

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING NON-DISCRIMINATION FOR ALL TEXANS

Precinct # _____

Senate District # _____

_____ County, Texas

WHEREAS, we believe every Texan has the right to participate fully and equally in society and enjoy its benefits and freedoms, and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that many people's attitudes about homosexuality are based upon heartfelt beliefs and their right to hold those beliefs must be respected while being balanced with the need to live in an open society that values respect, individual liberty and personal responsibility, and

WHEREAS, beliefs regarding homosexuality, its morals, its causes, and its impact upon society have been unfairly singled out in our party platform, and

WHEREAS, Democratic party activists successfully use the anti-homosexual language in our Texas Party Platform as a tool for recruitment, fundraising, and campaigning against us, and

WHEREAS, for victory in 2008, we must appeal for the votes of independents and moderate Democrats who do not hold negative beliefs about homosexuals, and

WHEREAS, we seek the votes of gay Republicans who agree on the broad issues that make us all Republicans: limited government, lower tax rates, capitalism, and a strong national defense, and

WHEREAS, Republican parents and siblings of gay Americans, and gay Republicans, find the Platform's references to homosexuals to be offensive and deeply hurtful, and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has declared that "intimate, adult, consensual conduct" is protected under the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, any issue presented by the threat of same-sex marriage in the State of Texas has been resolved by amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas thereby safeguarding the institution of marriage,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas will remove all negative references to the word "homosexual" in the party platform, and that such action be taken out of the dignity and respect accorded all citizens of the State of Texas.

Adopted by Precinct # _____ in Senatorial District # _____

of _____ County, Texas on March 4, 2008.

Precinct Convention Chair # _____

_____ County, Texas

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2006 STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY PLATFORM
Proposed Revisions

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Homosexuality - We believe that the practice of sodomy tears at the fabric of society, contributes to the breakdown of the family unit, and leads to the spread of dangerous, communicable diseases. Homosexual behavior is contrary to the fundamental, unchanging truths that have been ordained by God, recognized by our country's founders, and shared by the majority of Texans. Homosexuality must not be presented as an acceptable "alternative" lifestyle in our public education and policy, nor should "family" be redefined to include homosexual "couples." We are opposed to any granting of special legal entitlements, recognition, or privileges including, but not limited to, marriage between persons of the same sex, custody of children by homosexuals, homosexual partner insurance or retirement benefits. We oppose any criminal or civil penalties against those who oppose homosexuality out of faith, conviction, or belief in traditional values.

Texas Sodomy Statutes - We oppose the legalization of sodomy. We demand that Congress exercise its authority granted by the U.S. Constitution to withhold jurisdiction from the federal courts from cases involving sodomy.

Child Support and Visitation - We support improvement and equity between responsible parents in child support, custody, and visitation, as well as the strengthening of laws designed to protect children from abuse. No parent/grandparent should be denied court ordered visitation, because of jurisdictional disputes between states. We also believe that no ~~homosexual or any~~ individual convicted of child abuse or molestation should have the right to custody or adoption of a minor child, and that visitation with minor children by such persons should be prohibited but if ordered by the court limited to supervised periods.

Adoption - We support reducing the time, bureaucratic interference with and cost of adoption in Texas. We support a law that assures the mother a choice of selecting a traditional home for her child at the time of terminating her rights for the purpose of adoption. We support private adoption agencies recruiting and training prospective adoptive parents and placing for adoption all children in the foster care system of Texas who are legally free for adoption. We oppose mandatory open adoption ~~and adoption of children by homosexuals.~~

Empowering Families to Direct their Health Care

Americans with Disabilities Act - We support amendment of the Americans with Disabilities Act to exclude from its definition those persons with infectious diseases, substance addiction, learning disabilities, behavior disorders, ~~homosexual practices~~ and mental stress, thereby reducing abuse of the Act.

Sex Education - We recognize parental responsibility and authority regarding sex education. We support policies that mandate parental notification and consent before any sex education course or program is presented to their child. Parents must be given an opportunity to review the material prior to giving their consent. To build strong and lasting relationships, we support the requirement that schools teaching sex education must teach directive abstinence until heterosexual marriage with an uninfected person as the only safe and healthy means of preventing sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancies among unwed students. We believe programs should teach the physical and emotional risks of abortion specified in State law and rules. We oppose programs that advocate or legitimize pre-marital sexual activity, advocate condoms and birth control use by unmarried minors, advocate abortions, ~~and condone homosexual, bisexual, and transgender acts and/or lifestyles,~~ and elevate minors' rights to make sexual and health care decisions equivalent to their parents. Sex education classes, if conducted, should be separated by sex. We oppose the use of any materials from Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S (SIECUS).

Support of Our Armed Forces - We salute those who serve in all branches of our armed forces, in particular those who have and are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and encourage all Americans to support these brave and patriotic men and women. Our armed forces should be paid a sufficient wage to prevent them from ever being eligible for, or in need of, food stamp assistance. Our armed forces should be paid a reasonable wage that encourages retention of these highly trained personnel. In support of our armed forces, we recommend:

- ~~1. the disqualification of homosexuals from military service;~~
- ~~2. the immediate discharge of HIV positive individuals from service~~

