



Resolution #4

2023 Bexar County GOP Resolution Against Predatory Gambling in Texas

Whereas the Texas Constitution now and since 1876 has prohibited gift enterprises, of which casinos have been defined as by the courts;

Whereas the Texas Republican Platform includes specific language adopted by the people to oppose any expansion of gambling, including legalized casino gambling; and Republican representatives in Texas are expected to uphold our Platform through acknowledgement and action; and

Whereas a Republican legislator partnered with Democrat legislators, backed by publicly traded gaming corporations introduced legislation to amend our State Constitution to legalize comprehensive commercialized gambling in Texas, including resort casinos, online gambling, horse-racing operations, and commercialized sports betting; and

Whereas “predatory gambling” is when corporate gambling interests partner with government to cheat and exploit citizens. Associated social and financial problems are passed on to citizens while any profit is limited to corporations and corrupt politicians; and

Whereas the promised jobs, education funding, and boons to the State budget have proven to be a major political con job in other states, as most jobs in casinos are low wage, non-skilled jobs, and over time revenues are a decreasing and economically unstable source of budgetary funding; and

Whereas “pathological gambling” is diagnosed as an addiction *on the same level as heroin, cocaine, and opioids* as defined in the American Psychiatric Association’s Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), used by health care providers and insurers; and

Whereas in commercialized predatory gambling, Texans will be tempted to take risks which are 13.5% successful by a business intended to exact a personal financial loss at the gain of gambling corporations, bosses, lobbyists, and politicians, who are the winners of a state-sponsored cash stream on behalf of the citizens of the State of Texas; and

Whereas local businesses near large casinos suffer since gamblers are encouraged to gamble, eat, shop, and sleep with no reasons to journey outside the casino; and

Whereas commercialized predatory gambling incurs major social costs potentially harming taxpayers and families, targets and exploits low-income citizens, cultivates addiction, increases rates of bankruptcy and foreclosure, and provides new avenues for crime and money laundering. Citizens living near casino areas are more likely to become addicted. Texas taxpayers will pay the social costs, not the out-of-state gambling operators, lobbyists, and corporations, who do not care about the damage; and



Whereas the proposed State support of comprehensive commercialized predatory gambling in Texas violates free-market principles by selecting and protecting large corporate interests in certain larger cities; it will drain customers and low wage workers from legitimate small businesses not similarly protected; and do nothing to help rural areas that need good jobs and careers for their citizens; and

Whereas the Texas/Mexico border is a high crime area with smuggling and human trafficking providing huge profits for the cartels along the border, any casinos would be a prime target for money laundering and corruption of public and private officials; and

Whereas casinos and racetracks are proposed to be mostly located in larger urban metro cities with highly organized Cartel operations, this makes these cities even more subject to the threat of corruption and political influences which are in direct conflict with the best interests of the citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We, the members of the Bexar County GOP, urge the members of the Texas Legislature to cease and desist with any efforts to expand commercialized gambling in the State of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Secretary of the Bexar County GOP is directed to immediately transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Texas Republican Party and to all elected Republican officials in the Texas Senate and in the Texas House; to the Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of the State of Texas; and to the Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Texas.

Signature: RPBC Chairman

Date

Date submitted: 22 February 2023 (wrong draft of resolution sent)

Submitted by: Mary Ellen Snell (3194), Jeff Clay, Robert Gonzales, Joe Leatherwood

Date introduced to RPBC Executive Committee: 28 March 2023

Date approved: _____



Resolution #5

20230328 – Motion Condemning Behavior of Sen. John Cornyn

Declaration of Condemnation of Senator John Cornyn

This motion strongly condemns Senator John Cornyn for his recent actions regarding the passage of a budget bill, the passage of an unconstitutional gun control law, and for contradicting the Republican Party of Texas' Legislative Priorities.

As a representative of the people of Texas, Senator Cornyn has a responsibility to uphold the values and principles of the Constitution and the Republican Party. However, his recent actions have shown a blatant disregard for these values and have undermined the trust and confidence that his constituents have placed in him.

Firstly, Senator Cornyn's support of the budget bill, which contains excessive spending and fails to address the critical issues facing our country, is a clear violation of the principles of fiscal responsibility that the Republican Party stands for. By supporting this bill, he has shown that he is more interested in political expediency than in doing what is best for the American people.

Secondly, Senator Cornyn's support of an unconstitutional gun control law is a direct attack on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. The Republican Party of Texas has consistently advocated for the protection of Second Amendment rights, and Senator Cornyn's support of this law directly contradicts these principles.

Finally, Senator Cornyn's recent actions have also contradicted the Republican Party of Texas' commitment to limited government. By supporting policies that increase government spending and restrict the rights of citizens, Senator Cornyn has shown that he is out of touch with the values and principles that the Republican Party of Texas stands for.

Considering these actions, we call on Senator Cornyn to immediately reverse course and stand up for the values and principles that his constituents have entrusted him to represent. If he fails to do so, we call on the Republican Party of Texas to take appropriate action to hold him accountable for his actions.

Date submitted: 15 February 2023

Submitted by: Zach Rathbun, Precinct 4097 and Joe Leatherwood, Precinct 3181

Date introduced to RPBC Executive Committee: 14 March 2023

Date approved: _____



RESOLUTIONS

Amend the Bylaws

The Precinct Chair moves Article III, Section 10, Paragraph A be struck from the Bylaws and Article III, Section 10, Paragraphs B and C be substituted as the new Paragraphs A and B of the Bylaws. The effect of this repeal and replace would be to restore a “normal” calculation for the quorum for these meetings. *The motion would simply reestablish the 25% Rule based on active precinct chairs* rather than some **contrived rule**.

Submitted by: Joseph D. Leatherwood

Precinct 3181 and RPBC Secretary

Date submitted: 11 February 2023

Date introduced: 28 March 2023

Date approved:

**20230322 RPBC Resolution
Amendment to the Bylaws and Rules of Order**

Amendment to the RPBC Bylaws and Rules of Order

The Secretary moves the following amendment to the Bylaws and Rules of Order. I move the following three sentences be inserted at the end of RPBC ROO Rule # 4:

“The order in which motions and resolutions are taken up at RPBC Executive Committee meetings shall follow a FIFO format, that is, first in (date), first out (date). This order of presentation will be determined by the date and time a motion or resolution was received by the Secretary. Motions and Resolutions received after the 21-day deadline will have to be introduced from the floor by the author (s), will not appear on the agenda of the meeting, maybe introduced under New Business, and the author (s) must bear responsibility for making the motion or resolution clearly visible to all members.”

Signature RPBC Chairman

Date:

Date submitted: 22 March 2023 (*revised 28 March 2023*)

Submitted by: Joe Leatherwood, Precinct 3181

Date introduced to RPBC Executive Committee: 9 May 2023

Date approved: _____