3rd Quarter 2011

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Senate District 10

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

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State Republican Executive Committeewoman from Senate District 10

Dear Republican Friend,

In my last newsletter I wrote about a potential problem with our allotment of delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention. That situation was dealt with at the 3rd Quarter State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) meeting, and the resulting change to **Republican Party of Texas Rule 38** can be read from this link on my website,www.SenateDistrict10.com:http://www.senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/3rdQ2011_9_of9.pdf.

TheParty Rules: http://www.senatedistrict10.com/RPTRules2010.pdf) and the Party Platform (http://www.senatedistrict10.com/FINALPLATFORMSTATECONVENTION2010.pdf) can both be accessed from my website as well.

At the December 3rd, 4th Quarter SREC meeting we will be looking at whether **Article 9, Sections 3 & 4 of the SREC Bylaws** (http://www.senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/20100925SRECBylaws.pdf) should be amended to allow for fulfilling the **Legislative Priorities section of the 2010 Party Platform** (page 30 in the Platform) which states: "The SREC, Chairmen of Republican Party and Chair of most recent Platform Committee shall report the voting record of each state and federal elected official relative to these Legislative Priorities. The chair of the most recent Platform Committee shall present a draft of the report to the SREC no later than 180 days prior to each primary election. The SREC shall publish such report no less than 120 days prior to each primary election. " The legislative priorities are listed after this. It is of utmost importance that the will of the delegates as expressed in the Platform be followed. Currently **Article 9, Sections 3 & 4 of the SREC Bylaws** state: "Section 3. Funds. Funds shall be allocated for rental space and for personnel, as budgeted by the SREC. No Party funds or resources shall be used, either directly or indirectly, to influence intraparty contests. Section 4. Staff Policy. Staff members shall remain neutral in intraparty contests for both public and Party offices." I will vote to accomplish fulfilling the wishes of the delegates as expressed in our Party Platform.

In my 1st Quarter 2011 Newsletter, I mentioned that under the redistricting map from the Legislature, I had been redistricted into Senate District 9. Now, under the map the three federal judges in San Antonio have given, I am back in Senate District 10. As I write, it remains to be seen if those lines will once again change. Whichever district I am in, I intend to run for re-election to the State Republican Executive Committee. RPT Rule No. 42 states "No person shall be eligible to be elected State Republican Executive Committee man or woman for more than four (4) consecutive two-year terms." I have served three consecutive two-year terms and will be running for my fourth and final consecutive term.

If you would like to attend and observe the 4th Quarter SREC meeting, it will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 3rd at the Republican Party of Texas Headquarters, 1108 Lavaca, 7th floor, Austin 78701.

Thank you for your service to and support of our Party!

Very Truly Yours,

Leslie Recine

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

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Grassroots Focus on Paula Speed

by Paula Speed

Paula Speed is a proud native of Tarrant County and Texas, growing up in Kennedale and Arlington. She is an Arlington High School graduate, continued her education at Arlington State College, and received her degree from University of North Texas in 1960. Her parents were educators so she has always been interested in a good education for all our children.

Paula has been married to Arlin Speed for 52 years, and they have 3 adult children. Arlin and Paula own a small excavation company.

With the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980, Arlin and Paula became conservative Republicans. Since then Paula has been increasingly active in politics. She has helped with many primary, general, special and non-partisan elections, serving as election judge at times. She has been a delegate to District and State Conventions for many years, always attending and participating in those conventions. She has served on the Platform and Rules committee at the District Convention.

Paula is a long time member of Republican Women of Arlington, serving as Treasurer and Secretary for at least two terms of office. She has helped with many committees and been a supporter of the organization. She has attended several Texas Federation of Republican Women Conventions.

The issues that drew Paula to the Republican Party were: **pro-life**, the sanctity of life for the babies; **pro-family**, the sanctity of the family in our society; **marriage of one man and one woman; education** of our children, whether it is a home school or charter school; **less government**, moving control to the local level where our taxes are better spent; and **controlling government spending**.

Helpful Republican Links

To view the Republican Party of Texas website click here:

http://www.texasgop.org/

To view the Republican Party of Texas Statewide Calendar click here:

http://www.texasgop.org/calendar

To view updates from Republican Party of Texas Chairman Steve Munisteri click here:

http://www.senatedistrict10.com/_chairmanupdate.html

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 http://www.senatedistrict10.com/**. Click on Event Photos!**

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Republican Party of Texas'

Volunteer of the Year Recognition Dinner

September 30, 2011 at the Austin Club!

