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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2024!

2023 is in the rear-view mirror, and I'd say it was a good year of progress for your Galveston County Republican Party (GCRP). With the election year upon us, I expect we will be very busy. It is imperative for Galveston County, for Texas, and for the United States, that we elect Republicans at all levels of government. Further, that we work to implement public policy at all levels; which will promote opportunity and prosperity for our fellow citizens.



For this newsletter, I'd like to review the current committees of the GCRP. *If you see a committee that you think you might help with -*

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

### Communications:

The name says it all. This committee is charged with the channels and methods we use to reach the public. This past year, we've made updates to our website at:

<https://galvestoncntygop.com/>

These updates include technical tweaks in the background along with more regular and timely content updates. The same goes for our social media presence on Facebook and other channels. In fact, this newsletter is another example of a rejuvenated Communications Committee. Kudos to Jane Elbert for her leadership here and Jacqueline Irwin for creating and maintaining the newsletter.

### Education and Outreach:

This past year, we have had GCRP representation at parades and events in League City, Friendswood, and Santa Fe. I'll give a shout-out to Della and Mark Brown who shouldered nearly all the organization for our participation. I think there is more work to be done, especially in a very important election year. So, if you have a talent for this, please volunteer.

### Finance and Capital Campaign:

These two committees are led by our Treasurer, William (Bill) Hoffman. On the Capital Campaign side, this overlaps with Education and Outreach and the annual fundraiser, the Lincoln Reagan Dinner. I envision more and different types of events in 2024. My goal is to have events that are not only for fund-raising, but genuinely fun! Here, we could use volunteers who know how to fund raise. Do you do that for other civic organizations? Please volunteer!

### Get Out The Vote (GOTV):

2023 was a quiet time since there was not a major election. You can bet that this committee will be more and more active as we approach November 2024. In the 2022 general election I'm happy to say that Galveston County Republicans increased our victory margins from about 62% to 64% - 65%, (as an average compared to 2018).

This work may be the most important work the GCRP does. Why? Because red counties like ours need to get every single Republican vote out. This counteracts the blue urban areas where much of the population votes Democrat. Our neighbors, Houston and Harris County, are no exception to this trend. I'd like to see us increase our margin of victory another percentage point or two. Right here in Galveston County, Republican voters can lead the way for Texas.

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE (cont'd from page 1)

### **Precinct Chair Vacancy:**

In the last 2 years, we have had several vacancies due to resignations, relocations, or death. So, this committee has been steadily busy. They reviewed and recommended about 15 people who were then approved as new precinct chairs for this biennium.

### **Rules, Resolutions, and Bylaws:**

This is one of the quiet committees. The Bylaws must be approved at the very first meeting in every biennium. And typically, they remain stable during the biennium. I think the most useful update to our bylaws codified that our various committees could meet electronically, such as by Zoom or Teams.

### **Scholarships:**

During this biennium, and in the last biennium, we have awarded scholarships to 2 people attending a four-year college, and to 2 people attending a trade school or a community college. These students were honored publicly at our Lincoln Reagan Dinner. Senator Mayes Middleton presented their certificates. This sort of thing is good for those students, good PR for the Republican Party, and creates good will and new relationships within our communities.

### **Election Integrity:**

This committee is led by Dave Wilson. Dave is very knowledgeable about legislation, and truly has a heart for elections and the democratic process. Dave has helped coordinate meetings with our County officials such as Dwight Sullivan and Cheryl Johnson. A goal of the GCRP is that the Party is active and helpful for sound, successful elections.

I should add here that GCRP Secretary Roxann Lewis is our election liaison to the County. Roxann has coordinated all the judges and clerks who worked for the November 2023 election and who will work in 2024. She also has a very good working relationship with all our elected officials and the County elections administrator.

This work may ALSO be the most important work the GCRP does. Albeit it is largely in the background and unheralded. Why do I say that? Well, sadly, our Nation has suffered greatly in the wake of numerous election irregularities in 2020. The policies of the Biden Administration continue to wreak havoc on our economy and opportunities. Between the salutary work of Roxann and Dave, I have confidence that we have solid, trustworthy elections in Galveston County.

