

# Reach for the Stars

# February 2024

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Republican Friends,

It might be cold outside, but it's a HOT primary season.

The primary election is just a few weeks away on <u>Tuesday, March 5th</u>. In the primary election, you can only vote in your party's election (<u>REPUBLICAN PRIMARY</u>). You are voting for who you want to be your party's candidate for the general election in November. Some primary candidates do not have a primary op-



ponent for their position so they will not be on the ballot. Also, candidates may or may not have an opponent in the general election. If they do not have an opponent in the primary election or the general election, then they are an uncontested single winner.

Early voting for the Texas Primary is February 20 - March 1. Go vote early, then I encourage you to get <u>ten</u> others to go vote. I make sure all my family members and neighbors go vote. For me, this is more than ten. I probably drive them all a little crazy asking, "Have you voted yet?" It is important that we, as Republicans, get as many Republicans as possible to the polls early. We need to show that we have strong numbers for the general election.

CCRW has two opportunities for you to hear from the candidates. On Friday, February 2 at our monthly meeting, we are hosting a panel of uncontested Republican primary candidates. This panel discussion will be fun filled and more relaxed since they do not have an opponent. We will also hear how they choose their logos and their experience running a campaign. More information can be found on the flyer below.

On Thursday February 15th, CCRW is teaming up with the Republican Network of Galveston County to host another candidate event, to meet the contested candidates in the Republican Primary. We are hosting a 'Speed Dating with the Candidates' event. These candidates will rotate from table to table to meet Galveston County voters and talk about their Platform. More information can be found on the flyer in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at one or both events.

God Bless Texas!

Della Brown

Clear Creek Republican Women

President

Reaching for the Stars

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February 02 - Monthly Meeting

Candidate Panel Discussion: Galveston County Uncontested Candidates (see Flyer on Page 11)

# February 2024



# **CCRW Monthly Meeting**

February 02, 2024

La Brisa- Mexican Bar & Grill 501 N. Wesley Dr., League City, Texas

11:15 - 12:00 Doors Open

12:00 - 1:00: Meeting

LA BRIST

Lunch

**Speakers** 

# **Candidate Panel Discussion: Galveston County Uncontested Candidates**

Please join us for a fun filled discussion with your Galveston County Republican Primary Uncontested Candidates. While we know they don't have opposition, it is still important to know WHO they are and why you want them to represent you in your county.

We will have candidates who are running for State Representative, District Judge, County Commissioner, Tax Assessor and Constable.

You MUST RSVP by end of day the Monday before each meeting. Please RSVP by completing the form on the website here.

Please reserve and select choice #1, #2, or #3 by end of the day Monday before each meeting.

Please note: You may cancel up to 24 hours before meeting, free of charge. After that time, you will be charged for your meal if we are charged by La Brisa for your RSVP.

Reminder, we are no longer offering a non-eating option at the monthly lunch at La Brisa, so please select one of the 3 meal options as noted on the website. The \$20 lunch fee is to be paid in <u>cash or check</u> only (<u>made</u> <u>payable to La Brisa</u>).

# February 2024

**Other Important 2024 Dates** 

02	<b>CCRW Executive Board Meeting</b>	
	CCRW Monthly Meeting	
14	Valentines Day	
19	Presidents' Day	

# CCRW 2024 OFFICERS

<u>President</u> Della Brown 281-725-1052

VP Membership Chrissy Crews

> VP Programs Hillary Miller

<u>Secretary</u> Caroline Brazzel

Corresponding Secretary
Lanette Lashway

PAC Treasurer Melissa Johnson

> Treasurer Kayla Allen

President Emeritus

Martha Bosworth

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By-Laws
Loretta Roberts

<u>Campaign Activities</u> Debra Niblack

> Hospitality Cyndy Butcher

> > Legislative Janet Bell

Literacy and Caring for America
Newsletter
Jacqueline Irwin

<u>Historian</u> Kathy Nenninger

Parlimentarian Rebecca Milo

### 2024 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Finance/Budget
Melissa Johnson

Internal Review
Kari Long

<u>Website</u> Kristen Day

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# **Membership – February 2024**

