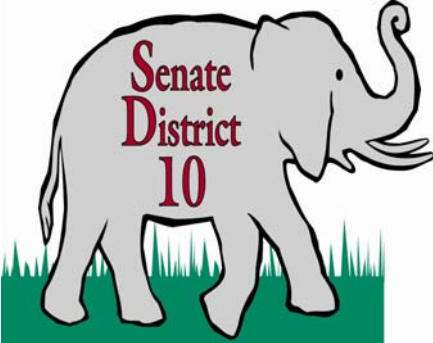


4th Quarter, 2006

Words from Senator Kim Brimer, Senate District 10



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Senate District 10

In the upcoming 80th Legislative Session, I will continue to work on improving our ability to accommodate ever-expanding state-wide and North Texas demands for mobility. The state's transportation systems are struggling to satisfy increased demand. Our current population of about 22 million will balloon to 36 million by 2030. The majority will move to our urban areas, where we simply cannot expand our existing highway system fast enough to accommodate transportation demands.



Highway and mass-transit development in the Metroplex is at a critical juncture. I will explore options next session to replace the fragmented, localized approach to transportation issues in Tarrant and surrounding counties in bringing a unified, coordinated approach to transportation planning and development.

I have been given the honor to serve as the 2006 Chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission, a principal source of governmental efficiency initiatives over the last 20 years. A major focus of the current commission's work is a review of one of the biggest expenditures in our state budget, our criminal justice system. This involves both the state prisons under control of the Department of Criminal Justice and the parole program operated by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The challenge we face in evaluating these programs is balancing the public's need for protection from dangerous members of our society against the increasing cost of housing prison inmates and supervising parolees. Therefore, during the next session I will guide through legislation incorporating the Sunset commission's proposals for revisions to laws governing the criminal justice system and several other major state agencies.

During my 18 years in the legislature, I have always assumed a leadership role in economic development legislation. My goal has been to make sure that we provide our industrial recruiters a full array of incentives that make Texas competitive with other states in retaining and adding critical jobs for our fellow citizens. I plan to continue these efforts during the upcoming session.

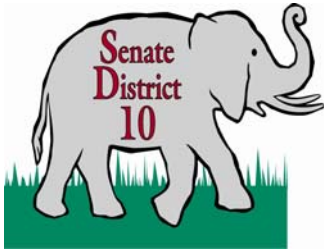
These are all issues we need to begin solving immediately. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the senate and house to address these important concerns.

Thank you for your continued support and I am excited about the opportunity to represent you all during the upcoming 80th Legislative Session.

Regards,

Senator Kim Brimer

Political Action



Attend the SD10 Town Hall Meeting presented by Jim Borchert and Leslie Recine, State Republican Executive Committeeman and Committeewoman, Senate District 10

2nd TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, January 27th

9:30 a.m. Refreshments

10-11 a.m. Meeting

A Dialogue with Senator Kim Brimer

The Bobby Cox Building, 4055 International Plaza, Fort Worth, 76109.

The building is behind the Home Depot on I-20 and Hulen. From Hulen, turn west onto Overton Plaza (2nd light north of I-20). You will dead-end into International Plaza. The Bobby Cox Building will be on your right. Take the elevator or stairs to the dining room.

Award Recognition to thank Melba McDow for 8 years of service on the SREC from SD10. If you know Melba, you may want to bring notes of fond memories working alongside Melba or a note of thanks for her faithful service to our Party.

Study legislation filed and contact your elected officials to let them know how you want them to vote on issues that are important to you.

Attend local Republican Club meetings. This is a great way to meet other Republican activists in our area and to learn about issues that are important to Republicans. A list of area Clubs and their meeting times and locations can be found on the Tarrant County Republican Party website, www.tcgop.org. and on www.SenateDistrict10.com



RPT Chairman Tina Benkiser presents an RPT key pin to Leslie at the December SREC meeting for raising \$1000+



Jim and Leslie at the December SREC meeting.

