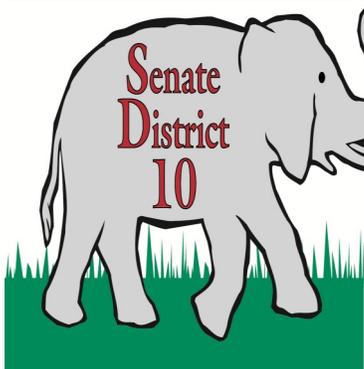


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Senate District 10

Message from State Republican Executive Committeewoman from Senate District 10 Leslie Recine

Dear Republican Friend,

I'm delighted to announce that the **Volunteer of the Year for Senate District 10 is Marjorie Moffitt!** Marjorie has served as the area leader for House District 94, the precinct chairman for precinct 2468, the Vice President of Membership for both the Arlington Republican Club and Republican Women of Arlington, a campaign volunteer in numerous campaigns, election judge, precinct convention chairman, and a delegate to senatorial district and state conventions. **Please note the invitation on page 10 of this newsletter to a reception on June 10th honoring Marjorie.**



Leslie Recine
State Republican Executive
Committeewoman for
Senate District 10

As I write, the 82nd Legislature is in its closing days. I am thankful that a good sonogram bill and voter ID have been signed into law as well as other important legislation passing the House and Senate. Under the Senate Redistricting map that passed both chambers, (<http://gis1.tlc.state.tx.us/> under Select Plans, Base Plans, click on Plan S148, S.B. 31 Enrollment) I am being redistricted into Senate District 9. The current SREC Committeewoman from SD9, Jane Burch, is term limited, and **I am looking forward to running for State Republican Executive Committeewoman from SD9 at the state convention in 2012 in Fort Worth!**

The **2nd Quarter meeting of the SREC will be held at Republican Party of Texas Headquarters, 1108 Lavaca St., 7th floor, Austin 78701, Saturday, June 4th beginning at 9 a.m.** The meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend. Let's fix our sights on the 2012 elections and victory from the White House to the Courthouse!

Very Truly Yours,

Please feel free to contact me
at Leslie@LeslieRecine.com
or 817-925-3420 (cell).

Leslie Recine



Grassroots Focus on Melba McDow

by Melba McDow, Precinct 2219 Chairman

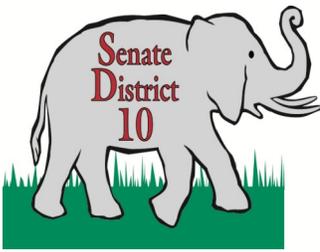
I started my "grassroots career" as a child going door to door campaigning for Republican candidates in Democratic Corpus Christi, Texas. Although I was treated as someone from "outer space", I was told by a neighbor that she would vote for my candidate because no Democrat had ever asked for her vote, and I had. I have been asking people to vote for Republican candidates ever since.

Melba McDow

In high school my government teacher was a "yellow dog" Democrat, always a delegate to district, state, and national Democrat conventions. She was such a believer in the Great Society that she made me a strong conservative Republican. Even then, I believed that too many government programs would bankrupt the country and encourage citizens to rely on government rather than their own hard work

After graduating from Baylor and my husband earning a doctorate from New Orleans seminary, we moved to Tennessee. There, I become involved in organizing my neighborhood to vote for Senator Lamar Alexander who was the first statewide Republican to be elected since Reconstruction days.

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Grassroots Focus on Melba McDow

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In 1983, my fourth grade daughter, Melissa, got me more involved in the Tarrant County Republican Party. (We moved back to Texas in 1982 and I had become a block captain and an election clerk in my precinct.) Melissa had a social studies book that championed the fact that China no longer had any private farms but only “efficient” government farms. In questioning my 9 year old daughter about how the government acquired all the private farms, she was astounded to learn that many farm owners were killed or put in reeducation camps. She said to me, “but that is not what the book says.” Her words pierced my heart.