# **CCRW Membership Update**

Republican Friends,

Membership dues are due every year in January. Renewal membership dues are considered delinquent on <u>MARCH 1, 2024</u>. Please use the links <u>here</u> to renew and pay your dues today. 2024 Membership Goals for Clear Creek Republican Women

- FULL Membership from 92 to 100
- Associate Membership from 40 to 50
- Every Republican elected official become a member or an associate member

# ANNOUNCEMENT from Texas Federation of Republican Women:

**TFRW** will provide funds to clubs in good standing for the Republican Party of Texas State Convention based on <u>full membership numbers</u>.

Full dues paying members who join before March 1, 2024, will have the opportunity to receive funds / vouchers to offset expenses for the Republican Party of Texas State Convention. The amount of money CCRW receives from TFRW will be based on our **Full Membership** numbers on MARCH 1. **The more members, the more money CCRW will receive**.

# You may pay:

Online - Become a Member

In person - At a monthly meeting

Mail - Your membership dues in with a completed form. See this site for the **form**.

You can join as a **Full Member** or as an **Associate Member**.

# Full Membership \$40

Women only – home club \$25 goes to our Texas Federation of Republican Women

# **Associate Member \$25**

Women – who are full members of other Republican Women Clubs Men – full amount of dues stays with CCRW

To join online follow this link <u>Become a Member</u> – Clear Creek Republican Women (clearcreekrw.org).

# Legislative Update—February 2024

**LEGISLATION** 

submitted by, Janet W. Bell

Feb 2024

### **TEXAS**

### **BORDER CRISIS**

03-06-21, Gov. Abbott and TX DPS launched Operation Lone Star (OLS) which integrates DPS with the TX National Guard (TNG) and deploys air, ground, marine, and tactical border security assets to high threat areas on the 1200 mile TX border to combat the smuggling of people, drugs and weapons by cartels and transnational criminals. Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming have responded with manpower and assets including providing soldiers and law enforcement officers on the TX border. TNG will continue its OLS mission through at least the end of 2024 Texas Guard's Operation Lone Star to continue beyond 2024 election (armytimes.com).

11-16-22, Gov. Abbott officially declared an invasion of TX, stating in his letter to P. Biden: "... Your sustained dereliction of duty compels Texas to invoke the powers reserved in (U.S. Constitution) Article I, § 10, Clause 3..." BidenJoseph 11.16.22.pdf (texas.gov)

11-21-23, Gov. Abbott signed into law SB4 enacted by the 88th TX Legislature 4th Special Session such that those who cross the border illegally and are caught can be charged with a Class B misdemeanor for an initial offense, with a state jail felony for a subsequent conviction and can be required via court order to return to the foreign nation from which they entered.

01-10-24, the state of TX took control of Shelby Park in Eagle Pass where major illegal immigrant crossings continue to escalate. In response to the Shelby Park action DHS sent the TX AG's office a cease-and-desist letter requiring TX to comply by, 01-17-24, else risk referral of the matter to DOJ.

01-17-24, AG Paxton responded via letter to DHS: "... According to your letter, "[t]he U.S. Constitution tasks the federal government with . . . securing the Nation's borders." When were you planning to start? President Biden has been warned in a series of letters, one of them hand-delivered to him in El Paso, that his sustained dereliction of duty in securing the border is illegal. By instructing your agency and others to ignore federal immigration laws, he has breached the guarantee, found in Article IV, § 4 of the U.S. Constitution, that the federal government "shall protect each of [the States] against Invasion." Texas, in turn, has been forced to invoke the powers reserved in Article I, § 10, Clause 3, which represents "an acknowledgement of the States' sovereign interest in protecting their borders." Arizona v. United States, 567 U.S. 387, 419 (2012) (Scalia, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part).

