

April 22, 2008

Republican Party of Texas
900 Congress, Suite 300
Austin, Texas 78701
Attn: Tina Benkiser

Ref: Challenge

Madam Chair:

Please deliver the following challenge to the Republican State Officials Committee as constituted in the bylaws of the SREC or in the alternative, if appropriate, to the Temporary Credentials Committee of the State Convention.

As the signer of this challenge I have voted in the Republican General Primary and reside in the same senatorial district as the delegate or alternate being challenged as listed below:

John Longoria, un-elected delegate Precinct 58, Nueces County, Senate District 20, 704 Louisiana, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78404, (361)884-2312, (361)888-6161

Mr. Longoria violated Republican Party Rules and the Laws of Texas (TEC) in accordance with Rule 27 b (1) and I hereby specify the grounds for the challenge and detail the specific rule or rules I allege to have been violated:

Rule 21f AGENDA FOR PRECINCT CONVENTIONS The agenda for each precinct convention shall include the following order of business: f. Election of delegates and alternates to county or senatorial district convention, as the case may be, by majority vote, and certification of eligibility of each delegate and alternate by the precinct secretary, where the primary voters list is available.

TEC 174.021 SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO COUNTY AND SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. The delegates to a political party's county and senatorial district conventions held under this chapter shall be selected in accordance with party rules at precinct conventions held as provided by this subchapter.

While I was seated at the county convention with the elected delegates from my precinct a gentleman I did not know approached my precinct chairman and asked him how many "delegates he had". He said "6". The gentleman then asked how many he could have. Upon hearing that there could be 8 delegates from our precinct we were told that he "was going to get another delegate". He soon returned and told the precinct chairman to "add John Longoria". As shown by the attached copy of our precinct minutes John Longoria was not listed as a delegate in our precinct (58) nor was he voted on or elected as a delegate. Rule 21f and TEC 174.021 along with the Precinct Minutes instructions which state:

Attendance at the precinct convention is not required in order to be elected to the county/senatorial district convention. However, the final list of delegates and alternatives must be approved at the precinct convention. No additional names may be added once the precinct convention adjourns .

Based on the above RPT Rules and TEC Mr. Longoria should not be allowed delegate status.

The above challenges have been sent via certified or registered mail not later than thirty (30) days following the date of the county convention.