholder would be up for reelection. The term "officeholder" as used in this rule shall mean a holder of public office except a justice of the peace, or a judge of a statutory county court, statutory probate court, district court, court of appeals, the Courts of Criminal Appeal, or the Supreme Court of Texas. Nothing within this Rule shall be construed to authorize the removal of a public officeholder; and likewise, nothing within this rule shall serve to limit the removal of any public officeholder under other rule or law.
- b. Any County Chairman who applies the provisions of Section (a)(1) or rejects an application for a place on the ballot under Section (a)(2) and thereby becomes the subject of a lawsuit for doing so shall be indemnified by the Republican Party of Texas, who shall provide counsel to the County Chairman or pay for any expenses incurred related to any suit. The State Party Chairman shall defend in court any suit against the Party arising from the application of Rule No. 44.

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