OAG Response to DHS Demand Letter 01172024.pdf (texasattorneygeneral.gov)

03-05-24, SB4 becomes effective and provides the ability for TX to legally enforce the capture and return of illegal immigrants.

### FOSSIL FUELS VS GREEN RENEWABLES DURING TX ARCTIC STORM

With below-freezing temperatures blanketing TX the week of 1/15 ERCOT issued a conservation request for 6-10AM when there would be peak power demand but low renewables production which is impacted by temperature extremes. On Monday, 01-15-24, ERCOT power data actuals registered 0% contribution from solar, 0.8% from battery power storage and 6.8% from wind; fossil fuels provided 84.9%, 67.2% of which was from the state's natural gas. The takeaway is the success or failure of the TX power grid in extreme weather is driven by the performance of natural gas and not renewables. [Yahoo News, 01-16-24, Blackmon; web]

### 88th LEGISLATURE 5th CALLED SESSION

To date, Gov. Abbott has yet to call an 88th Legislature 5th Called Session to address school choice/education savings accounts.

## **SOH CHALLENGE**

David Covey of Beaumont is challenging House Speaker Dade Phelan in the 2024 Republican primary.

#### DEI

As Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) continues to be practiced in various TX government institutions, the Tarrant County Republican Party on, 01-11-24, passed a resolution calling for an end to DEI policies in all taxpayer-funded institutions. Per the resolution, "DEI poses a threat to the unitary stability of Texas and the United States as it goes against color blindness and equal protection under the law." After SB 17 took effect, 01-01-24, requiring all TX state colleges/universities to dissolve any internal DEI programs, some TX state universities are trying to circumvent the new law by changing the names of DEI efforts or moving the departments around as well as not complying with some DEI-related public information requests. Republican TX Senator Brandon Creighton of Conroe who authored the DEI ban indicated that if universities fail to adhere to the new law, the Texas Senate may consider reclaiming university funding. [TX Scorecard/Medeiros/Jan 2024; web]

#### **UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

02/17/24 LEAGUE CITY COUNCIL POSITION 4 RUNOFF ELECTION between Courtney Chadwell and Ange Mertens

02/20/24 TUES MARCH 5, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION Early Voting begins. Link Accredited to GCRP



# **2024 Republican Primary Ballot Propositions**

Approved by the State Republican Executive Committee - December 2, 2023

# **Proposition 1**

Texas should eliminate all property taxes without increasing Texans' overall tax burden.

# **Proposition 2**

Texas should create a Border Protection Unit, and deploy additional state law enforcement and military forces, to seal the border, to use physical force to prevent illegal entry and trafficking, and to deport illegal aliens to Mexico or to their nations of origin.

# **Proposition 3**

The Texas Legislature should require the use of E-Verify by all employers in Texas to protect jobs for legal workers by preventing the hiring of illegal aliens.

# **Proposition 4**

The Texas Legislature should end all subsidies and public services, including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools, for illegal aliens.

# **Proposition 5**

Texas urges the United States Congress not to grant any form of amnesty or a pathway to legalization for illegal aliens.

# **Proposition 6**

The Texas Legislature should prohibit the deployment of the Texas National Guard to a foreign conflict unless Congress first formally declares war.

# **Proposition 7**

The Texas Legislature should establish authority within the Texas State Comptroller's office to administer access to gold and silver through the Texas Bullion Depository for use as legal tender.

# **Proposition 8**

The State of Texas should ensure that Texans are free to give or to withhold consent for any vaccine without coercion.

### **Proposition 9**

The Republican Party of Texas should restrict voting in the Republican primary to only registered Republicans.

### **Proposition 10**

The Texas Constitution should be amended to restore authority to the Texas Attorney General to prosecute election crimes.

### **Proposition 11**

Texas parents and guardians should have the right to select schools, whether public or private, for their children, and the funding should follow the student.

# **Proposition 12**

The Texas Constitution should be amended to require proof of citizenship before any individual can be registered to vote.