### **Candidate Evaluation and Recruitment:**

This is a renewed committee. What we do here is review candidates at the local level. For now, that means local school boards and local city councils. If a candidate is positively reviewed, meaning the committee confirms that they are conservative candidates aligned with the Republican values, then this committee will recommend that the CEC vote to give them the GCRP endorsement. We've had good results with winning candidates in the north part of the county. However, in the more 'blue' areas of the county, our endorsements do not carry as much weight.

I believe this is an important area. The party needs to grow and encourage new conservative candidates to get involved with our local government.

### **Precinct Chair Training:**

Don Pollock leads this. (Don also leads the Mid-County Republican Network.) Being a precinct chair is an important job and it requires a lot of time and dedication. Our precinct chairs are like the grassroots -- closest to all our fellow citizens throughout every Galveston County community. Don conducted training shortly after the beginning of this biennium and he has conducted subsequent training for newly appointed precinct chairs.

My friends, that sums it up! Those are the activities we do, or endeavor to do and improve upon. By all means, if you have the knack for these, have a heart for these, or have a skill-set which would advance our conservative and Republican causes... please step up and volunteer.

**God Bless you and your families for 2024.**

**Patrick J. McGinnis**  
**Galveston County Republican Party Chairman**

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## Important Dates

### JANUARY

01 First day to apply for a mail ballot

### FEBRUARY

05 Last day to register to vote in March 5 Primary Election

17 Run Off Special Election LC  
(tentative)

20 First day of early voting

23 Last day to apply for mail ballot (received, not post-marked)

### MARCH

01 Last day of early voting

05 2024 Primary Election Day

09 Galveston County Precinct Conventions

23 Senate District 4 Convention  
Senate District 11  
Convention at League City

### **GCRP 2022-2024 OFFICERS**

#### Chairman

Dr. Patrick J. McGinnis

#### Vice Chairman

Gabriel Allen

#### Treasurer

William Hoffman

#### Secretary

Roxann Lewis

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

#### Communication

Jane Elbert

#### Education and Outreach

Mark Brown

#### Get Out the Vote

Gabriel Allen

#### Rules, Resolutions, and By-Laws

Linda Liechty

#### Precinct Vacancy

Loretta Roberts

#### Precinct Chair Training

Don Pollock

#### Scholarships

Devon Lovelady

#### Election Integrity

Dave Wilson

#### Candidate Evaluation and Recruitment

David Smith

#### Finance and Capital Campaign

Bill Hoffman

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Jacqueline Irwin

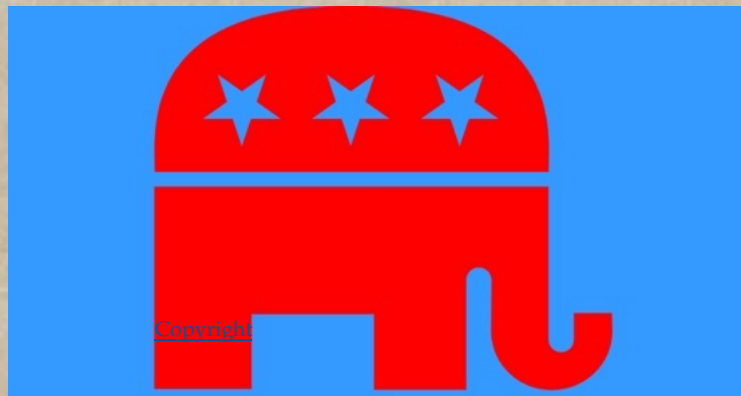
## Check Out Our New Elections Webpage

Get ready for the 2024 elections by heading over to our new [elections resource webpage](#). You will find quick links to frequently asked questions such as:

- ◆ Am I registered to vote?
- ◆ When is early voting?
- ◆ Where do I vote?
- ◆ What's on my ballot?
- ◆ How do I request a mail ballot?

