

December 1, 2023

Dear Members of the State Republican Executive Committee,

This weekend, you will be asked to make a decision that has tremendous implications for Republican voters in Texas. It will also offer to those same voters the clearest measure of the level of trust that the SREC has for Republican voters.

On Saturday, you will make the final determination about the ballot propositions that will be placed before Republican voters in the March 2024 primary election. During the last election, Republican voters were asked to clarify the party's positions on property tax elimination, Critical Race Theory, Democrat committee chairs in the Texas Legislature, election integrity, and more.

Some may question whether these ballot propositions are necessary. Some suggest that voters participate in the convention process and be heard there. However, continuing this process shows the fidelity of the Republican Party of Texas to Article 1 Section 2 of the Texas Bill of Rights that begins with the words, "All political power is inherent in the people..." This process serves as a link to the core principle that those who are governed should have their voices heard on matters of import to them.

All the ballot propositions placed before Republican voters have had their genesis in the concerns of rank-and-file Republican voters in communities all over Texas, including yours. Their voices were raised. You heard them. And, to be sure that it was the will of Texas Republicans, you placed the question on the ballot and let all Republican voters sound off as to whether the issue was important to them.

These ballot propositions were not law. However, they offered necessary clarification and guidance on some of the greatest concerns of Republican voters. Working in concert with the platform, the answers that were given by those voters to these ballot propositions have helped guide policy and serve as a clear measure of whether an official elected under the Republican banner is holding the line.

A resolution will be placed before you to put a question on the ballot that an overwhelming number of Texas voters have said they want asked and answered: "Should the State of Texas reassert its status as an independent nation?"

In 2015, the Resolutions Committee of the SREC added this question to the ballot propositions. The SREC subsequently struck it. In 2016, a platform plank was passed by the Temporary Platform Committee, calling for putting this same question to a statewide vote. It was struck



down by the Permanent Platform Committee, leading to a lengthy public floor debate. Although a ruling of the Chair ultimately defeated it, the delegates saw for the first time that a near majority of delegates supported asking the question.

In subsequent conventions, two planks were added calling on the legislature to give Texans a statewide vote on the issue. These planks now firmly reside as Plank 33 and Plank 225 of the current Republican Party platform.

It is important to note that at no time did any of the proponents of those planks or the planks themselves say what the answer to the question should be. It merely said that the question should be asked. It is abundantly clear that Republican voters want to be heard on this issue. As these questions are advisory only, there is no harm in asking the question.

Placing the question on the ballot brings clarity. If, as our detractors say, this is a fringe issue that no one supports, then they should have no resistance to this question being asked of Republican voters. In fact, they should be some of its strongest supporters. If what they say is true, then the results will show that fact, and TEXIT will be a dead issue in the party for a generation.

Some may view the TEXIT question as divisive. However, acknowledging and providing a forum for the diverse views of party members is a testament to the party's values. By proposing this question for the ballot, you are not endorsing a specific outcome but advocating for the principle that all perspectives within the party deserve consideration.

It is no secret that discontent within the party is at unprecedented levels. Republican voters increasingly feel disenfranchised as those they elected under the Republican banner ignore their concerns, ridicule them, and openly show disdain for the platform. For eight years, the issue of a TEXIT vote has grown within the party. This is an opportunity to show Republican voters that while some of those elected as Republicans don't care about their voice, those who manage the party do.

In June of this year, our organization launched a petition campaign under the Texas Election Code 172.088. This section of the Election Code allows voters, by petition, to place a question on a party's primary ballot. In short, by collecting 97,709 signatures and submitting them by the filing deadline on December 11, 2023, we could actually bypass the SREC's ballot proposition process and compel the party to place the question on the ballot.

As of the date of this letter, we have collected the requisite number of signatures and more. This weekend we brought a sample of the names, cities, and Senate Districts for over 102,000 petition signers and, failing action by the SREC to place the question on the list of ballot



propositions, we will deliver them to RPT headquarters on or before the close of the filing window.

Achieving the legal requirements for the petition guarantees that Republican voters will be asked the question in March. We are here to work with the SREC to make it happen together. Just like you, we want the voice of Republican voters heard. Whether you are for, against, or undecided TEXIT, we should all be able to agree that the platform matters, the Texas Bill of Rights matters, and the Republican voters matter.

I humbly ask that you join with us. Together we can put this important question before Republican voters and let them have their say.

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