

## **RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING OPPOSITION TO "PAY-TO-PLAY" ENDORSEMENTS**

**WHEREAS** the Harris County Republican Party supports electoral integrity and condemns the practice of "pay to play" endorsements due to their corrosive and corrupting impact on the electoral process, and WHEREAS certain organizations, businesses, and newsletters make use of the name "Republican" and symbols traditionally identified with the Republican Party when they publicize their endorsements, and

**WHEREAS** the use of these identifiers confuses voters as to whether such endorsements constitute the official recommendations of the national, state, or county Republican parties or their officially recognized auxiliary organizations, and WHEREAS the reputations of the Harris County Republican Party, the Republican Party of Texas and the Republican National Committee have been impacted by this practice, and

**WHEREAS** this practice has had a negative impact on both the Republican primary and non-partisan elections in area municipalities, school districts, and other political subdivisions,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Harris County Republican Party reaffirms its condemnation of the practice of "pay to play" endorsements, in which supposedly independent individuals, groups, or organizations request, solicit or require any fee, payment, or contribution as a condition of making or publicizing said endorsement;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Harris County Republican Party should publicize its continued opposition to "pay for play" endorsements in all elections;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Harris County Republican Party disassociate itself by name from "pay for play" slates and any other slate that is not published by an officially recognized Republican club or other auxiliary group;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Harris County Republican Party requests that all slate mailers and fliers from area clubs and auxiliaries include the following disclaimer – "These endorsements do not constitute an official endorsement from the Harris County Republican Party."

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Harris County Republican Party shall take action to stop the use of its name or logo by groups not associated with or recognized by the Harris County Republican Party;

**AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT** the Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party shall certify this resolution by signing it within five (5) days of passage, and shall publicize the continued opposition of this Executive Committee to "pay for play" endorsements in all elections by posting this resolution on the HCRP website in the Resources section and by distributing it to all candidates who file for the Republican primary.

Submitted by Greg Aydt, Precinct 333