There is also a button at the bottom of the webpage for non-partisan race endorsement inquiries. The candidate will be directed to fill out a short form that will be emailed to our Candidate Evaluation Committee Chairman, who will then be in contact with you. This is only for non-partisan races such as city council, school boards, etc.

If you like apps, download the [Galveston Votes Mobile App](#) to your phone. You can have all the Galveston County election information plus election results at your fingertips. There is also a link on the [elections resource webpage](#).



## March 5, 2024 Republican Primary Election

### Galveston County

[Link to see the candidates for each office in the primary. Federal, State, County, including contested Precinct Chair elections.](#) They are listed in ballot order.

To see which candidates will be on your personal ballot, go to [Sample Ballot](#).

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## 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*

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## GALVESTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY HEADQUARTERS

### **Did you know that the Galveston County Republican Party Headquarters is open year-round?**

Prior to opening in our current location, the GCRP spent lots of time and resources to search for a reasonably-priced, prime location for our headquarters.

We also had to find a commercial real estate property owner willing to do a short-term lease every two years.

Every election cycle we had to move from the storage facility and back.

Every election cycle Republican Voters had to spend time looking for our new location, never knowing where it would be located from year to year.

### **Our Republican Party Headquarters is NOT only a place to hold our Committee Meetings, but is a place for like-minded voters to gather information.**

We have voter registration cards, and most days, have a voter deputy registrar available who can ensure the registration is completed properly and can even turn it in for voters.

We typically have guest lecturers once a month who speak about a variety of subjects of interest to Republican Voters, such as legislation, law enforcement and things happening with the Republican Party of Texas, just to name a few.

It is a place for people new to the county to come in and get names of their local elected officials.

It is a place to get information about candidates running on the Republican Party Ballot.

It is a place to speak to like-minded Republicans about your concerns.

It is a place to sign up and volunteer to work for the Galveston County Republican Party.

It is a place to learn about Republican Clubs and Upcoming Republican Events.

### **If you haven't stopped by our headquarters, please drop by and meet some of our local volunteers. Please note that the hours will change leading up to every election.**

#### **Location:**

Galveston Country Republican Party Headquarters

801 West Main Street, Suite 803

League City, Texas 77573

Phone: 281-554-8888

#### **New Election Hours:**

Monday through Friday: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Evenings for Special Events

### **Help us get ready for the 2024 Elections!**

We are looking for many volunteers to staff the League City Headquarters for our expanded hours. Can you work a 4 hour shift once a week? Or maybe twice a month?

*Call Roxann at  
281-554-8888*



Roxann Lewis

Secretary, Galveston County Republican Party

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## Volunteer Needs – Take Action

Because you have asked how you can help, we added [this page](#) to our website.

**JOIN A LOCAL REPUBLICAN CLUB** to get plugged into the GCRP. You will meet many elected officials, candidates, and grassroots volunteers. There are numerous ways to support the clubs and elect Republicans to office. Find a **club** near you.

**REGISTER REPUBLICAN VOTERS** by becoming a Deputy Voter Registrar. This is ideal if you will be block walking in your precinct or for a candidate's campaign. Get criteria and training information **here**.

**BECOME AN ELECTION WORKER.** We are always looking for Republican voters to be election judges, clerks, and poll watchers during early voting and on Election Day. You must be a registered voter in Galveston County and attend a training class. Our Republican Elections Administrator recommends personnel for these positions to the Galveston County Elections Office. Fill out the interest form **here**.

**WORK ON A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN.** Find a candidate that you would like to support, contact their campaign and find out how you can help get them elected.

**HELP YOUR PRECINCT CHAIR GET OUT THE VOTE** by making phone calls or block walking (door to door) in your neighborhood. Find your precinct chair **here**. Don't have a Precinct Chair? We can give you a list of people to contact. Call GCRP Headquarters at 281-554-8888.

**VOLUNTEER AT OUR EVENTS.** Volunteer help is usually solicited through the Republican clubs or through our email distribution list. Subscribe to our **email list**.