Committee meetings of the State Republican Executive Committee were held on Friday, December 1, 2006 at the Austin Airport Marriott South.

The 4th Quarter meeting of the State Republican Executive Committee was held on Saturday, December 2nd, 2006 at the same location.

The following occurred at the meeting: The minutes from the 3rd Quarter meeting were accepted.

Republican National Committeewoman, Denise McNamara, gave a report in which she described her trip to the White House Christmas Party and the trip she took with the Republican National Committee on November 11, 2006 to Taiwan. She expressed that there is a disconnect with the National Party and the grassroots, and she has been telling this to the RNC. She will attend the Winter meeting of the RNC in January in Washington, D.C. She said our Party needs to find principle-driven, not power-driven leaders and candidates. Denise said she will not support Mel Martinez for RNC Chairman.

Republican National Committeeman, Bill Crocker, gave a report in which he pointed out that our Party lost the U.S. House and Senate. Two years ago, Bill said he said that our Party would be judged nationally on whether we defend Tom DeLay, reform Social Security, illegal immigration, get judicial confirmations, pass tax reform and government spending. Our Party would be judged on a state-basis on whether we allowed an expansion of gambling, reform school taxes, improve public schools, and restrain public spending. Bill pointed out that Texas is one of two states where all our state-wide elected officials are Republicans and Texas has the largest Republican delegation in the U.S. House. He said we can learn from this that Texas can be an example to the rest of the country and that our Party will stay strong by staying true to our conservative principles and by not listening to those who say our Party should move to the center. Bill said he will prepare a RINO (Republican In Name Only) hunting license and field guide for each of the SRECs to be able to recognize RINOS. Bill said he would not support Mel Martinez for RNC Chairman because for one thing, he supports embryonic stem cell research.

RPT Vice-Chairman, Dr. Robin Armstrong, said our Party can't be complacent but must apply the lessons our Party learned nationally. Our state Party Platform is one of the most conservative in the nation. He stressed that we must govern conservatively. We must organize the grassroots precinct by precinct, building relationships now. We need precinct chairs in every precinct. We must unify and support one another.

RPT Chairman, Tina Benkiser, said this was a difficult election cycle, but the Bible says to give thanks for everything and God is sovereign. She said we must learn from our defeats. She said the resounding message from the election is integrity: we must

return to core, conservative principles. In Texas we value our grassroots and seek to empower them. We must stay focused and our elected officials must be committed to real reform and core conservative principles. She said all politics are local and success is built on relationships. Emails are not enough; personal contact is needed. We need to identify our voters and do targeted voter education and get our voters to the polls. The 2008 countdown has already started. Republicans must be united at the local level. Tina said she will not vote for Mel Martinez for any position in RNC leadership. She said the RNC is top-down, not grassroots-oriented, and the rules are set up to keep it that way. She said in the legislative session, the RPT will be supporting a photo ID bill, making voter fraud a felony, keeping judges elected and accountable to the people, protecting private property rights by closing loopholes in the law, limiting government spending, opposing gambling expansion, measures to close the border, and Jessica's Law. We must encourage activists to call our elected officials and let them know their beliefs about legislation.

The Committees of the SREC gave reports.

The Volunteer of the Year Committee is working on plans for getting Volunteer of the Year nominees and for the presentation.

The Party Organization Committee is divided into the following sub-committees:

County Chairman Sub-committee is working to fill vacant county chairman positions. They emphasize the importance of precinct chair training and voter vault training.

The Voter Registration Sub-committee is working on a voter registration guide for country chairmen and precinct chairmen.

The Ballot Security Sub-committee stated that there could be problems with some county clerks, who act also as the election administrators.

The Rules Committee reported that no proposed rules were submitted to them. The Committee formed a sub-committee to study the timing of the selection of the at-large representatives from the Congressional Districts. Mona Bailey, SD12, was appointed to lead the sub-committee of three along with Tom Quimones, SD 12. Josh Flynn, SD 15, was appointed to chair a sub-committee to study how to determine the number of delegates to the state convention – perhaps looking at the numbers for the Lt. Governor rather than the Governor.