About this time I was busy volunteering through the PTA at her school. As PTA political liaison, I became aware of an American History 11th grade textbook that was up for adoption by the Arlington School District. As a former high school science teacher, I realized that one of the books with all of its supplements (sample chapter questions, maps, visual aids, chapter tests, end of semester tests, etc.) would be the one chosen by the committee of History teachers. The problem was the content. Did you know that all the wars in the 20th century were caused by greedy American business men? That Reagan and Republicans were “selfish and mean-spirited” but Democrats were “compassionate and willing to work for a better society”? I took a dozen or more quotes with page references to the PTA Board and we all wrote individual letters to each Arlington elected school board member and the Superintendent of AISD. Our letters of concern were totally dismissed except for one member who told me it was simply “too late.” The AISD School Board only wanted these PTA mothers to give many hours of their time and to raise money for the school. The Board did not care that we did not want students of AISD indoctrinated by this book.

I expressed my frustration to George Towers, my precinct chairman. George took a copy of my letter to the Arlington Republican Club. A resolution was passed promising that every school board member who voted for the adoption of this book would have an opponent in their next election and that the resources (volunteers and money) of ARC would be given to their opponent. Suddenly, the school board members decided to vote against the adoption of this biased history book. I realized that the Tarrant County Republican Party would be a better recipient of my time rather than the PTA. I believe we must keep our local school boards elected as well as the State Board of Education. We also need to urge our legislators to keep the authority that the SBOE currently has of screening and approving textbooks. If 30 years ago a very biased textbook was nearly adopted, can you imagine what text books would be like today? School board members, local and state, need to be accountable to the voters.

After the 1983 textbook victory, I became even more involved in my precinct and became a volunteer at Republican Party Headquarters. In 1990, George Towers asked me to become the precinct chairman and election judge of our precinct. In addition to serving as precinct chairman, I was chairman of two Arlington phone banks and one headquarters phone bank. I always personally called my precinct asking the voters to vote and to help in the GOP get out the vote effort. These calls helped me to know my voters and them to know me.

As precinct chairman in 1990, I began sending letters in the primary season and cards in the November election to frequent Republican voters in my precinct. I continue to do this in each election. I give brief histories of the candidates that I am supporting and ask the voters to consider my recommendations. I also enclose a sample ballot and information on early voting location/dates and hours and election-day polling location/hours. I send information to approximately 300 households and use my election judge check to pay for these mailings. Contact me at 817-572-3206 about regulations on this, if you are interested in sending information to your precinct.

From 1992-1998, I served as vice-chairman of Tarrant GOP. I was the volunteer coordinator of the old Tarrant GOP headquarters on 7th Street. I recruited volunteers to be at headquarters Monday - Friday to answer phones, put out mailings, etc. Volunteers did everything as we had no paid staff in those days. I also helped organize workshops and training for precinct chairmen.

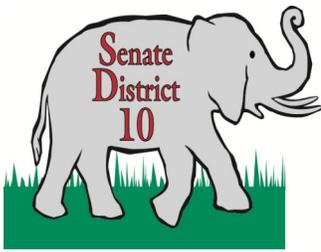
In 1998, I was elected to the State Republican Executive Committee from Senate District 10. I served for 8 years until 2006 at which time I was term limited. Leslie Recine followed me in this position and is the best SREC Committeewoman ever!

Over the years, I have enjoyed being a grassroots volunteer and precinct chairman. My most passionate causes for which I have worked are pro-life, pro-family issues, education, textbook concerns, and smaller and limited government. I hope you will decide to truly support the issues that are important to you by working to elect candidates who have the same beliefs and values as you.

You will not regret it!

I don't!

BE A GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEER!!!!



Sonogram Bill Victory!

by **Kyleen Wright**
President of Texans for Life Coalition
and Precinct 2033 Chairman in Senate District 10

Hooray for the Texas Sonogram Bill!

The Sonogram Bill has been signed into law, and will ensure that women considering abortion are fully informed before making a forever decision that many women deeply regret.

Finally, women will be entitled by law to a private, pre-surgical consultation with the doctor before abortion, something every other patient has been able to take for granted. Opponents of the bill argue the measure interferes with the doctor-patient relationship, yet many women who have experienced abortion testify there is no doctor-patient relationship. According to these women, abortion doctors dash in and out only for the procedure, conversation is minimal and often takes place after the women are sedated.

For years, abortion clinics have skirted our Informed Consent law by sharing pre-surgical information about risks and alternatives via pre-recorded phone conversations, the internet and mass conference calls which make individual questions impossible. Can you imagine such shabby treatment being tolerated by less vulnerable patients? What a tragic indictment that a relationship and informative conversation has to be mandated by law.