**STAFF OUR HEADQUARTERS OFFICE** by working one 4 hour shift per week. Greet Republicans who drop by to visit or who need assistance. Let visitors know about upcoming events, Republican clubs, and other ways to get involved. Training will be provided. Call GCRP Headquarters at **281-554-8888**.

**BECOME A PRECINCT CHAIR.** Build and lead a team in your neighborhood to get-out-the-vote and elect Republicans to office. Be a member of the county party executive committee. Read about precinct chair duties **here**. Fill out the online **application**.

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## Finance and Capital Campaign

When planning our 2023 budget, we had lofty expectations: maintaining our Headquarters operation; engaging graduating high school seniors and college/trade school-bound students through our scholarship awards process; and reaching out to our Galveston County Republican Party members by hosting a successful Lincoln Reagan Dinner fundraiser. We achieved these objectives thanks to the financial donors who have given generously to the Galveston County Republican Party, along with our supporters who donated their time and talents.

Now that our 2023 successes are tucked away; we can look to the future and begin the 2024 budget process. We plan to retain our Headquarters presence through the General Election; support the Republican Candidates of Galveston County with our Get Out the Vote financial contributions; engage more students in the scholarships award process; and connect with our Galveston County Republican Party members through another Lincoln Reagan Dinner fundraiser along with other exciting and fun events.

Let's have a great 2024 and God Bless America.

Thank you for your support.

**William Hoffman**  
Treasurer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women**  
Presents

**RESCHEDULED**



**Candidate Forum** GU  
**Sheriff of Galveston County**

**Jimmy Fullen** **Ray Nolen**

**7:30PM Monday Feb. 12th**  
**Friendswood Senior Activity Building**

• **LIVE**

**OFFICE OF SHERIFF**  
**CANDIDATES FORUM**



**Jimmy Fullen** **Ray Nolen**

Tuesday January 23, 2024  
College of the Mainland  
Building 8 - Library  
6:30pm to 8:30pm

BROUGHT TO YOU BY MID COUNTY  
REPUBLICAN NETWORK

President: Don Pollock  
Vice President: Paula Smith  
Secretary: Carmen Pollock  
Treasurer: Tom Cain



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## YOU CAN BE A DELEGATE TO THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION!

### WHAT IS THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION?

It's a place for people who vote in the Republican Primary election, or affiliate with the party to define our shared beliefs and to determine how we will promote them. We do this by creating a platform and by setting rules and electing people to run the party between conventions.

### WHO CAN ATTEND THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION?

Anyone who is a registered voter, who has affiliated with the Republican Party, either by voting in the Party Primary or by taking an oath of affiliation, and has been duly elected by the lower level conventions. You can only affiliate with one party during each election year.

### WHAT IS A DELEGATE?

Delegates are grassroots Republicans who participate in the shaping of the Republican Party, its role, and its direction regarding public policy. They volunteer and are chosen by their districts to attend the party's conventions in each even-numbered year.

### STEP 1: PRECINCT CONVENTIONS - THE PRECINCT CONVENTION IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE POLITICAL CONVENTION PROCESS

**When and where:** The Galveston County Republican Precinct Conventions will be held on March 9, 2024. Please check the GCRP website for the most up-to-date Convention information. (See <https://galvestoncntygop.com/sd-11/>)

**What to expect:** If you are a registered voter and affiliated with the Republican Party, you can participate in this convention. You can introduce and vote on resolutions, then elect delegates and alternates to the next convention level.

### STEP 2: COUNTY / SENATE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

**When and where:** Your County or SD Convention will be held on March 23, 2024. Your county party sets the location and time. (See <https://galvestoncntygop.com/sd-11/>)

**What to expect:** In the days or weeks before the convention, you can visit committee meetings and let them know what issues are important to you. At the convention, you'll set the rules by which the convention will operate. You will be able to vote on resolutions the committees have worked on. Then you'll elect delegates and alternates to the state convention level.