The Coalitions and Auxiliaries Committee recommended that all the auxiliaries be renewed for auxiliary status:

Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Texas

Texas Federation of Black Republicans

Texas Federation of College Republicans

Texas Federation of Republican Women

Texas Federation of Pachyderm Clubs

Texas Republican County Chairmen's Association

Texas Young Republican Federation

The report was accepted by a vote of the SREC body.

The SREC liaisons to the auxiliaries, appointed by Chairman Benkiser, were announced:

County Chairmen's Association- Skipper Wallace, SD 24, TFRW- Rebecca Williamson, SD 24, YRs- Rex Lamb, SD 13, College Republicans- Neal Katz, SD 8, Pachyderms- Dennis Paul, SD 11, Black Republicans- Bob Jones, SD 20, Hispanic Assembly- Terese Raia, SD 17

The Resolutions Committee presented three resolutions which were debated, and the resolutions are on page 4 of this newsletter.

The following auxiliaries gave reports:

YRs- Leadership Conference will be February 2-4 in San Antonio.

TFRW-Thanked Republican Women for their great work.

College Republicans- will try to make college students aware that the state legislature is in session only every 2 years and that they need to be involved.

Chairman Benkiser introduced Hans Klingler, new RPT Director of Political Operations and Communications. Hans said that our Party held our base but we lost our straight ticket voters. Our message was conservative, it just wasn't consistent enough. Our Platform needs to be represented in a communication effort.

The 2007 RPT budget was passed by the SREC.

A resolution regarding presenting our Platform to our legislators was proposed from the floor and debated, but it did not pass.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next SREC meeting will be Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24 2007 at the Austin Airport Marriott South.

RESOLUTION REGARDING SELECTION OF RNC GENERAL CHAIRMAN

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas respects the immigrants to the United States who followed the Rule of Law in order to become citizens, and,

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas respects the dignity of all citizens and specifically recognizes the many contributions of legal immigrants to the United States, and,

WHEREAS, the effects of "Comprehensive Immigration Reform" work against the goals of the Republican Party of Texas Platform and the wishes of the majority of the citizens of Texas to enforce existing immigration laws, and,

WHEREAS, President Bush has now named an avid proponent of Comprehensive Immigration Reform, U.S. Senator Mel Martinez of Florida, whose clearly stated views are in opposition to the Republican Party of Texas' plank on immigration reform, as his selection for General Chairman of the Republican National Committee, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS that the RPT opposes the election of an RNC General Chairman, or any other Republican leader who supports Guest Worker/Amnesty or other legal status for illegal immigrants in contravention of our RPT Platform, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RPT urges its three RNC members, Denise McNamara, Bill Crocker and Tina Benkiser, to vote for the election of an RNC Chairman who would be uncompromising in his commitment to border security and protection at the January RNC meeting, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Bush, the Texas Republican congressional delegation, the Republican House and Senate Minority leaders, and the Texas members of the RNC.

Passed by the Texas SREC, Dec. 2, 2006

RESOLUTION REGARDING SENATE BLOCKER BILL

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 2006 Party Platform says on page five, "Rosebush - Blocker Rule - we oppose the Rosebush - Blocker Rule in the Texas Senate," which is the will of the grassroots Republicans as embodied

by the 2006 State Republican Party Convention.

Be it resolved, that the SREC 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 blocker bill rule, if necessary; and

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

RPT website.

Be it further resolved, that the SREC encourages all Texas Republicans to contact their state senator to urge them to end this rule, so the will of the majority can finally be represented in the Texas Senate.

