

PRECINCT CONVENTIONS & POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS

H/T TO EAGLE FOURM FOR CONTENT

Following the March 4 Primary Election, plan to attend your precinct convention when the polls close. The precinct convention is the first step in the Party process. Typically the convention is held at your polling place, otherwise a notice of where the convention will be held must be posted at the polling place.

Anyone voting in the Primary in that precinct may attend and will be considered a delegate to the precinct convention. If you want to attend your precinct convention, **make sure the election clerk stamps your voter registration card with the Party name when you vote.** If you do not have your voter registration card at the time, ask for a Certificate of Party Affiliation showing that you voted in the Party's primary. This will make it easier to get into the precinct convention.

The convention generally begins at 7:00 or 7:30 p.m., and is usually called to order by the precinct chairman.

1. Delegates to the precinct convention first elect permanent convention officers, usually a convention chairman and secretary.
2. They then elect delegates and alternates to their county or state senatorial district convention.
3. Finally, they consider and vote on any resolutions offered by the delegates.

A RESOLUTION is a formal statement or expression of an opinion voted on at a political convention.

IMPORTANT: Resolutions are first presented at the local precinct meeting and handed to the precinct chairman in TRIPLICATE by delegates for discussion and may address any topic. Be sure to know the reasoning behind your resolution as the group may have questions. Resolutions may be revised by adding or deleting and then voted on.

Resolutions passed by delegates at the precinct convention are sent to the county/state convention level for consideration and may eventually become part of the State Party Platform.

Resolutions for your consideration are presented in the following pages.

AMNESTY

WHEREAS, The United States takes in more legal immigrants than any nation in the world;

WHEREAS, according to recent estimates, 11-20 million people are in the U.S. illegally; and

WHEREAS, illegal employment and illegal immigration have a negative effect on American workers actively seeking jobs, and taxpayers who are saddled with paying illegals' healthcare, education and welfare benefits;

WHEREAS, President Obama and many Congressional leaders are calling for amnesty for the 11-20 million illegal immigrants, thereby negating millions of immigrants who have been patiently waiting to be admitted legally to the United States.

THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED that we reject any and all calls for blanket or incremental amnesty and encourage the enforcement of existing state and federal laws regarding border security, national security, immigration and employment.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the term “climate change” was originally called “global warming” but was changed because the earth has not warmed since 1998;

WHEREAS, there is overwhelming scientific evidence that the earth’s climate change is caused by sun activity, ocean currents and winds rather than by humans burning fossil fuels;

WHEREAS, the global community, including our federal government, has ignored scientific evidence and continues to spend billions of dollars promoting and enforcing the green agenda called “sustainable development,” issuing regulations that hinder the American way of life [i.e. banning incandescent light bulbs, shutting down coal and nuclear plants, giving tax breaks for electric cars, favoring snail darters over man, etc.).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that while we know that man is to be a good steward of the earth, saving the planet from a non-existent theory of climate change is a political agenda which attempts to control every aspect of our lives. Therefore we urge Congress to ignore the United Nations plea for money to fund global climate change and “climate justice” and to pass a resolution that they will not ratify the new legally binding treaty in 2015 in Paris, France. We also ask Congress to rein in the overreaching authority of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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KEEP THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

WHEREAS, the traditional definition of marriage has been defined as between one man and one woman and is the most fundamental institution of civilization; and

WHEREAS, the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was signed into law in 1996 and 31 states, including Texas, have adopted constitutional amendments protecting traditional marriage;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we oppose any effort by the Obama Administration to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and urge Congress to use its Article III, Section 2 power to prevent activist federal judges from imposing upon the rest of the nation judicial activism that would reverse the will of the people.

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HOMOSEXUALITY

WHEREAS, the practice of homosexuality tears at the fabric of society and contributes to the breakdown of the family unit; and

WHEREAS, the practice of homosexuality is unhealthy and puts the American public at risk for disease; according to the CDC, homosexuals make up only 2% of the U.S. population, yet are the population most severely affected by HIV, especially young men 13-24 years of age; and

WHEREAS, homosexual behavior is contrary to the fundamental, unchanging truths that have been ordained by God, recognized by our country's founders, and shared by the majority of Texans; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that homosexuality should not be presented as an acceptable lifestyle in public policy, and the "family" should not be redefined to include same-sex "couples."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we believe there should be no granting of special legal entitlements or creation of special status for homosexual behavior, regardless of state of origin, and we oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose homosexuality out of faith, conviction or belief in traditional values.