Opponents of the Sonogram Bill and Informed Consent measures in general, complain about the 24 hour waiting period, but is there any other non-emergency surgery where patients aren't given days or even weeks to reflect on risks and alternatives?

For women who live further than 100 miles from an abortion provider, the waiting period is reduced to two hours, but the sonogram must be performed before she is sedated. Additionally, abortion clinics are prohibited for charging for the abortion in advance of the sonogram, to prevent women from feeling financially trapped.

In addition to risks, alternatives and information about private and public assistance (Pregnancy Help Centers, adoption, Medicaid and child support), women will now also be given information to help establish paternity.

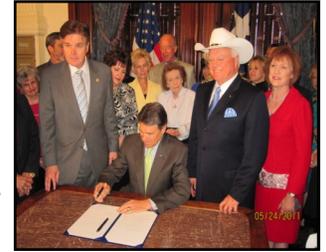
Most importantly, however, the bill expands Informed Consent to include a visual presentation of a sonogram, an oral description of the baby and audio of the baby's heartbeat, so that women have all the facts before making a harsh, forever decision.

Opponents of the Sonogram Bill suggest that all this information will traumatize women who have already researched their difficult, agonizing decision. This flies in the face of facts: half of the women seeking abortion in Texas are 24 years old or younger – many of them mere teenagers. Often they are pregnant for the first time, less knowledgeable about pregnancy and their bodies, less experienced, less sure, more coerced and more vulnerable than people realize.

Many post-aborted women describe the real trauma for them was seeing a sonogram of a subsequently conceived baby after having aborted what they were told was only a "blob of tissue". Is there another surgical procedure where patients are not shown the results of medical procedures and tests to better inform and guide their choices?

For three legislative sessions now we have heard from women who were denied the right to see their own sonogram at the abortion clinic. No more – as the law will now require the display of the sonogram, meaning no woman will have to fight to see it. Much like the safety information a flight attendant is required to present before takeoff, in all but a few limited circumstances, abortion clinics are required to provide the information even if it is ignored.

Sonograms have opened the window to the womb and forever transformed the abortion debate. They dot our refrigerators, baby books and Facebook. Sonograms are changing hearts and saving lives. And in Texas, pre-abortion sonograms are the law.



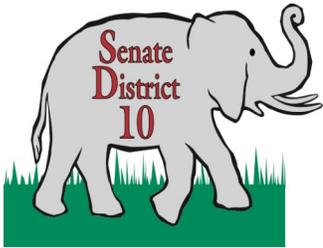
Governor Perry signed the Sonogram Bill May 24, 2011.



Rep. Sid Miller, author of the Sonogram Bill gave the pen the Governor used to sign the Sonogram Bill to **Kyleen Wright!**



Leslie Recine with the signed Sonogram Legislation.



Juvenile Justice in Tarrant County
by Chuck Vanover
Assistant District Attorney—Juvenile Section
and President of the Republican Forum



Republican Party of Texas Chairman **Steve Munisteri** with **Chuck Vanover** (left to right)

The 323rd District Court serves Tarrant County as the Juvenile Court for both Juvenile Delinquency and Child Protection Services cases. This article will focus on delinquency cases. For Juvenile Delinquency, the court has jurisdiction for children who have committed criminal offenses (delinquent conduct) and are 10 years old and up to age 17. Once a child reaches age 17, those cases are handled in the adult court system. The elected District Judge is Jean Boyd who is assisted by Associate Judges, Tim Menikos, Ellen Smith and Kim Brown.

Delinquency cases are civil cases but are handled differently. The Court follows the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Texas Rules of Evidence along with some additional requirements found in the Texas Family Code. One example of a difference between a delinquency case and an adult criminal case can be found in the way a post arrest statement can be obtained. In an adult case, after an individual has been arrested, they can be read their Miranda warning and then agree to talk to the police and provide a statement. In the juvenile justice system, the statement would not be admissible. The juvenile system requires additional protections for juvenile offenders. The juvenile system provides that for a statement to be admissible from a juvenile after being arrested, the juvenile must be read his/her Miranda rights and the individual must also be taken before a magistrate to make sure they know what they are doing in waiving their rights.

