



Leslie Recine and Jim Borchert, State Republican Executive Committeewoman and Committeeman

Senate District 10

Words from RPT Vice Chairman Dr. Robin Armstrong

What an unusual political season this has been! It seems like we Republicans have been on a roller coaster ride for the last few months. The liberal media has come out with guns blazing to help their cohorts in the Democrat Party win seats in the US House and state legislatures all around the Nation. Liberal politicians have even attempted to infiltrate our great state of Texas to try and legislate their liberal philosophies here. The grassroots Republicans of Texas have said with a collective voice that "we will not allow that to happen here!"



I have the incredible opportunity to speak to Republican clubs all over the state, and I can say that I have never been more proud to represent you in the Republican Party of Texas. The grassroots of this state are amazing. You work countless hours without pay. You walk blocks for candidates on Saturday afternoons, during the heat of the day for a cause greater than yourself. You make phone calls to strangers who are not always polite or gracious. You work the polls on election day as judges, alternate judges, or poll watchers. You give your money, you organize events, and you sacrifice your spare time to make our political process work. Thank you for your work.

Despite all of our efforts, we have only laid the foundation for what we must do to win the future for our State and our Nation. Many great champions of our Party have helped lay this foundation for the successes we have had in our state. They have organized our state district by district; precinct by precinct. We have won victories at every level of government in our state. We cannot be defeated by a morally bankrupt Party, comprised of a multitude of special interest groups, who have no vision for what they will do when in leadership. The only way we can be defeated is if we are divided. The Bible says that "a house divided against itself, will not stand." Grassroots conservatives will see greater success as we come together and unify around a common goal of defeating liberalism wherever it raises its head. Whenever we have our differences (and there will be many occasions), we should think about why we involved ourselves in this fight. Winning the cultural war; protecting the unborn; preserving liberty; leaving an inheritance to our children. These are the values we are fighting for. Let us fight together and win!

God bless,

Robin Armstrong, M.D.

Vice Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas

Political Action

Make an effort to educate yourself on issues important to local, state and national government. Find good, conservative books to read and websites to visit.

Volunteer for local Republican candidates. Don't forget our justice of the peace candidates at the bottom of the ballot.

Attend local Republican Club meetings. A contact list of Clubs is located on

www.SenateDistrict10.com

and www.tcgop.org. Please check the calendar of events on the TCGOP website for meeting information.

Political Facts

Jim and Leslie at the September 16, 2006 SREC Meeting in Austin

Jim Borchert was appointed to the Rules Committee of the State Republican Executive Committee. Leslie Recine was appointed to the Ballot Security Sub-committee of the Party Organization Committee on the State Republican Executive Committee. The committee meetings were held on Friday, September 15, 2006 at the Austin Airport Marriott South Hotel.

The State Republican Executive Committee held our 3rd Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, September 16th at the Austin Airport Marriott South Hotel.

Wayne Tucker was appointed the Republican Party of Texas Treasurer, replacing Chris Maska.

The SREC ratified the Chairman's committee appointments.

National Committeeman Bill Crocker gave a report on the RNC meeting. He discussed proposals regarding conducting primaries across the country.

Wayne Tucker, gave the Treasurer's report: \$615, 712 cash on hand as of Sept. 15, 2006.

Vice-Chairman Robin Armstrong spoke on Republican core values and our tools for success.

Chairman Tina Benkiser reported that we have the greatest number of Republicans on the ballot in the history of the Republican Party of Texas. We should

not be complacent but work hard before the election.

Important races across the state were discussed.

Each of the committees: Officials, Candidate Resource Committee, Party Organization and its three Sub-committees, County Chairman, Voter Registration, and Ballot Security; Coalitions & Auxiliaries, Resolutions, Rules, and Volunteer of the Year reported on their meetings, held on Friday, September 15, 2006.

A By-law change concerning making the Assistant Treasurer an optional office and removing the requirement that any such officer be an RPT headquarters staff member passed unanimously.

