

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REPUBLICAN CAUCUS TO SELECT CANDIDATE FOR TEXAS SPEAKER

WHEREAS the 2010 elections resulted in a historic number of Republicans swept into office across the nation; and that the Texas House of Representatives constitutes a shining example of that Republican electoral tsunami; and

WHEREAS this unprecedented success was based upon the people of the United States, and the state of Texas in particular, embracing a conservative approach to governance; and

WHEREAS there exists among the people of Texas a profound discontent over the traditional “pledge” method of selecting the Texas Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS this year’s election of a historic majority has resulted in multiple Republican candidates for the position of Speaker coming forward for consideration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Harris County Republican Party calls for the release of all members of the Texas House of Representatives from any pledges, promises, or commitments made to support any candidate for the office of Speaker so that a special caucus for the purpose of selecting ONE Republican candidate for the office of Speaker of the House may be held, at which time a secret ballot of all Republican members of the House elected or reelected in 2010 shall be conducted; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Harris County Republican Party calls for each member of the Republican Caucus pledge to support the winner of this vote when the full assembly votes for Speaker at the beginning of the new session so that the majority party, rather than the minority party, shall determine the Speaker for the upcoming legislative session; and be it also

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered by electronic and US mail to each Republican member and member-elect of the Texas House of Representatives.

ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Harris County Republican Party of Harris County, Texas, on December 6, 2010.

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE HARRIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN
PARTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2011 TEXAS STATE
LEGISLATIVE GENERAL SESSION**

Whereas, the 2011 Texas Legislature will convene with a majority of both the Texas Senate and Texas House represented by Republican members, we the Harris County Republican Party Executive Committee urge the Republican members of the Texas Legislature to author, introduce, and pass legislation to accomplish the following legislative goals, as contained in many 2010 Senate District Republican Convention Platforms in Harris County, and across the State of Texas; and

Whereas, thousands of Republican Precinct Chairmen and campaign workers worked tirelessly for the election of these Republican nominees to the State Legislature in the recent general election, the Harris County Republican Executive Committee asks that these legislative goals be assigned the highest priority and embraced, sponsored, and enacted by all members of the Republican majorities elected to both houses of the Texas State Legislature; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Harris County Republican Party Executive urges the Republican members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives, as well as Governor Rick Perry and Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, to author, introduce, and pass legislation that will:

- 1) Enact a "Voter Photo ID" bill;
- 2) Balance the budget with no new taxes;
- 3) Ban the funding of lobbyist with taxpayer dollars;
- 4) Enact the "Sonogram" bill;
- 5) Secure our southern 2,000+ mile Texas border;
- 6) Eliminate the Blocker Bill;
- 7) Call for a Republican House Caucus to select the next Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives;
- 8) Enact a redistricting plan which reflects the voting will of the people.

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11. Do you support allowing a government entity to engage in a business enterprise in competition with a private enterprise?
- YES NO
12. Do you support extending benefits to same sex partners of government employees?
- YES NO
13. Do you believe government should be able to take private property from individuals or companies for the "good of the community" without paying fair compensation?
- YES NO
14. Do you support the granting of public tax dollars for economic development in areas that are not economically disadvantaged?
- YES NO
15. Do you support the right of City Council members to add items to the City Council agenda if approved by a majority of the members?
- YES NO
16. Do you support an ethics standard holding elected officials and all government employees to the highest ethical standards in their public and private lives?
- YES NO
17. Do you support the privatization of city streets to accommodate Metro's plans for rail lines?
- YES NO
18. Do you support the expansion of Metro Rail lines without voter referendum?
- YES NO
19. Do you believe government should take by condemnation private property from individuals or company for the benefit of another individual or company?
- YES NO
20. Should revenues collected by municipal utilities be used exclusively for acquiring and improving that particular utility and not for general purpose?
- YES NO
21. Do you support using zero based budget practices for every governmental entity, elected and approved?
- YES NO

Please sign

Date

Print Name

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HCRPEC RESOLUTION ON TEXAS SENATE ROSEBUSH-BLOCKER RULE

Whereas, Republican voters worked very hard over many years to win a majority in the Texas Senate,

Whereas, Republican voters are frustrated that Democrats, who are in the minority, can block critical conservative legislation with just 11 votes,

Whereas, the Republican Party of Texas 2010 Party Platform says on page six, “Rosebush–Blocker Rule – We oppose the Rosebush-Blocker Rule in the Texas Senate”, which is the will of the grassroots Republicans as embodied by 2010 State Republican Party Convention,