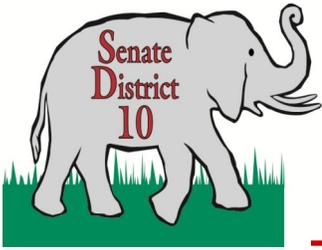
Additionally, for misdemeanor cases in the juvenile system, the court cannot sentence someone to "jail time." A juvenile offender can only be given probation for these offenses. The maximum time a juvenile can be placed on probation is up to age 18. However, if the court finds it in the child's best interest and that of the community, the child (on probation) may be placed outside their home in a treatment facility or a boys or girls ranch. A typical probation period is for six months or one year. Misdemeanor offenses include minor theft cases, some drug possession offenses, DWI, some assaults and other lesser crimes.

For felony offenses, a juvenile can be placed on traditional probation or on probation and placed outside the home as in misdemeanor cases. Additionally, the court has the option of placing the child in the custody of the Texas Youth Commission. The placement is generally for an indeterminate period of time. This differs from the adult system where adults are sentenced to a set period of time in jail or prison. When a child receives an indeterminate sentence, there is a minimum length of stay depending on the offense. If a child behaves well while in TYC and reaches the benchmarks they can be released after their minimum stay. If a child is not behaving correctly or reaching the benchmarks they could remain in custody up to age 19. A typical felony probation is for one year.

For other violent offenders and for habitual felony offenders the State may seek a "determinate sentence." Under this sentencing scheme, for the more serious offenses, a juvenile could face up to a maximum of forty years confinement in the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) with a possible transfer to the adult prison system prior to reaching age nineteen. Juvenile offenders who are transferred from TYC to the adult prison system would be required to serve the remainder of their sentence in adult prison.

In the most severe cases where the juvenile is at least fourteen years old, the State can petition the Juvenile court to certify the offender to stand trial as an adult. If certified as an adult, the accused would face the same punishment as an adult offender, with the exception of the death penalty.

The Juvenile Section of the District Attorney's Office prosecutes crimes committed by juveniles, as well as violations of laws regulating juvenile conduct. The prosecution team assigned to the juvenile court consists of eight attorneys. These eight include one attorney who focuses exclusively on the prosecution of gun-related crimes committed by juveniles and one attorney who focuses exclusively on the prosecution of sexual assault offenses committed by juveniles.



State Republican Executive Committee

State Republican Executive Committee Day at the Capitol March 24, 2011



SREC members with Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst



SREC members with Texas House Speaker Joe Straus

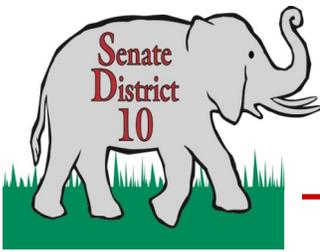
State Republican Executive Committee Meeting March 26, 2011



SREC members from North Texas (left to right): **David Halvorson, Jean McIver, Tom Washington, Jane Burch, Jim Borchert, Leslie Recine, Neal Katz, & Rena Peden**



Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott (left to right)



**Resolutions Passed By The
State Republican Executive Committee March 26, 2011**

**RESOLUTION OF INSTRUCTION REGARDING PROPOSED
STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM AVAILABILITY**

WHEREAS, the Republican Party opposed the previously Democrat controlled Congress for not fully providing time for major bills to be read before being voted on.

WHEREAS, a very important document (if not the most important document) in the Republican Party of Texas is the State Republican Party Platform, as adopted at the biennial State Convention.

WHEREAS, the proposed State Republican Party Platform is typically passed out to the Convention Delegates and Alternates on the morning that the proposed platform is to be voted on.

WHEREAS, the Republican Delegates and Alternates of the State Republican Convention do not have sufficient time to fully read and examine the changes made to the platform to be voted on.

BE IT RESOLVED, the SREC, before the next State Convention, shall develop the proper procedures and/or bylaw changes to ensure that the proposed State Platform, at each biennial State Republican Convention, be provided for the Convention Delegates and Alternates by posting it electronically, with a disclaimer stating that the Permanent Platform Committee Report is subject to change in General Session, onto the official Republican Party of Texas website for the Convention Delegates to read, at their convenience, within one hour after the committee has finalized the document.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution be delivered by email to each Republican in the RPT email contact lists, and also the ability to access the Proposed Platform online shall be announced at each State Convention.

