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# Message from State Republican Executive Committeewoman for Senate District 10, Leslie Recine

February 14, 2010



Dear Republican Friend,

Our candidates need your support and your help! I don't have to remind YOU that **elections have consequences**.

As your elected State Republican Executive

Committeewoman for Senate District 10, I am working
hard to strengthen our party and elect Republicans. I am working

hard to keep you informed and connected to our Party's leadership. It has been my pleasure to serve you this way the past four years, and I am hoping you will keep me on the job for another two-year term!

To help you in your candidate selection, I have posted a link to a list of candidates and their contact information on my website, <a href="www.SenateDistrict10.com">www.SenateDistrict10.com</a>. Information is power, so be sure to get informed and find the candidates whose values best match your own.

You can also help by voting early! Early Voting runs February 16 -26, and a link to a complete listing of hours and locations is on my website. Please note that during Early Voting you have the added advantage of voting at any polling location in the county, while you are limited to the polling location in your precinct on Election Day. You can look up your election day polling place from a link on <a href="www.SenateDistrict10.com">www.SenateDistrict10.com</a>.

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Brenda Silcox, Temporary Chairman of the Senatorial District 10 Convention, is undeniably one busy Republican woman. She claims that she stays busy "so that she will stay out of trouble." Brenda must have a spotless life.

Brenda has two daughters, Bridgett and Brandi, and six grand-children. She is the newest member of the Fort Worth Crime Control and Prevention District Board, as well as a longtime precinct chairman in southwest Fort Worth. She also holds down two "for money" jobs. During the week, she works at Northop Gumman and weekends at Penney's men's department. She is now starting a new business in specialty advertising. In her spare time, she is completely remodeling her house.

Brenda Silcox

A loyal supporter of the Fort Worth police and firemen, Brenda has been on call for years to do whatever they have needed of her volunteer service. She was integral in raising funds for a recently unveiled memorial. Her Code Blue activities, tied in with her own Foster Park Neighborhood Association position as communications chairman, almost rounds out her volunteer hours. Did I mention that she is a past president and current communications chairman of Southwest Republican Club?

When people would ask her late husband, Fort Worth City Councilman Chuck Silcox, if she would chair this or assist in that, he would always reply, "You'll have to ask Brenda. She's her own person." Looking at Brenda's long list of accomplishments and activities, we all have to acknowledge that yes, Brenda is her own person. And staying out of trouble.





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Check out the **link to the sample ballot on the website** – **it is applicable to all of Tarrant County.** Please **also note the five ballot propositions** the State Republican Executive Committee voted to include at the end of the ballot. These issues are not only important to many of us, but in many cases highlight our differences with Democrats, and I was pleased to support their inclusion on the ballot.

As you know, Primary Election Day is a big day for Republican Party activists. **After the polls close on March 2, remember to attend your Precinct Convention** at the polling place in your precinct or neighborhood. There you will elect delegates and alternates to the Senatorial District Convention, and adopt resolutions, as well. You may be the only person to attend your Precinct Convention, but you can still get the packet from the election judge, hold your convention and fill out the paperwork to serve as a delegate/alternate to the senatorial convention. Be sure to return the packet to Tarrant County Republican Party Headquarters by the date indicated in the packet or the delegates might not be seated at the senatorial convention.

The next step after the Precinct Convention is the **Senatorial District Convention**, **which will be held Saturday**, **March 20**, **at Paschal High School in Fort Worth**. At this convention, resolutions will be adopted and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee and delegates and alternates will also be elected to attend the State Convention.

The **State Convention will be held in Dallas on Friday and Saturday, June 11 and 12.** As a delegate to the State Convention, you will have the opportunity to vote to re-elect me, as well as vote for the State Republican Committeeman, State Party Chair and Vice Chair and to adopt the State Party Platform.

In addition to election and convention information on my website, you will find my newsletters. As promised when I first "applied" for this job, I have published a quarterly newsletter to keep you informed about the Party's activities.

I also assist candidates and elected officials, lobby when the Legislature is in session, and provide financial support to our Party.

Last but certainly not least, **I support and encourage grassroots Republicans through my work with the many Republican clubs throughout our county**. I serve as an officer in several clubs, host many of their events in my home, **and am the unofficial photographer** at our many events. These photos are widely disseminated through the newsletter, website and Facebook, providing a warm and inviting welcome to prospective newcomers.