Passed by the Texas SREC, Dec. 2, 2006

Resolution Concerning Community Values in Regards to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas believes in strong family and community values and the fundamental right of citizens to preserve these values;

WHEREAS, certain individuals and businesses that seek a license or permit from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commissioner to sell alcohol within a community may employ business methods and marketing that may conflict with, undermine and/or threaten the common values and shared morals of the community in which the individual or business

wishes to locate;

Therefore, be it resolved that The Republican Party of Texas calls upon the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and judges acting on behalf of the Commission, to give great consideration to the values expressed by a community regarding the granting of a license or permit;

Therefore, be it resolved that a community group should have the same right to appeal the ruling regarding the license or permit to district court

as the individual or business seeking the license or permit;

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Commissioners of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Governor of Texas, the Lieutenant Governor of Texas and the Attorney General of Texas.

Adopted by the Republican Party of Texas this 2nd day of December, 2006.

Passed by the Texas SREC, Dec. 2, 2006



The Pre-eminence of Local Politics

by Jim Borchert

The current political situation is always of great interest, whether it be a concern for local, state, national or international affairs. These four foci are, of course, separate and unique, as well as connected and inter-related.

The most interesting level of civil government is always local. Local politics is our first concern. This is as it should be in a political system where the sovereignty of the aggregate people is acknowledged as the supreme political focus of power and authority. Local government is most interesting, because it is the level of government which is closest to the people. Here it is that their dearest concerns are declared and heard and realized. Here it is that the tyrants and enemies of the people's interests are most determined to undermine and destroy their sovereignty. All politics is ultimately local in origin, nature and character.

Local issues, laws, policies – local resources and power arrangements – local office-holders and candidates remain pre-eminent for our political concerns and constitute the primary defense of our way of life as a people. What vision is dominant? What values are put into place to fulfill that vision? What resources are allocated and dedicated for that purpose? What institutions give shape to its implementation? What particular individuals have been invested with authority and entrusted with power to serve the dearest interests of the sovereign?

From our point of view, the things that matter most to Senate District 10 are of first order. Whatever issues or resources or races which come before our great State of Texas must, of necessity, arise from and be governed by our **local** issues, resources and officers which represent our first political concerns. The state is not the sovereign political reality, imposing its rule over the local constituencies. Indeed, the aggregated people are the sovereign political reality, in who resides all supremacy, and that held irrevocably without possibility of alienation. The state is merely their tool, their servant, limited in all its acts by their superior will, as expressed in their organic instruments and constitutional documents, including their acknowledgment of the higher laws of nature and prescription, upon which those foundational laws and institutions were originally erected, to be forever maintained.

By the sovereign will of the people, the State of Texas abides independent and distinct from other states, but it does not dictate to the local political units and their constituencies, unless or until those local levels of civil governance have first consented or objected. Government by consent of the ruled is a great advance which lies beneath the founding of both our nation and our state. Gov-

ernment has validity and value only to the extent that it is a government of the people, by the people and for the people. It is imperative, then, that people at the local levels of government declare their issues, interests, policies and values. It is axiomatic that the people are the best guardians of their own political interests.

The local level of civil concern is the foundation of their political strength as a free people. Local government is the highest expression of self-government. It is there that each individual renders his first duty to his Creator and his second duty to his fellow man. Civil duty is a small portion of that second duty, which arises from the first. Civil government is part of man's moral responsibility, which he must render to his Creator for the immediate benefit of his fellow man.

Local self-government is the foundation of all other forms, kinds and levels of government. This is also true in the civil community. Local political activity is the source of all political legitimacy. It limits the state, national and international levels. It binds them all, and directs them by its moral vision and practical energy. No other form of civil governance can operate properly without this foundational reality. Local self-governing individuals and communities are the secret to our entire system of political laws, institutions and enactments.

Our local vision is a republican vision. We are not a democracy, nor an aristocracy minority, nor a monarchy. Ours is a government of laws; not a government of men. We reject the tyranny of democratic majorities, aristocratic minorities and monarchic individuals.

We, who are members of these United States and citizens thereof, being also members of this great state and citizens thereof do value and highly prize our constitutional form of civil government. Because of this vision, we have willingly aligned ourselves with the Republican Party.