Be it resolved, that the HCRPEC strongly urges that the Texas Senate take whatever steps are necessary to pass conservative legislation over the opposition of the Democrat minority, including consideration of discontinuing the use of the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule, if necessary; and

Be it resolved, that if outright elimination of the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule does not appear to be able to be passed by the Texas Senate in its initial caucuses and meetings, that the SREC strongly urges that the Texas Senate, at the very least, change the Rosebush-Blocker bill/rule by reducing the 2/3rds requirement to 60%, which is an equivalent percentage to the 60% cloture rule in the United States Senate,

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be immediately forwarded to all Texas State Senators, and that HCRP HQ’s disseminate it via e-mail and the HCRP website,

Be it further resolved, that the HCRPEC encourages all Texas Republicans to contact their state senator to urge them to end or at least, modify this rule as described above, so the will of the majority can finally be represented in the Texas Senate.

Note: this language is the exact same language as was passed near-unanimously by the 2008 & 2006 HCRPEC at its December 2008 & 2006 meetings, with simple update for 2010.

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HCRPEC RESOLUTION ON TEXAS HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS RULES

Whereas, the November 2nd, 2010 elections elected a record 99 Republican members to the Texas House of Representatives, who were elected to advance a Republican legislative agenda in the upcoming 2011 legislative session,

Whereas, these 99 Republican members will soon caucus in order to conduct business during the course of the next two years,

Be it resolved, that the Harris County Republican Party Executive Committee calls upon the Caucus of the Republican members of the incoming Texas House of Representatives to adopt rules that call for a simple majority vote on all issues that come before the Caucus, which will end the previous practice of requiring a 2/3rds super majority vote,

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be immediately forwarded via postal and e-mail to all Republican members of the incoming Texas House of Representatives.

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HCRPEC RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE CHANGE THE PROSECUTORIAL
SYSTEM FOR ELECTED STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Whereas, the 2010 Republican Party of Texas Convention Platform states: "Public Integrity Unit — We urge the Legislature to secure the impartiality and probity of the Travis County Public Integrity Unit, by transferring its powers and funding to an impartial statewide elected judicial entity."

Be it resolved, that the Harris County Republican Executive Committee calls upon the Texas Legislature to advance this important plank from the 2010 Republican Party of Texas Convention Platform early in the 2011 Legislative Session.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be immediately forwarded via postal and e-mail to the Texas Legislature.

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ZERO BASE 2011-2012 BUDGET FOR HARRIS COUNTY

1. Whereas, Harris County is facing a projected budget shortfall of \$80 million for the next fiscal year (FY 2011-2012)

2. Whereas, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett has called for Commissioners Court to examine the FY 2011-2012 county budget (which begins on 3/1/2011) using the Zero Based Budget process which means realistically justifying each expenditure item by item, and

3. Whereas, County Commissioner-elect Jack Morman has clearly and publicly stated that he desires to lower property taxes and to ensure that our tax dollars are wisely spent on the projects that the citizens need and deserve,

THEREFORE, be it,

1. RESOLVED, That Harris County Republican Party supports Judge Emmett's call to employ zero base budgeting techniques to scrutinize, reprioritize or eliminate county projects and programs in order to keep expenditures in line and thereby avoid a tax hike or actually lower taxes , and

2. RESOLVED, That the HCRP supports Jack Morman in his effort to lower county property taxes. We urge him to thoroughly and critically examine the county budget, and, with Judge Emmett and the entire Commissioners Court, to deliver fiscal relief to the over taxed citizens of Harris County, and

3. RESOLVED, That we also urge all of Commissioners Court to join with Judge Emmett and Jack Morman to rein in and even lower the Harris County tax burden by effectively using the Zero Base Budget process beginning with FY 2011-2012, and

4. RESOLVED, That the HCRP send a copy of this resolution to every Harris County elected official and to all Harris County employees with budgetary accountability and to all HCRP Precinct Chairs.

5. RESOLVED, that the HCRP staff is directed to issue a press advisory to the media about this resolution and to send a copy of this resolution to each member of Houston City Council and to Harris County Commissioners Court.