I have a Christian world view, and have been active in the Republican Party since 1992, when I first attended a Precinct Convention to support a pro-life resolution. I am grateful to my husband of 24 years, Dean, and my two teenage daughters, for having encouraged and supported my service in the Party all these years.

You have my assurance and my record to know that I will continue working with you and for you – tireless and unwavering – in my efforts to ensure our Party, with its winning platform and men and women of integrity will continue to govern in the majority in Texas.

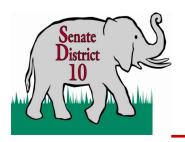
**I ask for your vote** for State Republican Executive Committeewoman at the State Convention in Dallas this coming June.

Very Truly Yours,

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State Republican Executive Committeewoman, Senate District 10 \*

P.S. While you will find the answers to many of your questions on <a href="www.SenateDistrict10.com">www.SenateDistrict10.com</a>, please do not hesitate to call me at 817-925-3420, if I can be of assistance to you in any way.



# Metroplex Republican Women by Cheryl Plunkett, President

The Metroplex Republican Women meet at the Brookside Community Center, 1244 Brookside Drive, Hurst, Texas 76053, on the fourth Friday of the month. MRW is known for the delicious \$5.00 lunch that is served at 11:30 prior to each meeting. The meal is provided by the incredible cooks in the club with a different menu each month.

Speakers are invited to speak on pertinent issues, events, or legislation that will impact the public. The goal of the club is to inform, educate, and involve conservative women working to elect strong Republican leaders to office.

This is an active club that meets the military personnel returning to the U.S. through DFW Airport. The troops are provided a "goodie bag" and a personal note of appreciation for their service to our country. Each year the club selects a low income school and provides dictionaries to each third grade student and recommended books to the

library. Last fall 1800 fifth grade students in Birdville I.S.D. were provided copies of

the Constitution and curriculum guides for the teachers for a unit on the Constitution.



Installation of the 2010-2011 Metroplex Republican Women Officers

During the year the members collect toiletry items to contribute to the Women's Shelters in the area. The club has just completed a coat drive and received 150 coats that were given to the Presbyterian Night Shelter for needy men and women. Each year the Estelle Teague Scholarship (named for the founder of the club) is awarded to two deserving, conservative senior high school girls. The officers of the club for 2010-2011 are Cheryl Plunkett President, Terry Munford 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of Programs, Judy Strzinek 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Membership, Becky Haskin 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of Finance, Ann Meier Secretary, and Ann Arnhart PAC Treasurer.

# **Congratulations!**

#### 'Borah VanDormolen



The State Republican Executive Committee elected 'Borah VanDormolen the National Committee-woman for Texas at the December 5, 2009 SREC meeting. 'Borah is pictured with the Tarrant County SREC members: left to right: Leslie Recine, SD10, Tim Hoy, SD9, 'Borah VanDormolen, Jane Burch, SD9, Tom Quinones, SD12 and Matt Hayes, SD10.





#### David Gallagher

Senate District 10 Volunteer of the Year, David Gallagher, was honored at the Republican Party of Texas Volunteer of the Year dinner at the Stephen F. Austin Inter-Continental Hotel in Austin on December 4, 2009.

Top Photo, left to right: Leslie Recine, Rhonda and David Gallagher at the Volunteer of the Year dinner.

Bottom Photo: SD10 Volunteer of the Year, David Gallagher, is congratulated by Attorney General Greg Abbott. Behind David is Governor Rick Perry who also congratulated the Volunteer of the Year award recipients.



## Message from Republican Party of Texas Chairman, **Cathie Adams**

Americans thought they knew what "change" meant until they were abused of any prior innocence by President Barak Obama. Who would ever have thought that he would be the first president in 110 years to NOT attend the Army-Navy football game or the first president to NOT celebrate Christmas as a religious holiday or the first president to NOT cut short his vacation after an attempted terror attack?

It took him more than a year to admit that America is at war with international terrorists. Even so, he promises to follow through on his plan to close Guantanamo Bay and treat those detainees as common criminals by granting them U.S. Constitutional rights. Disgustingly after learning of the Christmas day "underwear bomber," he continued to vacation in Hawaii.



"Transparency" is another word that Americans thought they understood because they believed candidate **Cathie Adams** Obama's eight-time promise to televise the health care proceedings. But closed door negotiations and the use of taxpayer-financed bribery to take over one-sixth of the U.S. economy to socialize our health care system is NOT transparency. A rationed health care system that costs \$2.5 trillion and includes death panels, as well as the largest expansion of Medicaid in its history that burdens states with \$26 billion in Medicaid mandates caused even Governator Swartzenegger to call it a "trough of bribes, deals and loopholes."