### **Proposition 13**

Texas should ban the sale of Texas land to citizens, governments, and entities from China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

### Respectfully submitted,

Vergel B. Cruz, Secretary

Texas State Republican Executive Committee

December 20, 2023

# Literacy and Caring for America February 2024



This Friday, Feb 2, bring the littles to Fire Station 2 (2120 Hobbs Rd) at 10:15 a.m. for a special Pop-Up Storytime that promises tales, giggles, and perhaps even a firefighter cameo!

# ONGOING IS OUR CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING ON THE BORDER

Constable Precinct 4 is deploying deputies to the border almost weekly to assist the United States Border Patrol with securing our border. These deputies are deployed for a full week.

The Constable's office will accept individually wrapped snacks: candy, cereal, chips, cookies, etc., as well as bottled water.

# Please bring your treats to:

Constable Justin West's office: 174 Calder Rd, Suite 127 League City, TX 77573

They make periodic trips to the border taking these treats.

# Literacy and Caring for America February 2024

Ken Clark Memorial Monday, February 26 1:30 pm - 5 pm

### **Donor Coach**

County Commissioner Ken Clark knew the importance of donating blood and did so on a regular basis. He also understood the importance of exercising his right to vote. In remembrance of Commissioner Clark's tradition of sponsoring a blood drive during early voting, please help carry on that tradition by coming out and doing two great things at the same time-giving the gift of life through your donation of blood and help preserve our republic by casting your vote!





**Sponsor Code: Q381** 



EAT. DRINK. BRING I.D.





# Looking Back...

# Kathie Nenninger, Historian

In 1999, four Republican friends, Cynthia Tauss, Linda Mahanay, Bonnie Norman and Kathie Nenninger discussed the need for a Republican Women's club in North Galveston County. In January 2000, we were chartered by TFRW as North Galveston County Republican Woman and met in the home of President, Bonnie Norman. At our second meeting, we voted to change our name to Clear Creek Republican Women to reflect the flow of the creek through Galveston County. After meeting at various locations, we finally found a home at Esteban's Fiesta Shack. After 12 wonderful years, we outgrew our space. Since January 2014, we have met at La Brisa and still have space to grow.

Sandra Brooker, Benny Cheney, Pam Kinser, Barbara Meeks, and Kelly Williams at the home of Bonnie Norman



# Volunteers Needed!!! Become a Deputy Voter Registrar

Volunteer Deputy Registrars are needed to staff voter registration booths at upcoming events!!!

- Q: How can you become a Deputy Voter Registrar?
- A: In person Training
- Q: When?
- A: Third Friday of each month at 10 a.m.
- Q: Where?
- A: Galveston County Courthouse 722 Moody, Galveston, TX Commissioners Courtroom
- Q: What do I need to do?
- A: Print and complete the application in English <u>VOT 26-VDR Application 12.3.2022</u> or <u>print and complete the application in Spanish</u> and submit it to the Voter Registration Department via fax, email or deliver to any GCTO Office.
- Q: What if I have done this before?
- A: VDRs who have completed the in person training (with us or another Texas County), may "re-up" via the online application and training program. Those wishing to renew online should complete this online renewal application (VOT 26 -VDR Application for Renewal Appointment) and email it to galcotax@co.galveston.tx.us or bring it to any monthly training class

Upon completion of training, you will receive a VDR handbook, Certificate of Appointment, VDR name badge, identification card, voter applications, registration supplies and the authority to distribute and receive voter applications within Galveston County.



\*Image from www.washoecounty.gov/voters

# **Secretary's Minutes – January 2024**

Clear Creek Republican Women General Meeting La Brisa Cantina January 05, 2024

Call to Order: President Della Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Invocation: Kim Bonnen, representing Dr. Greg Bonnen, led us in prayer.

Pledges: Dr. Dana Myers, TFRW Vice Chairwoman, Republican Party of Texas, led us in

the pledges.

