

Resolution Opposing Sports Betting and Casinos in Texas

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Bexar County opposes attempts to legalize or place sports betting and casino gambling on the ballot for a state-wide vote by the people; and,

WHEREAS, our Texas Constitution, Article 3, Section 47, prohibits both sports betting and casino gambling; and,

WHEREAS, our Republican Party of Texas platform states our opposition to the expansion of gambling.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Republican Party of Bexar County urges the state legislature to keep the prohibition against sports betting and casino gambling in our state Constitution and oppose attempts to place this issue on the ballot.

DENOUNCING "PROJECT MARVEL"

Whereas, the City of San Antonio and Bexar County seek to spend \$4 billion on establishing a downtown sports and entertainment district, Project Marvel, which will take an estimated 15 years to develop, in hopes of attracting tourism, economic viability, and world-class events; and

Whereas, the city and county already have spent hundreds of millions over the last 40 years building multiple sports facilities, funded largely by taxpayers, which have failed to produce the return on investment promised; and

Whereas, the city and county have other more important issues and areas of concern to provide funding for which fall within their purview of providing fundamental services.

BE IT RESOLVED, we object to any attempt to relocate the San Antonio Spurs to a new arena developed or renovated by public funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we object to the wasting of public funds to expand the city's sports and entertainment industry.



Resolution

Authorizing the county chair to send notices concerning the abandonment of office of certain precinct chairs and declaring said offices vacant for precinct chairs who fail to respond in accordance with the law.

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WHEREAS, meetings of the County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Bexar County were held on June 29, 2024, August 24, 2024, September 28, 2024, December 14, 2024, and March 15, 2025 (the date on which the meeting was held to consider this resolution); and

WHEREAS, the precinct chairs of the following precincts did not attend any of the four consecutive meetings, to wit:

Lupe Rivera (1014), Michael Martinez (1057), Carlos Martinez (1058), Jason West (1128), Warren Kitchen (1155), Ramon Rodriguez (2020), Maria Campa (2027), Anne Englert (2062), Elginio Rodriguez (2074), Russell Pierce (2084), Joe Garza (2148), Gregory Canty (2166), Craig Schiebel (3006), Jeffrey McManus (3022), Edward Nino (3028), Leigha Almendarez (3087), Librado Salinas (3093), Pamela Millisor (3096), Zander Guckian (3117), Maria Zarb-Cousin (3173), Cameron McFly (4028), Brad Kessler (4043), Arthur Brown (4073), Gloria Melendez (4085), Sheryl Meade (4189); and

WHEREAS, TEX ELEC. CODE § 171.029(a), provides that a precinct chair who has failed to attend four or more consecutive meetings of the county executive committee may be removed for abandonment of office in accordance with said section; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Bexar County believes the aforementioned precinct chairs have abandoned their office by failing to attend four or more consecutive meetings of the county executive committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to TEX ELEC. CODE § 171.029(b), the County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Bexar County authorizes the county chair to send notice to each aforementioned precinct chair(s) in accordance with said section; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to TEX ELEC. CODE § 171.029(d), the office of any aforementioned precinct chair who, within seven days of receiving said notice, fails to respond to the chair's notice and affirmatively state they wish to remain in office, shall be deemed vacant, and said vacancy may be filled in accordance with TEX ELEC. CODE § 171.024(a), Rule 8(i) of the Republican Party of Tex., and Articles III, § IV Bylaws of the Republican Party of Bexar County Executive Committee.

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The foregoing resolution was PASSED and ADOPTED on _____.

KRIS COONS, County Chair

ATTEST:

DIANE RATH, Secretary