President Obama promised the \$787 billion "stimulus" bill would create 3.5 million jobs by the end of 2010 and that unemployment would not surpass 8%, but the reality is that 2.8 million jobs have been lost since the "stimulus" was signed into law and the national unemployment rate is tragically over 10%. The administration's response is to blame former President Bush, but the truth is that 5.7 million jobs were created between 2003 and 2007.

His spending binge continues with a \$410 billion omnibus spending bill last March that included over 8,500 earmarks costing \$7.7 billion. In December, the Obama-Reid-Pelosi spending machine passed another \$450 billion omnibus spending bill, creating a record \$1.42 trillion 2009 fiscal year deficit, three times the previous year's deficit. The debt is expected to grow to \$9.1 trillion over the next decade, nearly as much as the \$9.5 trillion debt accumulated over America's entire history.

Obama is not finished with his destructive agenda. After shoving his bad medicine down our throats, he plans to finish his "global warming" agenda that has nothing to do with the environment and everything to do with the economy. He makes no secret of his radical plan to reduce greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide-the air that you and I breathe out and is produced with fossil fuels are burned--by 80% by 2050. The "cap & trade/tax bill" would cost an additional 400,000 Texas jobs.

To pay for all of this debt, the Democrat big tax and spenders are considering more taxes: on banks, on stock transactions and even a national sales tax with no plan to eliminate the federal income tax.

"We the people" must respond to Obama's radical ideals to socialize our medical system, to continue binge spending that will surely trigger tax increases, to grant U.S. Constitutional rights to international terrorists and to allow inconclusive science under the guise of "global warming" to destroy a million more jobs nationally and our economy.

The good news is that Texans have done an outstanding job of recruiting candidates for office from the top to the bottom of our Republican ticket. County chairmen gave candidate questionnaires to each of those candidates.

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#### Message from Republican Party of Texas Chairman,

Cathie Adams (continued from page 4)

It is up to "we the people" to study those questionnaires; and if the candidates did not fill them out, to ask them to do so. It is our responsibility to work for and to vote for the most conservative candidates for every office and to hold them accountable to their campaign promises.

We must vote TWICE on primary day, March 2nd, by returning to the polls after they close to participate in precinct conventions. Take at least three copies of your resolutions to the precinct convention. The resolutions passed that evening will be sent to the county/district conventions and may become a part of the state platform. This is how "we the people" decide whether our party remains the principled conservative party.

In 2011, Texas Senate and House members will redraw the district lines for Congressmen, State Senators and Representatives and State Board of Education members, which will impact districts all down the ballot. Redistricting will strengthen the majority party for the next decade.

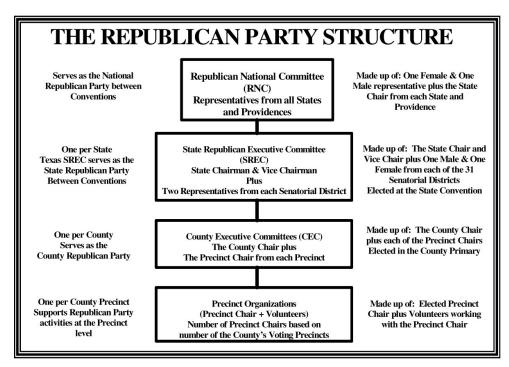
Please join me in making sure that the most conservative candidates win those elections, so that we can impact elections for the next decade.

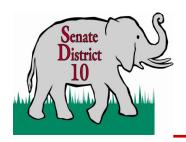
### Congratulations to Barbara Thompson,

Barbara is the winner of the "Art of Giving" award by "Fort Worth Texas" magazine.

Barbara is precinct chairman of precinct 2310 in Senate District 10! In this photo (left to right), Barbara is with Helen Maddox at the January 28, 2010 meeting of the Arlington Republican Club.







# Resolutions Passed By The State Republican Executive Committee December 5, 2009

#### Republican Party Primary 2010 Ballot Propositions

#### **Ballot Proposition #1: Photo ID**

The Texas legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

YES or NO

#### **Ballot Proposition #2: Controlling Government Growth**

Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.

YES or NO

#### **Ballot Proposition #3: Cutting Federal Income Taxes**

In addition to aggressively eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called "federal economic stimulus".