**Introduction of Elected** 

Officials and Candidates: Prior to introducing the Elected Officials and Candidates, Della Brown asked us

to remember Former VP Programs, Cinnamon Scully, as she recently resigned due to family emergencies, and also Corresponding Secretary, Lanette Lashway, who is ill today. Della also reported that the PAC Treasurer position is open and recognized Melissa Johnson for her service in that role. Each elected official and candidate then introduced themselves. Della Brown then introduced the 2024 Board Members and introduced Hillary Miller as the new VP Programs.

**Approval of Minutes:** The November General Meeting Minutes were distributed. Della Brown asked

for any corrections to the minutes and hearing none, the minutes stood

approved.

**Membership Report:** Chrissy Crews, VP Membership, stated that CCRW member, Bonnie Rimmel,

passed away.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kayla Allen reported that as of December 1, 2023, the bank balance was

\$ 28,670.93. Income was \$1,565.62 and expenses were \$ 5,078.81. The ending

bank balance as of December 31, 2023, was \$ 25,157.74.

**Programs:** VP Programs Hillary Miller introduced Dr. Dana Myers who spoke on the

importance of voting. Hillary then introduced our speaker, Toni Anne Dashiell, Republican National Committeewoman for Texas. She spoke on the Republican National Committee and the specific conventions held in Texas leading up to the Republican National Convention July 15-18, 2024, in Milwaukee, WI, where the Republican Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates are elected. She described how important each convention is from city conventions to the state and national convention and how important it is for us all to be involved in the

process.

**Announcements:** Della Brown reported that the next CCRW General Meeting will be Friday,

February 2, 2024, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at La Brisa Cantina. There will be a speed dating candidate event February 15<sup>th</sup> with Republican Network of Galveston. Details to follow. The Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women Candidate Forum for Sheriff of Galveston County is January 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friendswood Senior Activity Center. Mid-County Republican Networking Group is hosting The Sheriff's Debate on January 23 from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at College of the

Mainland.

**Hospitality:** Hospitality Committee Chairwoman Cyndy Butcher drew the number of the

winning raffle ticket.

**Adjourn:** Della Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Brazzel, Recording Secretary

# Campaign Activities—February 2024

# **Reporting Hours**



### You can report hours monthly (click here):

Look at your calendars/phones at all of your hours. If you have not started reporting your volunteer hours this year, now is the time to start. With the new changes, we may now include hours worked as election clerks, election judges, making phone calls and time spent working for candidates as long as you are not employed by them. Don't forget your travel time to and from events, and any preparations for those meetings or events. Our Galveston County GOP Headquarters has been open and will be reopening again soon just a few offices down. Please **don't forget to volunteer and keep a record of your hours spent.** Awards will be given by TFRW and NFRW to members and clubs volunteering **and reporting** the most hours

As a reminder...New Categories for Reporting Hours and what to include:

### 1. CALLING

Include all calls for any political activities, such as initiatives or ballot questions.

Dialing apps will record the number of calls you have made, or you can use your best estimate.

### 2. POLITICAL HOURS

When in doubt, count the hour and round up to the closest whole hour.

Travel time to and from the activity.

Research and development of the activity (Example: Social media posts / letters to the editor).

Preparation and breakdown of activity hours collected are on a best estimate basis.

### 3. PRIMARY and ASSOCIATE MEMBERS hours are counted.

All volunteer political activities, whether paid or unpaid (Example: paid election worker or poll watcher), are eligible. \*Individuals who are salaried campaign and/or GOP professional staff do not qualify (i.e., those who earn their living by being employed in politics).