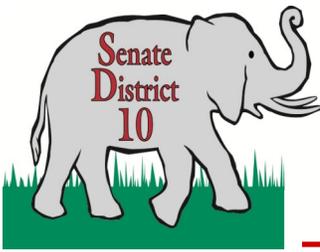
ADOPTED by the State Republican Executive Committee, March 26, 2011.

Join a local Republican Club today!

Here's the link to find a local Republican Club:

<http://tcgop.org/contact-us/republican-clubs-in-tarrant-county/>

View photos from local club meetings on www.SenateDistrict10.com.



**Resolutions Passed By The
State Republican Executive Committee March 26, 2011**

**RESOLUTION ON THE DATE OF THE
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the federal government passed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act in the fall of 2009, which changes the way military and overseas voters register and vote in federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the MOVE Act also facilitates the voting process for military and overseas voters by requiring ballots to be transmitted no later than 45 days before an election for federal office; and

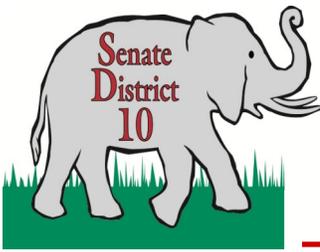
WHEREAS, the current election calendar prescribed by the Texas Election Code does not provide enough time to comply with the MOVE Act by the first Tuesday in March if the current filing deadline of January 2nd remains the same; and

WHEREAS, numerous local county officials would be forced to resign to run for higher office under Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution if the filing deadline is moved to December or an earlier date in order to comply with the MOVE Act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the SREC strongly support moving the date of the General Primary Election to the first Tuesday in April and preserving the current January 2nd filing deadline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each Republican member of the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate.

ADOPTED by the State Republican Executive Committee, March 26, 2011.



**Resolutions Passed By The
State Republican Executive Committee March 26, 2011**

**RESOLUTION THANKING AND COMMENDING GAIL LOWE AND ENDORSING HER
CONFIRMATION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS Gail Lowe has served as a distinguished member of the State Board of Education since 2003; and

WHEREAS Gail Lowe supports accountability in schools and conservative values; and

WHEREAS Gail Lowe was appointed chairman of the State Board of Education in 2009 by Gov. Rick Perry; and

WHEREAS a left-wing fringe group calling itself the Texas Freedom Network has conducted a misinformation campaign about the State Board of Education and its new social studies standards and has unfairly maligned the traditional values and religious faith of conservative board members; and

WHEREAS Gail Lowe has a long history of involvement in and support for Texas public schools, including service on her local school board; and

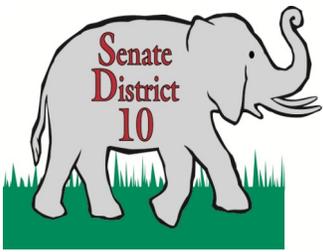
WHEREAS Gail Lowe won praise from all sides of the ideological spectrum for the even-handed and fair manner in which she allows all sides to speak and have their say at State Board of Education meetings; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the State Republican Executive Committee that the Republican Party of Texas commends Gail Lowe and thanks her for her outstanding service to the school children of Texas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas endorses her confirmation as chairman of the State Board of Education and that party staff are authorized to testify or submit witness cards in favor of her confirmation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Republican Executive Committee thanks Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Sen. Troy Fraser for their support of Gail Lowe and encourages all Republicans do everything in their power to aid her confirmation.

ADOPTED by the State Republican Executive Committee, March 26, 2011.



**Resolutions Passed By The
State Republican Executive Committee March 26, 2011**

**RESOLUTION ON THE NOMINATION OF JOHN BRADLEY
TO THE TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the independent appointment power of the Governor of Texas is an important and time-honored power granted by the Texas Constitution, and this power should be preserved from partisan attacks and erosion; and,

WHEREAS, the rule of law is what is important to the fair proceedings of any independent commission in carrying forth its mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has established a position for an individual with a prosecutor's background to serve on the Texas Forensic Science Commission and Governor Rick Perry has used his constitutional power to appoint a well-qualified individual and prosecutor, Williamson County District Attorney John Bradley to this role; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Forensic Science Commission is preparing to finalize a report on the Willingham case, addressing a complaint brought by a group known as the Innocence Project - a New York corporation with the publicly-stated purpose of using celebrity name and media attention to attack the death penalty and which has a Board of Directors chaired by Texas Democratic State Senator Rodney Ellis; and,