YES or NO

#### **Ballot Proposition #4: Public Acknowledgement of God**

The use of the word "God", prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property.

YES or NO

#### **Ballot Proposition #5: Sonograms**

The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.

YES or NO

#### **Resolutions Passed By The**

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## State Republican Executive Committee December 5, 2009

#### **Resolution Regarding 2010 RPT State Convention Date**

**Whereas**, the Texas Election Code Section 174.091 states that each political party shall hold a state convention in each even-numbered year; and,

Whereas, the Texas Election Code Section 174.092 states that the State Executive Committee shall set the date, hour and place for convening the biennial state convention on any day in June; therefore

**Be it Resolved**, the Republican Party of Texas 2010 State Convention will be held on June 11-12, 2010, convening at 11:00 a.m. on June 11, at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, Texas.

Adopted the 5th day of December 2009.

# Resolution Regarding State Canvassing for the 2010 Primary Election For Races with 3 or More Candidates, For all other Primary Races, For Primary Runoff Races

Whereas, the Texas Election Code Section 172.120 states that the state canvass of the county election returns for races in which three or more candidates are seeking election to the same office must be conducted on the second Sunday after general primary election day; and,

Whereas, the Texas Election Code Section 172.120 also states that the state canvass of the county election returns for all other general primary races must be conducted the 22nd day after general primary election day; and,

Whereas, the Texas Election Code Section 172.120 also states that the state canvass of the county election returns for the primary runoff election must be held not later than the third Saturday after runoff primary election day; and,

**Whereas**, the Texas Election Code Section 172.120 also states that the State Executive Committee by written resolution shall determine the place for conducting the state canvass; therefore,

**Be It Resolved**, the state canvass of primary election returns for races with three or more candidates will be conducted at Republican Party of Texas Headquarters, 1108 Lavaca Street, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78701, on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m.

**Be It further Resolved**, the state canvass of primary election returns for all other general primary races will be conducted at Republican Party of Texas Headquarters, 1108 Lavaca Street, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78701, on Wednesday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m.

**Be It further Resolved**, the state canvass of primary runoff election returns will be conducted at Republican Party of Texas Headquarters, 1108 Lavaca Street, Suite 500, Austin, Texas 78701, on Wednesday, April 28 at 12:00 p.m.

**Adopted** the 5th day of December 2009.



#### **Resolutions Passed By The**

#### State Republican Executive Committee December 5, 2009

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL OPTION TRANSPORTATION TAXES

**Resolved**, that the Republican Party of Texas urges the Texas Legislature not to enact any law which would allow a city, county, or other local or regional government entity to tax motor fuel sales or motor vehicle usage to fund bus or rail transportation.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Republican Party of Texas communicates this resolution to the Republican State Legislators, the Speaker of the House, the Lt. Governor, and the Governor, as well as Republican county parties and Republican auxiliaries.

Adopted the 5th day of December 2009.

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING TEXAS FREEDOM NETWORK

Whereas, Republicans have been confused by the deceptively-named Texas Freedom Network (TFN), mistakenly thinking the word "freedom" meant the organization was committed to principles and beliefs expressed by the 2008 Republican Party of Texas Platform; and

**Whereas**, Cecile Richards, founder of Texas Freedom Network, is currently President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which promotes pro-abortion policies and actively extinguishes human life; and

**Whereas**, The Texas Freedom Network claims to support religious tolerance but actively works to reduce the influence of Christians on public policy; and

Whereas, the Texas Freedom Network attacks abstinence-only education at the state and federal level and has sought to repeal the requirement in Texas law that health education classes devote more attention to abstinence than any other sexual behavior; and

Whereas, The Texas Freedom Network regularly attacks great Republican leaders like Rep. Phil King, Sen. Dan Patrick, State Board of Education member Terri Leo, and Supreme Court Justice Don Willett; and

Whereas, the Texas Freedom Network has attacked Republican members of the State Board of Education for their efforts to ensure that Texas students have the freedom to ask questions in science class and that American history books place more emphasis on patriotism, our Founding Fathers and the free market system; therefore be it Resolved, The Republican Party of Texas finds that the Texas Freedom Network is a far left-wing fringe group; and

Be It Further Resolved, The Republican Party of Texas advises Republican primary voters and Republican auxiliaries that Texas Freedom Network opposes the principles and beliefs expressed in the 2008 Republican Party of Texas Platform; and Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be electronically transmitted to Republican county parties and Republican auxiliaries.

Adopted the 5th day of December 2009.