Congratulations, Marjorie Moffitt, Senate District 10's Volunteer of the Year!

Volunteer of the Year Honorees with Republican Party of Texas **Chairman Steve Munisteri** and **Vice Chairman Melinda Fredricks**. SD 10's **Marjorie Moffitt** is third from the right on the bottom row!

Lt. Governor David Dewhurst presented SD 10's of the Year **Marjorie Moffitt** with a personalized gavel! Left to right is **State Rep. Barbara Nash, Lt. Governor David Dewhurst, State Rep. Diane Patrick, Marjorie Moffitt,** SD 10 State Republican Executive **Committeewoman Leslie Recine, Committeeman Jim Borchert,** Republican Party of Texas **Vice Chairman Melinda Fredricks, and Chairman Steve Munisteri.**

(Left to right) **Priscilla Mathis, Attorney General Greg Abbott, Marjorie Moffitt and State Rep. Diane Patrick** at the reception before the Volunteer of the Year Recognition Dinner.

Marjorie Moffitt on a Texas State Capitol tour for the Volunteer of the Year honorees.

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Volunteerism Committee Meeting September 30, 2011

(Left to Right) **Tina Gibson,** SREC SD 17, **David Bellow**, SREC SD 3, **Josh Flynn**, SREC SD 15, **Melinda Fredricks**, Republican Party of Texas Vice Chairman, & **Hal Talton,** SREC SD 5.

(Left to Right) **Golden Elkins**, SREC SD 30, **Travis Griffin**, Republican Party of Texas Political Director, **Rex Teter**, SREC SD 6, **Steve Munisteri**, RPT Chairman, **Ned Watkins**, husband of Volunteerism Committee member **Montie Watkins**, SREC SD 15 & **Leslie Recine**, Volunteerism Committee Chairman & SREC SD 10.

State Republican Executive Committee Meeting
October 1, 2011

(Left to Right) Senate District 10 State Republican Executive Committeeman & Committeewoman **Jim Borchert** & **Leslie Recine** and **Jill & Fred Tate** of SD10. Fred is a member of the Candidate Resources Committee.

(Left to Right) **Leslie Recine,** chairman of the Volunteerism Committee receives "Righty" the elephant from **Amy Clark**, chairman of the Party Organization Committee for outstanding effort by the Volunteerism Committee.

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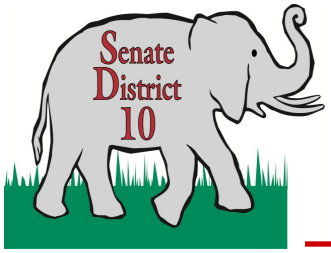

Resolutions Passed By The
State Republican Executive Committee October 1, 2011

Resolution in Recognition of the Nation of Israel

Whereas current administrative policy has begun to erode our long-standing support of the nation and state of Israel, it is essential that we reaffirm our commitment to our basic Judeo-Christian foundations as espoused in the 2010 Republican Party of Texas Platform.

Whereas, those who oppose Israel's right to exist also seek to destroy the United States of America; while Israel, our democratic ally, shares many common interests, beliefs, and values of the American people; and

Whereas, in 2010, Texas exported over $675 million worth of manufactured goods to Israel, whereby the total value of exports since 1996 exceeds $9.9 billion; and Israel now ranks as Texas' 15th leading trade partner; and

Whereas, Governor Rick Perry, in August 2009, received the Defender of Jerusalem award, which is given to public figures who have demonstrated support and commitment to the state of Israel and its capitol, which led to the founding of the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Texas companies received nearly $43.5 million in 2010 for U.S. government funded military contracts with Israel through the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program (U.S. military assistance to Israel).

Be it resolved by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas, by this resolution, that this body supports Israel's natural and God-given right of self-governance and self-defense, recognizing that Israel is neither an attacking force nor an occupier of the lands of others; and,

Be it further resolved by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas, that while we do not have any control over foreign policy in the United States, this resolution is a firm indictment of the President's current handling of Israeli affairs; and,

Be it further resolved by the State Republican Executive Committee of Texas, by this resolution; that the nation of Israel be recognized for its relations, contributions, and support, as an important ally of the United States of America and particularly the State of Texas;

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Texas, the Israeli Consulate General to the Southwest, and all Republican United States Senators and House of Representatives members from Texas, with a request and recommendation of this body that a similar resolution be proposed within their respective entities and scope of influence.