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SUPPORT REPARATIVE THERAPY

WHEREAS Reparative therapy and other Sexual Orientation Change Efforts are based on the understanding that healing emotional wounds and reducing shame will reduce same-sex attraction and empower individuals to live in accordance with their own faith and values;

WHEREAS, psychological and spiritual counseling have been well-documented in scientific and psychological literature to help individuals with unwanted same-sex attractions reduce and/or eliminate their unwanted homosexual feelings;

WHEREAS, laws have recently been passed in California and New Jersey severely restricting the free speech rights of licensed therapists who support counseling/therapy to change or reduce homosexual behavior in individuals who seek their help;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that licensed therapists, psychologists and counselors in the state of Texas cannot be forbidden or penalized by any licensing board for practicing reparative therapy and supporting clients of any age with sexual orientation change efforts.

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DEFUND & REPEAL OBAMACARE

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (also known as Obamacare), was passed by completely partisan votes (i.e. not one Republican vote) in both the U.S. Senate, and U.S. House; and

WHEREAS, reliable public opinion polls find that a majority of the American people want it repealed as more and more details of the costly law are revealed; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has illegally and unconstitutionally changed the law by sidestepping Congress and by executive fiat; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Personnel Management has exempted Congress and its staff from ObamaCare while forcing other citizens to comply; and WHEREAS, the costly and error-ridden website to enroll in ObamaCare is staffed by “navigators,” who have not been vetted, causing major security concerns of consumers’ private information.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we petition the U.S. House of Representatives to immediately defund ObamaCare, including its implementation and enforcement, thereby effectively repealing the onerous law. We further petition Congress to hold President Obama and his administration liable for illegal changes to the law and ignoring the Constitution of the U.S.

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NO EXCEPTIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, both Democrat and Republican elected officials have exempted themselves and their staffs from laws they force on the American public, the most recent being the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that both state and federally elected officials must be subject to the same laws, regulations and ordinances as their constituents.

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PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the freedom of religion to every American; and

WHEREAS, religious liberty is under severe attack in our churches, schools, the military and the public arena by anti-religious organizations and the federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Texans should be free to express their religious beliefs, including prayer, in public places. We reject the “politically correct” efforts by the Obama administration and anti-religious groups to intimidate, bully, and silence people of faith in the U.S. and call on elected officials to uphold the First Amendment.

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DEFEND THE SECOND AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution clearly states "... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed"; and

WHEREAS, further restrictions on firearm purchases will impact law abiding citizens and not those intent on doing harm as the majority of guns used in crimes are not purchased in a lawful manor; and

WHEREAS, crime statistics and data show, when law abiding citizens are allowed to defend themselves with weapons, the violent crime rate is reduced;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we oppose any and all legislation that will further reduce or hinder the individual's right to own, purchase, sell, or possess guns, ammunition, or magazines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we oppose any efforts to restrict gun ownership by imposing taxes or fees on guns or ammunition or gun licenses and oppose any other underhanded attempts by government to undermine our 2nd Amendment rights; and we also reject the present attempt to unlawfully infringe and restrict the Second Amendment by executive orders.

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DRUG TESTING FOR WELFARE RECIPIENTS

WHEREAS, studies find that one-third of welfare recipients use illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, Texas taxpayers have the right to insist that their financial aid goes to those who truly need it and not to self-destructive activities such as drug use; and

WHEREAS, Texas passed a law in 2013 that will subject Texans applying for unemployment benefits to a drug test; and

WHEREAS, evidence shows that drug testing has the potential to significantly reduce unnecessary welfare spending and misuse of funds by as much as 48%.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Texas should require all potential welfare recipients be tested for illegal drug use before receiving welfare benefits and should be denied benefits until they are drug free.

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SAFEGUARD U.S. AND TEXAS' CONSTITUTIONAL FUNDAMENTALS

WHEREAS America/Texas has unique values of liberty which do not exist in many foreign legal systems.

WHEREAS, subjecting American/Texas citizens to foreign laws that violate individual, fundamental constitutional rights is inimical to the spirit of the bedrock values and principles upon which the United States of America was founded. There must be no such use of foreign law by U.S./Texas courts in interpreting our own Constitution and laws. Reliance on foreign law undermines American law and our state and US constitutions.

WHEREAS, in the USA, laws are introduced in legislative branches by elected representatives of the people (Congress and state legislatures) and, having passed, are signed into law by the elected executives (the President or governors). When courts look to foreign law in making legal decisions, this entire fundamental process is bypassed, indeed totally ignored.

WHEREAS, our fundamental constitutional rights must be preserved in order to preserve unique American/Texas values of liberty and freedom. No U.S./Texas citizen or resident should be denied the liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed in our constitutional republic.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that it is imperative that we safeguard our U.S. and State constitutions' fundamentals, and the individual guarantees in the Bill of Rights, the sovereignty of our Nation and State and its people, and the principles of the rule of law—American/Texas laws, not foreign laws.

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