A Resolution concerning U.S. Sovereignty and resolving that "the Republican Party of Texas utterly rejects such efforts that shall undermine the sovereignty, independence and economic interests of the United States of America and calls upon our President, Senators, and Representatives to protect and defend our national sovereignty in accordance with their oaths of office," was passed.

The State Conventions will be held as follows:

2008- Houston

2010- Dallas

2012 & 2014- Fort Worth

2016 - Houston.



The SREC voted on the 2016, Houston location at the meeting.

Elections were held for the Officials Committee. Kathy Haigler won place 1, Jane Cansino won place 2 and Jan Galbraith won Place 3.

Representatives of the following Auxiliaries gave reports: Texas Federation of Republican Women, County Chairmen's Association, and Young Republicans.

The SREC accepted the Audit Report. The next SREC meeting will be held December 1-2nd at the Austin Airport Marriott South Hotel. SREC meetings, except for executive session, are open to the public.

The meeting was adjourned.



Senate District 10 Town Hall Meeting by Chuck Silcox

Jim Borchert and Leslie Recine, State Republican Committee man and woman for Texas Senate District 10, held a Town Hall meeting for Senate District 10 on Saturday morning, September 30 the at the Bobby Cox Building near Hulen and Interstate 20 in Fort Worth. About 50 people attended the Town Hall meeting.

Attendees enjoyed refresh-

ments and visiting before the meeting. Leslie presented two power-point presentations: one on "The RPT & SREC Structure," and one on "All Politics are Local."

Leslie encouraged precinct chairs to get a voter vault password, and she asked all volunteers to help the Tarrant County Republican Party building signs and working the phone bank.

Also, election judges and alternate election judges and clerks were asked to attend training at TCGOP Headquarters.

Jim Borchert spoke on the importance of each person being involved in our political process. Long-time precinct chair, Don Shipe, and State Representative Anna Mowery shared ideas on motivating voters and volunteers.



Students from Randall Horton's government class from Grace Preparatory Academy listened as Committeewoman Leslie Recine explains how to get involved in our local Republican



Students from Grace Preparatory Academy government class attended the Town Hall meeting.



Don Shipe, Fort Worth precinct chair for 40+ years, spoke about motivating voters and volunteers.



Jim and Leslie at the SD 10 Town Hall Meeting, September 30, 2006 in Fort Worth.



by Jim Borchert

1. A political party – local, state, national – has practical reality. It is a tool of the people, chosen for its utility.

2. It has, however, no natural existence or necessary political reality, nor is it mandated by the sovereign people in any fundamental or permanent way.

3. It is simply, and merely, a pragmatic thing: a tool, a servant, an artificial construct by which the people, in their individual capacity, have elected to carry out their political activity in some nations. It is neither universal nor everlasting among men.

4. Political activity itself is natural and necessary. But a political party system is allowed; it is not disallowed if the people, in their individual capacity as inhabitants, wish to create one and employ one as part of the exercise of their essential political activity.

5. Individuals may enter a political party or exit a political party at will. They may dispense of the “expedient” at any time it is no longer deemed beneficial or useful to their essential political existence and activity.

6. Political activity can be exercised without recourse to political parties. But once a nation and its inhabitants have adopted the incidental “tool” for their better order, safety and happiness, then it may be the only means by which certain political activities may take place (i.e. elections of candidates, etc.).

7. At the local level, party activity is evident in some cases, but not all. Some political activity is exercised without reference to party affiliation. Certain political offices or activities are entirely non-partisan, but non-partisan political activity is usually impacted by the politics of party involvement, whether directly or indirectly.

8. As a member of the Texas Republican Party (RPT), we freely choose to participate in party activities because the Republican Party best represents our fiscal and social conservative values. In Texas,

voting for elected officials is normally a partisan activity, and it is a matter of public rules and laws. Appointed officials, by contrast, may be chosen without respect to any party identity. Many appointed officials or workers have no party identity or preference and ignore political party activity altogether. The gains we have made as Republicans over the last two decades were only possible because of dedicated volunteers working together at the grassroots level, electing solid conservatives to office and voicing conservative issues in our Platform.