Resolution Supporting a Unified Senate Republican Caucus Choice for LT Governor and Governor

Whereas, the primary function of the Republican Party of Texas is to elect candidates that embrace the principles articulated by the Republican Party of Texas Platform; and,

Whereas, grassroots Republicans have worked tirelessly to elect Republicans all across our great State; and,

Whereas, if either or both the Governor or the LT Governor win their elections to higher office, the Texas State Senate is required to select their successor;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the SREC urges the Republican members of the Texas Senate to join together and be unified in their selection of the Governor, and/or LT Governor if they are required to make such choices; and,

Be it further resolved, that the such votes in the Texas State Senate be record public votes; and,

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be delivered by electronic mail to each Republican member of the Texas Senate for their signature or posted on the Republican Party of Texas website in a secure means which allows only those members or certified candidates to sign on electronically.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS CHAIRMAN STEVE MUNISTERI

November 7, 2011
For Immediate Release:

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RPT Communications Director

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Federal Panel Changes Filing Period

Federal Judge Panel Changes Filing Period for All Texas 2012 Primary Races to November 28 - December 15, 2011

AUSTIN - The Republican Party of Texas has issued an advisory to all Texas Republican County Chairman with an update on the primary election filing period and changes to the election calendar over the next several weeks and months. **As a result of a court order from a federal panel of judges in San Antonio, the new filing period for the March 2012 Primary Elections is November 28 to December 15.** These filing changes apply to all races on the March 2012 Primary Election ballot in Texas - federal, state, county and local.

The filing period changes were ordered by a three-judge federal panel in San Antonio, which signed the order to allow for enough time to complete the process of drawing interim legislative maps for the 2012 Texas Primary Elections. At this time, it is not clear what lines and districts will be ordered by the court, and this delay in their ruling has necessitated the changes in the election calendar.

RPT spokesman Chris Elam summarized the reason for the dramatic changes to the election calendar, stating: "This order was issued as part of the ongoing Texas redistricting trial - a trial forced by numerous legal challenges to the redistricting maps passed overwhelmingly by the Texas Legislature. All these lawsuits originated from Democrat elected officials, liberal special-interest groups and the same cast of behind-the-scenes financiers who helped oversee and pay for the Democrats' loss of 25 seats in the Texas House, as well as the failed 2010 gubernatorial campaign of former state Democratic party chairman Bill White. The very same big-money liberals have been active during the trial, and even appeared to testify in front of the federal judge panel. Driven by the pain of their electoral failures in 2010, these desperate liberals have turned to the courts to gain whatever influence they can muster, at the expense of the time, effort and holiday season plans of thousands of volunteers and elections officials in the state. The RPT appreciates the hard work and leadership of our county officials and party leaders throughout the state, and we stand ready to assist each of them in whatever way we can to ease the difficulty of this highly condensed schedule."

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Important Dates for March 6, 2012
Primary Election

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The full list of court-ordered changes to the filing period is as follows.

- **November 28**: First day for candidate filing. (*Moved from November 12*).
- **December 10**: The last day a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government may occur and still appear on the primary ballot. (*Moved from December 7*).
- **December 13**: Last day for counties to change precinct boundaries to adjust to new legislative lines. (*Moved from October 1*).
- **December 15 @ 6 p.m.**: Last day for candidate filing (*Moved from December 12*). December 15 is also the last day for state house and state senate candidates to establish residency in a district. (*Moved from November 6*).
- **December 16**: Last day to omit a name from the primary ballot if a candidate withdraws, dies or is declared ineligible. (*Moved from December 13*).
- **December 19**: Last day for Chairman Munisteri to deliver certified list of statewide and multi-county district candidates to every county chair. (*Moved from December 16*).December 19 is also the last day for a write-in candidate for the office of county or precinct chair to file a declaration of write-in.December 19 is also the last day to apply for a place on the primary ballot for an unexpired term for a vacancy that occurs on or before December 10.
- **December 20**: Last day for county executive committees to conduct drawing for candidate order on ballot.
- **December 22**: Last day for Chairman Munisteri to deliver the chair's list to the Secretary of State, and for county chairmen to deliver a copy of the chair's list to the county clerk, the Republican Party of Texas, and the Secretary of State.
- **January 13**: Last day for county election registrars to issue new voter registration certificates to the existing county voters. (*Moved from December 6*).
- **March 6**: The date for the Republican Primary Election remains unchanged.