### **EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES**

- ♦ All time spent at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions (in person or virtual).
- ♦ All campaign activities benefiting the Federation (TFRW), the Republican Party, or Republican candidates.
- ♦ Attendance at all Republican events, including Rallies, Lincoln Day Dinners, even if tickets were purchased for attendance.
- Running for Office (partisan or non-partisan) as a Republican Candidate.
- Walking precincts, preparing letters to the editor or elected officials, any phone calls, radio, TV and social media appearances, posting to social media, voter registration, writing or editing a digital or hardcopy club newsletter, attendance at rallies.
- ♦ Working on any aspect of a Republican campaign (partisan or non-partisan) .
- Working on Republican ballot questions, initiatives, or petitions.
- Time spent serving as an elected member of your Local, County, State or National Party Committee.
- Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at Club, Region, State, and National Federation meetings or conventions.
- ♦ Attending, preparing for, or volunteering at meetings or conventions of the Local, County, State, and National Republican Party or local meetings or conventions.
- ♦ Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican office.
- ♦ Working at a Local, County, State, National Republican candidate or elected official's office as a volunteer.
- ♦ Working as an Election Officer, Poll Watcher, Challenger, or Election Integrity worker.
- All campaign activities benefiting our Republican Party, candidates, and/or the Federation (TFRW).
- ♦ Time spent making political and campaign calls.
- ♦ Any other political or campaign activities.

Please go to the Campaign Activities/Volunteer Hours page on our website here and submit the hours that you added up.

Our website also has a convenient list of all of the updated activities that you may count as volunteer hours.

We look forward to hearing from each of you and we thank you for all of your work in keeping Galveston County and Texas **RED**.

For additional information and to SUBMIT HOURS click here!

# February 2024

# MEETING CALENDAR FOR AREA REPUBLICAN WOMEN CLUBS

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Galveston County Republican Party Comprehensive List galvestoncntygop.com/republican-groups/

Bay Area Republican Women—4th Tuesday of the month 7:30am at Bay Oaks Country Club, Clear Lake <a href="https://barw.org/meetings">https://barw.org/meetings</a>

Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women—3rd Monday of the month 6:30p Friendswood Chamber of Commerce

Galveston Republican Women—Beginning March, meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month 11am— Location TBD http://www.galvestonrepublicanwomen.com/

West Pearland Republican Women—1st Thursday of the month 6pm—Spring Creek BBQ, Pearland <a href="http://wprw.org/">http://wprw.org/</a>

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# February 2024 BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to each of you who celebrate in February! If your birthday isn't listed, it is because the information was not on your membership form.

02	<b>Beverly Ferguson</b>	17	Dean Listiak
04	Michelle Hatmaker	23	Jane Montgomery
08	Paul Davidson	27	Debbie Newnam





# **Upcoming Events**



Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop: March 26, 2024

Trini Mendenhall Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston TX 77055. Check in begins at 8:30 am and the program will begin at 9:15 am. Coffee, Snacks and Lunch are included. Deadline for Registration: March 22, 2024.

**Download the Registration Form Here** 

# **Candidate Forums**







# Bayshore TownSquare Galveston County Sheriff Candidate Forum

February 15, 2024

6:30 (if dining), 7:00 Forum begins

Pacific Seafood 137 21st St., San Leon, TX

Please join us in welcoming **BOTH** Galveston County Sheriff's Candidates at our monthly town hall meeting! They have **BOTH** graciously agreed to come and answer moderated questions by Bayshore Town Square.

CCRW Christmas & Chanukah/ New Board Installation 2023 Available on the website.

# Inspiration

-A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words





# **Additional Resources**

# Galveston Votes Elected Officials

**Voter Information** 

**GOP Meetings & Resource Links** 

**State Government Resources** 

Acronyms – Ever hear an acronym and say, "What does that stand for?"