9. When the local party, made up of precinct meetings, based on partisan voting patterns and current voting activity, carries out its political activity (i.e. creating political platforms expressing voter concerns, and electing political delegates to represent those precinct concerns and forward them to the district level), it is accomplished on a partisan (party) basis.

10. In Texas, political party activity proceeds from local to state via the District. The process begins with the local precinct, continues at the senatorial district and then proceeds to the state level. Of course, because precincts and districts lie within or touch county levels of government and/or municipalities at the local level, the political arrangements can become more interesting and complex.

11. Nevertheless, having voted in a political Primary, as a partisan voter, the voter is eligible to participate at the precinct level and, possibly, at the district level as a delegate or alternate, and possibly, from there to the state level as a delegate or alternate. All political activity is not partisan; but non-partisan political activity is usually impacted by the politics of party involvement, whether directly or indirectly.

12. As a member of the local political party, one is eligible to attend the senatorial district convention if one, in fact, voted in the primary election of his party and if one was elected by his precinct

convention as a delegate or alternate. In this simple manner, one is able to move to the state level by being elected by his district as a delegate or an alternate.

13. The District is also the place from which certain individuals are chosen to represent the District at the state level for a two-year term between conventions. One man and one woman are voted on by the District at the State Convention to be part of the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC).

14. If elected to the State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) from the local senatorial district, then one is mandated to carry the concerns of that local senatorial district to the state and to carry the statewide concerns of the RPT back to the local district in a fiduciary capacity.

15. An SREC member is not elected to carry his own concerns to the state level (SREC), nor is he or she, one male and one female elected from each senatorial district, allowed to represent any other interest or agenda than that of the whole district which has entrusted him or her with their political concerns. Any discretionary power must be exercised within the limits of the trust. It would be a breach of trust to represent a faction of the district or a certain special interest which is not beneficial to the whole of the district.

16. An SREC member has one master and no other will or pleasure shall be permitted in the prosecution of his or her office. The people of the district are to be obeyed, as a whole. What represents the common good of the district governs the voice and hands of their chosen SREC trustee. The SREC has no right to act outside his or her charge.

17. If an SREC intrudes his or her own personal political ambition or concern, which is not in furtherance of the common good of the whole district, as they have expressed themselves and as they, in fact, have a common concern, expressed or not, it is a breach of fiduciary duty.

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by Jim Borchert

18. An SREC may not make alliances with other SREC members unless it is in furtherance of his or her district's will and interest. An SREC may not put the interest of the State Party above that of his or her own district. An SREC may not be a "team player" or follow the leader of the RPT or make common cause with any other member of the SREC or its leadership unless it is in clear furtherance of his own district and its common interest.

19. An SREC may not enter into any agreement with key businessmen in the district or across the state in furtherance of their agenda or special interest or corporate advantage unless it is in furtherance of the needs and interests of the district in its common good and whole composition. The district benefits stand above all Party concerns or business concerns.

20. An SREC may not enter into any political arrangement with any politician, even its own Senator, or group of politicians to further their interests, unless it is in direct furtherance of the district's own best interest, held in common by the whole.

21. It is tempting for a member of the SREC to breach his trust, caring for any interest other than that of his district constituency, putting another interest higher than the interest of his or her senatorial district. This he or she may not and must not do.

22. Every act or word, while in office under fiduciary charge, of the elected SREC must be governed by a single vision, to hold, to declare and to implement the will and pleasure of his or her local district.

23. It is common knowledge that an SREC member has, from time to time, used his or her office in breach of his or her trust. When that happens, and it is discovered, he or she should be censured, removed or at least, not re-elected by the district. It is intolerable.

24. An SREC is not charged to do his or her own personal or political business. He or she has no right or author-

ity to do Republican Party business if it conflicts with or distracts from or is not in furtherance of District business. He or she has no right or authority to become involved with any private or public business of a commercial nature if it conflicts with or distracts from or is not in furtherance of District business. He or she has no right or authority to engage in any political activity or to ally with any politician or group of politicians if it conflicts with or distracts from or is not in furtherance of the political interest of his or her district.