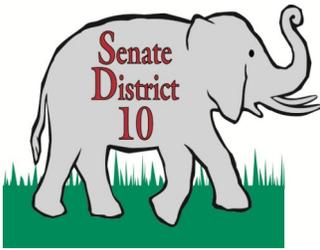
WHEREAS, Senator Rodney Ellis has exerted undue and questionable influence to impact the final Senate confirmation of John Bradley, while serving as a Democratic State Senator who also maintains a fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of the New York anti-death penalty corporation that he chairs; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Republican Party of Texas does condemn attempts to unduly influence the rule of law, the independent examination of the facts and forensics, and the efforts of the Texas Forensic Science Commission to finalize a report in the Willingham case through attacks from Texas Democrats led by Senator Rodney Ellis in his unique relationship as the Chairman of the Board with the complaining corporation in the case; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the State Republican Executive Committee urges Republican State Senators to help defend the constitutional right of Texas Governors to make independent appointments, by securing the final approval of Governor Perry's nomination of John Bradley to the Texas Forensic Science Commission, and to prevent state commissions from becoming forums for outside and outspoken advocacy groups such as the Innocence Project; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each Republican member of the Texas Senate.

ADOPTED by the State Republican Executive Committee, March 26, 2011.



Special Invitation



Leslie Recine & Jim Borchert

State Republican Executive Committeewoman & Committeeman
from Senate District 10

Invite You to a Reception Honoring
Senate District 10 Volunteer of the Year

Marjorie Moffitt

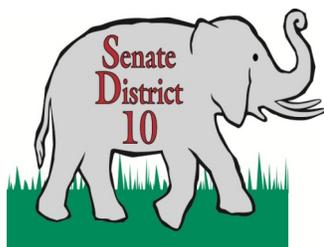


Friday, June 10, 2011 Come and Go, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

At the home of Dean & Leslie Recine 2920 Mistletoe Court Pantego, TX 76013

Refreshments served
Please RSVP if attending by Wednesday, June 8th
to Leslie@LeslieRecine.com or 817-925-3420

Important Dates:



The **Texas Federation of Republican Women State Convention**

Will be held at the Fort Worth Omni Hotel **November 18-20, 2011!**

The **Republican Party of Texas State Convention** will be held at the

Fort Worth Convention Center **June 7-9, 2012!**

Do you know the Legislative Priorities for the Republican Party of Texas?

Read them on pages 30-32 of the 2010 State Party Platform:

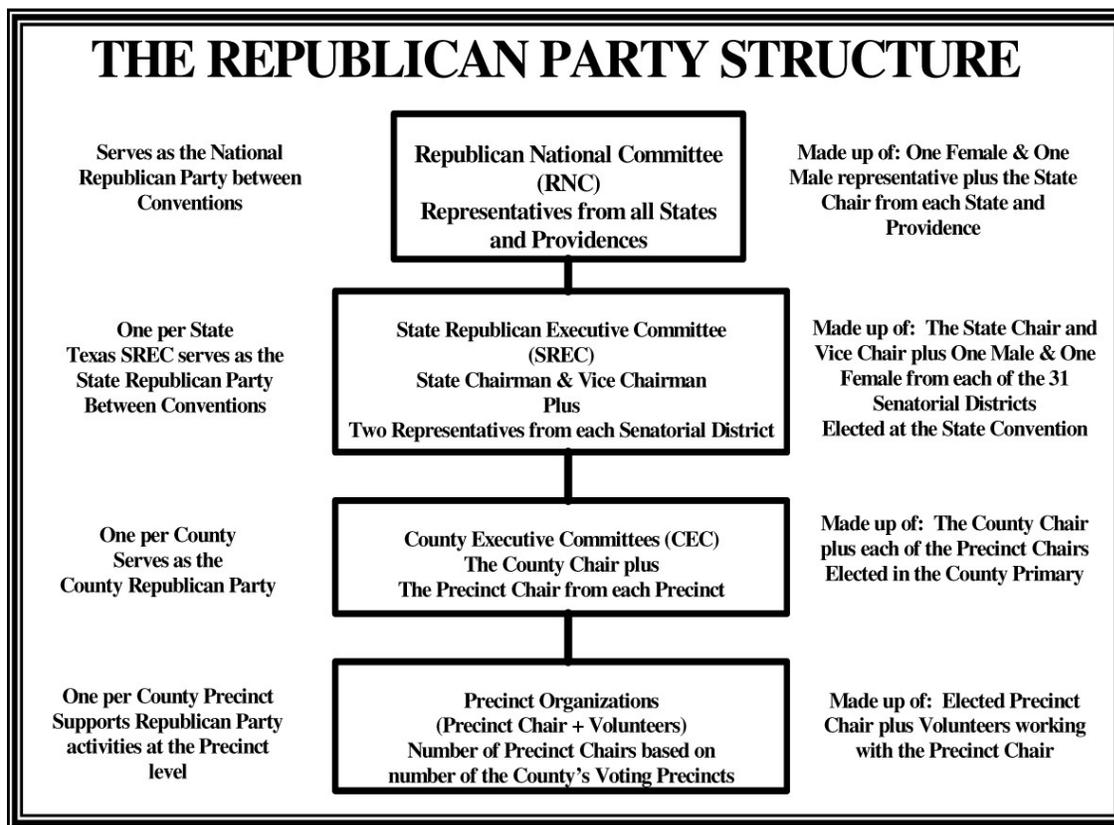
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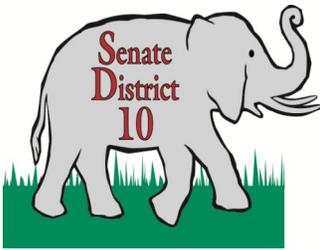
CONGRATULATIONS RON WRIGHT!