Republicans have been given leadership in recent years because of conservative principles, but the elected officials have not followed the Party platform or listened to the grassroots. This disconnect between leadership and grassroots is having a negative impact on our voter base, on our finances and on our capacity to turn out the activists. National, state and local leaders have taken the grassroots for granted and are surprised that the people are not pleased with their performance record. Party leadership has not grasped the disaffection of their constituents, nor have they understood the consequences of betraying the people's trust.

Leaders often assume that rhetoric will suffice or that dialectic processing techniques will pull the wool over the voters' eyes twice in a row.

All political power and authority resides in and emanates from the sovereign people themselves, viewed in the aggregate. They have elected to set up a public trust where they themselves, viewed in their individual capacity, are the beneficiaries. This is the essence of self-government in a free republic. Political government and its officers are simply tools of the sovereign to accomplish the safety and happiness of the whole grassroots. A trustee is not a benefactor, nor a friend of special interests, nor a self-enriching beneficiary. A trustee, once proven unworthy of his trust, may be warned and, failing to reform, shall be removed and replaced with a better servant, who will tend to the people's business with serious dedication.

The Republican grassroots of District 10 do not value the vision of the liberal Democrats. Nor do they accept so-called "conservative" office-holders, who make deals with the enemies of the people, whether the deals be with the self-serving businessmen who bribe them with large financial contributions or with power-hungry politicians who offer political promotion for going along with agendas that betray the liberties and properties of the people.

Our conservative agenda opposes the socialistic vision of the liberal Democrat with his big government agenda, his welfare state give-aways, his statist concentration of political power in the hands of the few, his bureaucratic waste and corruption, his burdensome taxation schemes, his globalist surrender, his relentless attack on the traditional family, his anti-Christian hostility, his support of judicial activism, his restructuring of American society for collectivist social engineering, his environmental pseudo-science employed to stifle responsible economic development, and his hatred of our founding fathers, who set up our constitutional experiment in self-government based on republican virtue. This democratic vision destroys the self-governing republic.

In District 10, we value a conservative agenda, which wants to see a restoration of our original Constitution and its Declaration and Bill of Rights. To the Democrat, these documents are simply paper. To us, they are fixed stars of a republican form of government, which must be maintained and fully effected. We see no living document, which evolves every day in the hands of arbitrary judges and imaginative politicians. We want no brave new world of fabian dialectic.

The Pre-eminence of Local Politics

by Jim Borchert

Our principles are clear and simple and resonate with the people. We want smaller government, less intrusive government, lower taxes, more free enterprise, less regulated small businesses, national security, border security, immigration control, gun ownership, judicial restraint, private property secured, traditional family values upheld, religious freedom protected, repeal of social welfare legislation, repeal of massive entitlement programs, end of corporate welfare legislation, end of bureaucratic tyranny and waste, balanced budgets and the like.

We do not value the greed of big business or the enactment of corporate special interest legislation. We do not want the federal government in business or in education or in private affairs. We do not value public-private business arrangements. We do not want sustainable development projects redesigning our communities. We do not want the Texas Corridor transecting our communities and uniting our economy with Mexico and Canada. We do not value ambitious politicians who enrich themselves with the people's largesse. We do not value big business interests which use their political contributions to overthrow the people's liberty and undermine the common good. We oppose all government proposals where, by mechanisms other than our own representatives, executives, legislators or judges seek to enact measures which we did not initiate or overwhelmingly approve, where we are made to "foot the bill" and suffer the imposition, enacted without our full knowledge and consent. We resent and object to all social, political, economic and environmental engineering which we did not ask for or demand.

The purpose of civil government, whatever its form, is to establish justice, punishing the law-breaker in order to secure the natural rights, liberties and properties of the law-keepers. Lawlessness and tyranny result when the innocent are punished and law-breakers are rewarded. Injustice is the fruit of the impious and the immoral. It is important that our Party remove the impious and immoral, and elect those who are wise and virtuous, so that just government may prevail among us.