### STEP 3: STATE CONVENTION

**When and where:** This convention will be held in San Antonio from May 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Committees will meet beginning May 20<sup>th</sup>. General Session and Caucuses will meet May 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Please check [www.texasgop.org](http://www.texasgop.org) for convention details.

**What to expect:** You will be able to testify before the committees on issues you care about, vote on the platform that will state the beliefs of the Party, vote on the rules that will steer the Party, elect the State Chair, State Vice-chair and your State Republican Committeeman and Committeewoman that will serve the next two years. You will also elect the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, and elect National Delegates, and Electors.

### Why become a delegate to the Republican State Convention?

*Because you will have an instrumental role in shaping the beliefs of the Party and determining the methods of implementation in public policy.*

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## Precinct Chair

The position of a Precinct Chair is important for the continued growth and success of our Party. A Precinct Chair represents the Republican Party to voters in your neighborhood. You are a leader in your community and a voice advocating for our Republican principles.

As a Precinct Chair, you represent the Party and help organize and win elections for Republicans in your precinct. Republican precinct chairs are elected by the Republican primary voters in their precinct or may be appointed by the Galveston County Chairman. An unopposed precinct chair candidate is elected automatically.

How to find your Precinct Chair?

## [Precinct Chairs](#)

### How to Become a Precinct Chair?

#### [Precinct Chair Application and Information](#)

- ◆ Current and new precinct chairs who filed and were accepted to be on the 2024 Primary Ballot will be automatically elected if unopposed. All contested precinct chair races will appear on the [March 5<sup>th</sup> Primary ballot](#).
- ◆ [Applications](#) for open precinct chairs will be processed by our Precinct Chair Vacancy Committee and voted on by the County Executive Committee.

## Precinct Chair Duties

### General Expectations

- ◆ Help promote and grow the local county party
- ◆ Work to elect Republican candidates to office
- ◆ Your #1 goal is to maximize the Republican vote in your precinct

### Selection Process

- ◆ Elected for a two year term in the Republican Primary by filing with the County Chair to be on the ballot
- ◆ If the election has passed and the position is or becomes vacant the County Executive Committee (CEC) may appoint someone to fill the position

### Duties within the County Party

- ◆ Participate in County Executive Committee Meetings
- ◆ Serve as an Officer, Committee Chair or Committee Member
- ◆ Recruit Precinct Chairs and Volunteers
- ◆ Help work precincts without Precinct Chairs
- ◆ Assist your County Chair as needed

### Duties within Local Elections

- ◆ Place Signs at polling locations the night prior to the election
- ◆ Serve as or recruit voters as an Election Judge or Election Clerk

### Duties with the Convention Process

- ◆ Conduct the Precinct Convention as the Temporary Chair and ensure that all precinct convention paperwork is returned to the County Chair
- ◆ Assist the County Chair as needed to hold the County or Senate District Convention



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## GCRP PATRIOT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Patriot Scholarship applicants are eligible high school seniors pursuing an undergraduate degree or a trade certification.

In 2023, the Galveston County Republican Party awarded a total of \$5,000 in scholarships. Four students were chosen based on their application and essay topic. The research required for composing the essay will give the students the opportunity to learn about a political, historical, or government related topic and express their views on that subject.

Scholarships go toward Trade Certification and Undergraduate Degrees.

Check our [website](#) in the Spring for information about the application process.

<https://galvestoncntygop.com/>.



## TRAINING RESOURCES

The Leadership Institute provides training in campaign management, candidate development, school boards, fundraising, grassroots organizing, youth politics, and communications.

The Institute has on-line and on-demand training, some low cost, some free:

[All Courses - Leadership Institute On-Demand](#)

Currently they have the following FREE for a limited time:

[The Joseph U. Oswald Patriot Online School Board Training Program](#)

[How to Run For School Board and Win](#)

[Get-Out-The-Vote](#)

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## GCRP Election Integrity Committee

The Galveston County Republican Party Election Integrity Committee is an ad hoc committee that was formed to assist the Galveston County Clerk Election Department have free and fair elections and for the voters to leave polling places confident that their vote counted and that they had a good experience.