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Mark Your Calendar:

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

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

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Resolutions Passed by the State Republican Executive Committee

October 1, 2011

(Please access the documents on the links below)

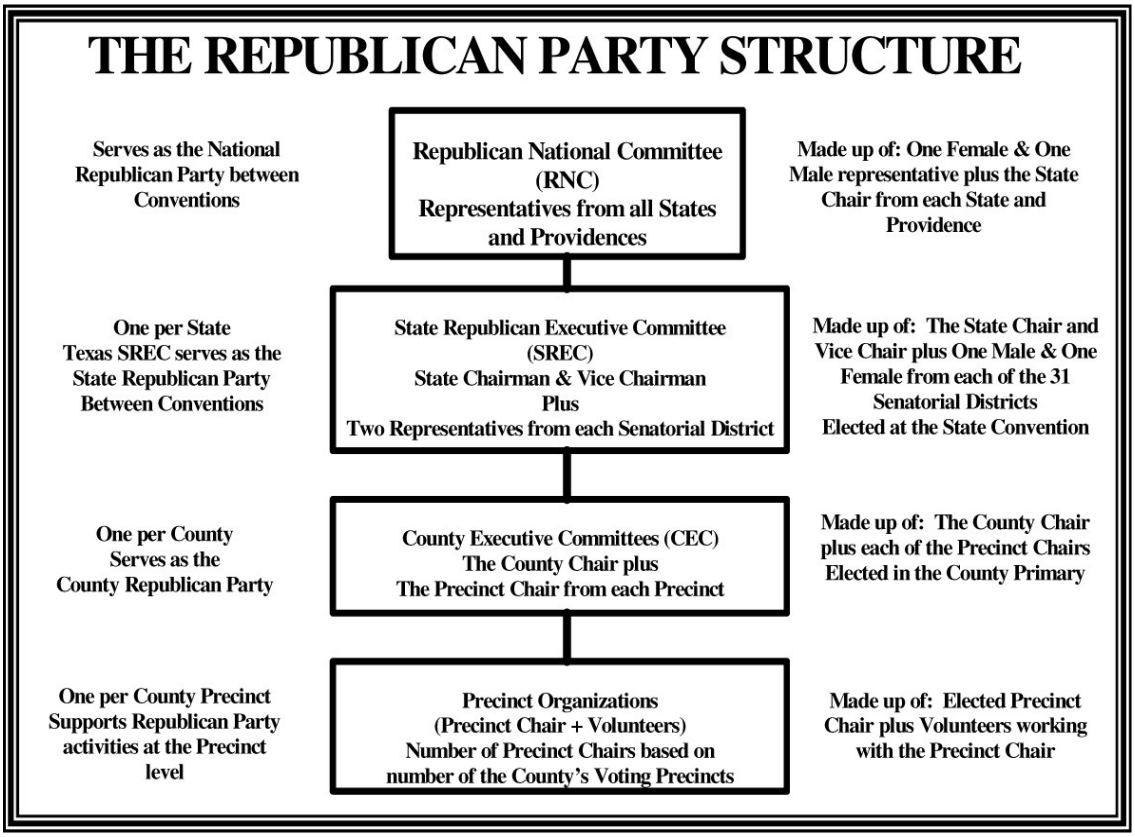
Primary Ballot Application for President of the United States: http://www.senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/3rdQ2011_4_of9.pdf

Resolution Regarding President of the United States Candidate Filing: http://senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/3rdQ2011_5_of9.pdf

Resolution Regarding State Canvassing for the 2012 Primary Election: http://senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/3rdQ2011_6_of9.pdf

Resolution Regarding State Canvassing for the 2012 Primary Runoff: http://senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/3rdQ2011_7_of9.pdf

Acceptance of the General Counsel report regarding authorization of an Ad Hoc committee to report on the issue of the "legislative scorecard": http://senatedistrict10.com/Resolutions/3rdQ2011_8_of9.pdf



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Be a Volunteer for the Republican Party of Texas

Sign up on this link:

http://www.texasgop.org/join

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.

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, 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 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.

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

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