**Galveston County Republican Party** 

# Senate District 11 Committee Appointments 88th Legislative Session

# **Senator Mayes Middleton**

- ♦ Higher Education, Subcommittee ,Vice Chair
- ♦ Administration
- Business & Commerce
- ♦ Education
- ♦ Jurisprudence
- State Affairs

# Representative Greg Bonnen

- Appropriations, Chair
- **♦** Select Committee on Healthcare Reform

# Representative Briscoe Cain

- ♦ Agriculture & Livestock, Chair
- Insurance

# Representative Dennis Paul

- ♦ Higher Education, Vice Chair
- Insurance
- ♦ Local & Consent Calendars
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# Representative Ed Thompson

- Appropriations
- ♦ Calendars
- Natural Resources, Vice Chair

# Representative Cody Vasut

- ♦ Business & Industry, Vice Chair
- ♦ Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

# Representative Terri Leo Wilson

- **♦ Juvenile Justice & Family Issues**
- ♦ Pensions, Investments & Financial Services

# **Texas Federation of Republican Women** – Building Strong Leaders for Texas

TFRW provides the avenue for women to influence policy, develop candidates, and elect the leaders of Texas. We are a multi-generational, multicultural organization that provides the structure and support for political activists to learn, engage, and flourish.

National Federation of Republican Women - Building Leaders. Energizing Communities.

### Keeping America Strong.

NFRW empowers women from all backgrounds in the political process and provides a forum for women to serve as leaders in the political, government, and civic arenas.

Call To Action with **Toni Anne Dashiell**—RNC National Committeewoman

88th Texas Legislature Zoom Series

Fridays at 07:00 a.m.

Click here to see past TAD Talks and Subscribe to Receive Emails to Register for the Zoom TAD Talks.

# **2022 Texas GOP Priorities**

These priorities were chosen by over 5,000 voting delegates at the state convention, June 13-18, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Delegates were presented with a <u>list of 15 topics selected by the Legislative Priorities Committee</u> after a comprehensive review of resolutions passed at the precinct and senate district levels of the convention process. Delegates were allowed to vote on 8 topics, which became the official Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas.

### 1. Protect our Elections:

Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of state. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.

### 2. Secure the Border and Protect Texans:

Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, Clause 3 of the US Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.

### 3. Ban Gender Modification of Children:

Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.

# 4. Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids:

Repeal Texas Penal Code "Obscenity Exemption" 43.24(c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials and 43.25(f)(2 3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or "gender identity" issues), and prohibit use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil or other enforcement measures.

### 5. Ban Democrat Chairs:

To ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.

## 6. Abolish Abortion in Texas:

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.

# 7. Defend Our Gun Rights:

Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

### 8. Parental Rights and Educational Freedom:

Parents are the primary decision makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents' rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.

# Reach out to CCRW ON THE WEB

Our website has a lot of information we keep up to date as possible for you. Please browse around and <u>let Kristen Day know</u> if you find anything incorrect or needs to be updated.

Want to be in the know, get our monthly updates via our Mailchimp email list? Be sure to sign up at the top of most pages where it says "Subscribe to our Mailing List:" and enter your first and last name and email. You only have to do it once. If you have done it before but no longer getting our emails, we likely have hit your junk/spam folder. You'll need to white label our domain "clearcreekrw.org" and make sure we aren't listed as junk and then you should continue getting our emails.



# **Social Media**

Growth is GREAT and with it comes change, so we are rolling with it.

The <u>CCRW Facebook group</u> just updated the rules – we now require you to be a member of our club (Full or Associate) in order to post.

We will still moderate them to keep them relevant and polite as our focus is to inform, not to further divide our party/club. We also still request that you limit your posts to 1x/week and the best way to get to know the members is to come to our meetings or events throughout the year. Please do NOT send your posts to us, you may post directly to the group, we will approve them, as long as you are current member

You can join quickly and immediately just by going to our Membership page, filling out the form and making your modest \$40 payment for 2024.

# **Membership Chair**

2024 Membership Applications are available at each meeting or save time and paper and fill one out on our website <a href="www.clearcreekrw.org">www.clearcreekrw.org</a>. There needs to be a form filled out by every Member and Associate Member each calendar year, even if your information remains the same. The club must stay in compliance with the Texas Ethics Commission. We appreciate your understanding. You may click on the following link to complete your membership application on our website:

http://www.clearcreekrw.org/become-a-member/



# **CCRW Name Badge Order**



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