Ron Wright was appointed by the Commissioners Court to the position of

Tarrant County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Ron was sworn into office on May 24th!





TEXAS REPUBLICAN NEWS

Be a Volunteer for the Republican Party of Texas

Join the Texas Trailblazers:

<http://www.texasgop.org/volunteer.asp>

Dear Texas Republican,

During my campaign for Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, I pledged to ensure that the RPT would be a better steward of the money donated by our contributors.

To accomplish this goal, we are implementing a new way of raising money for the State Party that will greatly reduce costs, so that more of your money will actually go where it is intended - to the work of electing Republicans in November.



Today, we would like to ask you to be part of the launch of this program. Join with us and sign up for the new "**Grassroots Club**" for only \$8.25 a month. [Click here to visit the website and sign up at www.GrassrootsClub.com.](http://www.GrassrootsClub.com)

This program is very simple to use, and it will save both the Party and you time and money. Instead of using annoying telemarketing calls and direct mail solicitations, which cost the State Party a large majority of funds raised from their use, we've come up with an alternative. Our new contribution system allows you to sign up with your credit card for an automatic donation each month, which you can cancel at any time.

Through the [Grassroots Club](http://www.GrassrootsClub.com), we are seeking to empower the grassroots - this program will ensure that the Party is not dependent on corporate donations or large contributors so that no one person can compromise our principles and electoral success.

The [Grassroots Club](http://www.GrassrootsClub.com) is designed to emphasize that our Republican supporters have as much impact on the Party as anybody else, and will ensure that the Party is acting as a better steward of your money by raising it more efficiently. We have a vendor that will administer the program for an overall cost of 5% - meaning that 95% of your monthly donation will go directly to helping to promote our values, our principles, and our Republican candidates across the Lone Star State.

What we are asking costs less than the price of a movie, less than a drink and hot dog at the ballgame, and less than two fast food lunches. Every day, our troops in the field in Iraq and Afghanistan go without attending movies or baseball games or eating at McDonald's in the defense of our country. **Won't you agree to make an even smaller sacrifice** by giving up some small luxury per month to help fund our Republican Party and defend our freedoms at home that our brave young men and women are fighting for overseas?

[Click here to sign up for the Grassroots Club at www.GrassrootsClub.com.](http://www.GrassrootsClub.com)

In considering this decision to pledge your financial support, please know that we ask because this is a critical moment for the future of Texas and the United States. Our country is standing on a dangerous precipice of financial ruin, and every day we see more reasons to believe that America will rely on Texas, and Texas Republicans to lead the way back from the brink of disaster. **We must unify our support during these crucial times - join with us today!**

Very sincerely,

Steve Munisteri

Chairman, Republican Party of Texas