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ZERO BASE BUDGETS FOR ALL HARRIS COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

Whereas, Declining tax revenues have caused Harris County Judge Ed Emmett to call for a Zero Base Budget process for Harris County;

Whereas, The city of Houston and Metro are also experiencing declines in revenue;

Whereas, It is likely that all other Harris County governmental entities are also experiencing declining revenues,

THEREFORE, be it,

1. RESOLVED, That Harris County Republican Party, supports the zero based budget process to uncover and curtail or eliminate wasteful, redundant and special interest spending, and

2. RESOLVED, That we urge the City of Houston, Metro and all elected and appointed bodies in Harris County to adopt a policy of periodic zero based budgets (every '3 to 4 years) to keep spending in line and eliminate wasteful and special interest programs, projects and initiatives, and

3. RESOLVED, That the HCRP send a copy of this resolution to every Harris County elected official, to all Harris County employees with budgetary accountability, to all other governmental entities in Harris County, and to all HCRP Precinct Chairs.

4. RESOLVED, That the HCRP staff is directed to issue a press advisory to the media about this resolution and to send a copy of this resolution to each member of Houston City Council and to Harris County Commissioners Court.

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HCRPEC RESOLUTION ON TEXAS HOUSE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN SELECTION PROCESS

Whereas, the November 2nd, 2010 elections elected a record 99 Republican members to the Texas House of Representatives, who were elected to advance a Republican legislative agenda in the upcoming 2011 legislative session,

Whereas, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives has historically wielded the absolute power of selecting the House committee chairmen and committee members,

Whereas, unlike the Lieutenant Governor, who similarly makes Senate committee selections BUT is elected statewide, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives is one of 150 members, and thus publicly elected by less than 1% of the people of Texas,

Whereas, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives has been sometimes elected by House members combining the member votes of the minority party members with a minority of members from the majority party,

Whereas, this method of House committee chairmen selection has often caused disgraceful behaviors of retaliatory threats, bartering, and intimidation by Speakers, Speaker candidates, and their member supporters, which disgraces the Texas House that represents the great citizens of Texas,

Whereas, the US House of Representatives and other state house legislatures select their committee chairmen through selection by the majority party caucus,

Be it resolved, that the Harris County Republican Party Executive Committee calls upon the Republican members of the incoming Texas House of Representatives, to caucus for the purpose of simple majority voting to select for recommendation to the speaker, one member name as the preferred caucus member for each of the Texas House of Representative committee chairmen,

Be it further resolved, that regardless of which Republican member is elected as Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, that he/she exactly honor and appoint all of the committee chairmen selections of the incoming Republican caucus,

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be immediately forwarded via postal and e-mail to all Republican members of the incoming Texas House of Representatives.

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REP. RIDDLE'S HB 17

Whereas: The illegal incursions across our southern border is a threat to the safety of our citizens, the financial interests of Texas, and the very culture of our life, and

Whereas: It is the primary function of government to insure the domestic tranquility of its citizens, with the preservation of our heritage, and

Whereas: Since the Federal government has refused to address this problem in any meaningful manner, it becomes the responsibility of the state of Texas to correct this problem, in spite of the fact that federal law requires them to do so; and also provides for local and state law to perform this function, and

Whereas: State representative district 150, Debbie Riddle, has introduced legislation, called HB 17, for 2011, which does address this issue in a proven and meaningful manner, it

Therefore: becomes incumbent upon the Texas speaker of the house, Texas lieutenant Governor, and the Texas governor to insure her legislation quickly arrives to the house floor for a fair vote; and upon the full legislation of Texas to enact this legislation into law.

Resolved: That the Harris Co. Republican party calls upon the Texas state legislature to insure that H.B.-17 (and senate equivalent) is voted upon in both houses of our legislature and signed into law.

ADOPTED by the Executive Committee of the Harris County Republican Party of Harris County, Texas, on December 6, 2010.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REP. RIDDLE'S IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, sanctuary cities, defined as “communities that provide a safe haven for illegal aliens”, are a threat to the safety of our citizens, the financial interests of Texas, are a magnet for illegal aliens and contribute to crimes perpetrated by illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, since the federal government has refused to address this problem in any meaningful manner, it becomes the responsibility of the State of Texas to correct this problem; and

WHEREAS, State Representative, District 150, Debbie Riddle has introduced legislation called H.B. 18 which does address this issue in a proven and meaningful manner.

THEREFORE, it becomes incumbent upon the Texas Speaker of the House, Texas Lieutenant governor and the Texas Governor to insure her legislation quickly arrives to the House floor for a fair vote and upon the full Legislature of Texas to enact this bill into law.

Be it Resolved that, the Harris County Republican Party calls upon the Texas State Legislature to insure that H.B. 18 is voted upon and signed into law.

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