When political office-holders serve themselves and/or their friends, or when special interests and factions are allowed to defeat the will of the sovereign and destroy the designated and certain beneficiary, it is clearly an act of tyranny, and it is a declaration of war against the people's dearest interests. Such "*ultra vires*" acts must be noted and punished. They cannot be tolerated. It is their allowance which has dis-united our Party and fragmented our political energies. We are neither safe nor happy if such office-holders are not "turned out". A civil officer is a public trustee, empowered by the authority of the sovereign, charged to serve the true interest of the beneficiary, even to his or her own personal loss, if neces-

sary.

Our Republican Party is fragmented today – both at the local and at the state level – because we have not unified ourselves around the sovereign, nor have we cared about, or implemented, the people's agenda. Political lip service is paid to the grassroots. Flattering rhetoric is rendered to the "voice of the people". The Republican platform is held up as a model of political energy and expression. But the political promise fails of fulfillment, causing further anger, frustration, disillusionment and apathy. This failure threatens to undermine our good beginnings and weakens our faith in those whom we have chosen and entrusted with leadership.

The Republican platform, whether locally crafted or drawn up at the state level, is primarily employed by political incumbents and candidates to gain voter approval. But once in office, the voice of the grassroots is either ignored entirely or is denied by the enacting legislative bodies. Its value is not taken seriously after the election cycle. The grassroots agenda is not enacted into law. This is a serious breach of the people's trust.

A divided and weakened Party is not an accident of determined political effort; it is the fruit of failed leadership. Restoration of political trust must begin at the local level. District 10 must unify its efforts around the grassroots and their platform. We must refuse to be divided and factionalized into warring camps. The people will not follow a leadership which merely speaks its language for purposes of electioneering but walks out another purpose for their own personal gain or to please some narrow faction.

All interests, political, economic, private and religious, must be sorted out and arranged in such a just manner that the common good is achieved for all Republican voters and inhabitants of the District. Our political office-holders must only serve at the pleasure of the grassroots. That is to say, political officers do not belong to themselves or to some minority, or even some majority. They must be willing to sacrifice their own personal agendas and forget the political ambitions and desires of their favorites, refusing to profit thereby or to accept any form of bribery.

An office-holder must possess no will or interest of his or her own, but is solemnly charged to look to the interests of another. It is easy to discern the will of the people because of their fundamental constitution, as originally conceived and clearly set forth. Moreover, the current wishes of the whole body of the People are amply declared, both in simple language and in its spirit tacitly understood, in the party platform of the District and the State.

Politicians have no excuse. They are not ignorant of the sovereign voice. But they often simply ignore it, substituting their own ambition, and/or succumbing to the bribery of willing donors and self-seeking politicians. The chosen representatives of the people have no right to make deals with greedy contributors or ambitious political operatives. This undermines the moral fiber of the political process and drives the citizen from any faith in elected officials.

Our political office-holders elected at the local level, serving locally or at the state level, must only serve at the pleasure of the Republican grassroots. They must be men and women of integrity and moral vision. They must be willing to sacrifice their personal agendas. They must serve no other interest but that of the good of the whole. They must possess no will or interest of their own. They must be loyal to the people's constitutional declarations. They must protect the people's wealth. They must oppose the people's foes. They must enact the people's platform. They must be ruled by the true interests of those they serve.

All economic interests of the District, and of this state, must be subservient to the common good of the people, not a minority or a majority of the people, but all of the people. Every business decision, or public decision involving revenue collection or distribution, must first consider how it also maintains or improves the people's liberty and their right to enjoy their private pursuits without interference or regulation from the government.

Finally, all religious activities and exercises shall forever remain outside the reach of the secular power. Religion lies beyond the lawful cognition of its jurisdiction. The sovereign people of this state acknowledged the Creator's rightful claim and excluded religious conscience and its worship exercises from the hand and power of the general powers of government by Constitutional immunity. That enjoyment is predicated on the fact that the religious individual and community abides within the natural boundaries of its own proper dominion and does not compromise itself by engaging in activity which is essentially secular. Religious individuals and their societies must not become militarily belligerent, politically partisan, commercially involved or socially injurious to the common good of the whole.

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