The committee provides support for the Republican Election Coordinator, appointed by the County Chair, to staff polling locations with Presiding Judges, Alternate Judges and Clerks for Early Voting and Election Day.

Additionally, we work with the Galveston County Voter Registrar to review voter registrations and submit challenges to registrations that may be questionable.

The committee is comprised of Precinct Chairs as well as Republican volunteers interested in securing the integrity of our elections.

Dave Wilson  
Chairman

## MID-COUNTY REPUBLICAN NETWORKING GROUP

In January 2013, a couple Galveston County elected officials stated that there were several clubs in the north end of the County and several clubs on Galveston Island, where the officials could maintain contact and communicate with their constituents, but there was not similar venue in the middle of the County.

Karen Stephens heard this need and drew a number of Texas City residents together to address the issue. At the organization meeting, Karen volunteered to find monthly speakers and was deemed Vice President. Don Pollock volunteered to be Treasurer. Judge Anne Darring volunteered to be President. The Mid-County Republican Networking Group was born.

Anne Darring had her own Constant Contact list which we used to send our meeting notifications. As members signed up, their contact information was added to the list.

This is the Mid-County Republican Networking Group's tenth year, meeting the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants in Texas City. The Group met at the Reef restaurant for several years, until it closed in 2021. We met at the Los Aztecas restaurant through July 2023, but things are changing. The Reef restaurant has reopened and we look forward to seeing you there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Come see us at The Reef, 1301 31<sup>st</sup> 1/2 Street, Texas City.

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## *Get Connected with the Galveston County Republican Party*

There are many ways to connect with the Galveston County Republican Party. Please stop by our headquarters to talk with our volunteers, pick up a new voter registration card, and get information provided by our elected officials and candidates. We are located at:

801 West Main Street, Suite 803  
League City, TX 77573

Beginning January 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be open Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check our [website](#) for the latest news from the GCRP.

You can also reach us by email [info@galvestoncntygop.com](mailto:info@galvestoncntygop.com) or phone 281-554-8888.

Please join our [email list](#) to receive information about upcoming events and volunteering opportunities. We need many volunteers to staff the headquarters, help with our community events, and help with get-out-the-vote activities such as phone banking and block walking. Check out the [Volunteer Needs](#) list on our website to find out how you can make a difference.

Check us out on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

## *Republican Groups*

[Clear Creek Republican Women](#) – Meets 1st Friday – LaBrisa Mexican Grille, 501 N Wesley Dr., League City, TX 77573

[Galveston Republican Women](#) – Meets 3rd Wednesday – The San Luis Resort, 5222 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77551 – Free or valet parking

[Republican Network](#) – Meets 3rd Thursday, Evening – Labrisa Mexican Grille, 501 N Wesley Dr., League City, TX 77573

[Bay Area Republican Women](#) – Meets 4th Tuesday – Bay Oaks County Club, 4545 Bay Oaks Blvd, Houston, TX 77059

[Mid County Republican Network](#) – Meets 2nd Tuesday, Evening – The Reef, 1301 31st 1/2 St N, Texas City, TX 77590

[Tri-County Republican Women’s Club](#) – Meets 2nd Tuesday – Golfcrest Country Club, Pearland, TX 77581

[Texas Gulf Coast Republican Women](#) – Meets 3rd Monday Evening – La Escondida, 400 W. Parkwood, Friendswood, TX 77546

[Galveston Island Pachyderm Club](#) – Meets 1st Thursday – Coastal Grill, 1827 Strand Street, Galveston, TX

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Galveston Votes Elected Officials

#### Voter Information

Borrowed from the Clear Creek Republican Women

#### GOP Meetings & Resource Links

#### State Government Resources

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

## Senate District 11 Committee Appointments

### 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

### 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

## U.S. Congress Committee Appointments

### Congressman Randy Weber

- ◆ House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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.](#)

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## 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 [list of 15 topics selected by the Legislative Priorities Committee](#) 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.