25. Finally, an SREC is not beholden to any single individual or faction, minority or majority, in the district, or elsewhere, if it conflicts with, distracts from or is not in furtherance of the District's political interest.

26. Every individual Republican voter has a right to call his or her SREC member to account for their charge. But their accounting is always limited of necessity to the matter of their actual charge or trust. The account to be rendered is limited to the trust imposed. It is important to remember that an individual member of the Senatorial District has no right to inquire as an individual, but only as a member of the whole. The SREC belongs not to the individual voter or to a small faction or even to the majority, but only to the whole body of the District. This limitation lies in the nature of political representation. No matter how real my own private or personal interest, the SREC is not answerable to it. The private and personal must subordinate itself to the whole. The same holds true of all other interests within the district. No individual or faction may demand of the entrusted officeholder except to the extent of the trust.

27. The SREC belongs only to the whole, never to the individual or to a minority or to a majority of the whole. This is the reason why it is important to set in place officeholders who are both virtuous and wise. For example, the fact that the SREC is not in perfect line with the State Party in every matter is

not only not necessary; it is forbidden, because State Party business does not assume the pre-eminence in political duty; the local precinct and local district must hold the pre-eminence. An SREC rises from his or her Senatorial District. He or she is not required to get along as a team player or a subordinate to the State Party leadership or State Party affairs. Quite the contrary: the District is his or her first concern. The State Party must yield to the whole body of the districts. It is each district which voices its concerns, doing so not as individuals but as districts, to shape and govern the State Party. The district must always maintain its own priority and independence when it comes to state politics. The SREC member is elected to office by his or her district. He or she represents the interests of his or her district. He or she does not represent the interests of the state, except secondarily and incidentally, always retaining the pre-eminence of the local, which is closest to the people.

28. A district will not be "trusting" of the State Party and its leadership. Its will remains the superior will, being closest to the grassroots of the people. Unity in the State Party depends upon the Party leadership discovering what is common among the several districts, not in imposing its own vision, will and values on the districts of the people.

29. The SREC is not a representative of the State Party except to the extent it is first and foremost a representative to his or her own district. Local is primary; state is secondary. This is the political order of the people.

30. The State Party may not usurp the authority of the local district nor seek to overthrow it. The State Party must listen to the representatives of the several districts in order to further the State Party in its purpose. Unity at the state level requires subservience to district sovereignty. The Party has no power or authority to do its own bidding; it must be the tool of the whole people, district by district.

Resolution Concerning U.S. Sovereignty (Republican Party of Texas)

Whereas, the national sovereignty of the United States of America is under unprecedented attack from without and within;

Whereas, President Bush has directed the Department of Commerce to implement the Security and Prosperity Partnership, or SPP, signed by President Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and then-Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin in Waco, Texas, on Foreign Relations task force report, entitled "Building a North American Community," having as its goal the creation of a North American Union that would merge the U.S., Canada and Mexico into a new governmental form;

Whereas, President Bush has indicated his support for and intention to sign the Totalization Agreement with Mexico on the U.S. Social Security Trust Fund, which would enable millions of illegal Mexicans working in the United States to

claim benefits from the Social Security Trust Fund for work performed while in the United States illegally;

Whereas, on June 29, 2006, Senator Cornyn filed in the 109th Congress S. 3622 the "North America Investment Act" to "authorize the President to negotiate the creation of a North American Investment Fund between the Governments of Canada, of Mexico, and the United States" in order to spend millions of US tax dollars to construct roads and telecommunication infrastructure in Mexico, pay for primary, secondary, and post-secondary education throughout Mexico, and pay to expand job training and workforce development in Mexico.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Republican Party of Texas utterly rejects such efforts that shall undermine the sovereignty, independence and economic interests of the United States of America

and calls upon our President, Senators, and Representatives to protect and defend our sovereignty in accordance with their oaths if office.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Bush, Senators Cornyn and Hutchison, Texas members of the U.S. House of Representatives, Governor Perry and all Texas state legislators.

Adopted by the Republican Party of Texas this 16th day of September, 2006

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Adopted unanimously

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