

Date: April 8, 2008

To: State Credentials Committee or other governing body

RE: Challenge to 1. Janifer Barton, Temporary Committee Chair Nominations Committee
1917 Clear Creek Drive, Weatherford, TX 76087 817-597-8702 Voter ID - Unknown

Madam Chairman,

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.

We, the undersigned, having voted in the 2008 Presidential Primary Elections held March 4, 2008 find it necessary, pursuant to Rule 11b(1) of the Texas Republican Party's General Rules For All Conventions and Meetings, to be charged with the duty of recognizing, identifying and rectifying any infraction of these rules to the integrity of the Republican Party; and following the procedures outlined in Rule 27 (2) for filing said challenge, please be advised that this letter serves as our Challenge to the above-listed individual.

This named person intentionally violated the Laws of Texas (TEC) and the RPT Rules and in accordance with the above-cited Rules we hereby specify the grounds for the challenge and detail the specific rule or rules we allege to have been violated:

Rule No. 20 - Qualifications for Participation

The only qualification for participation in a precinct convention, being an officer of such convention or *being elected a delegate to* the county, senatorial district, or *state conventions* shall be that the person shall have established party affiliation. Party affiliation may be established by voting in the Republican General Primary or by other means as prescribed by law, provided he has not been disqualified under this Rule or Rule 11. A person who wishes to serve as a delegate or alternate must have fulfilled the requirement of party affiliation at the time of election.

And Violation of Election Code 174.024 which states:

§ 174.024. PARTICIPANT TO BE REGISTERED VOTER. In addition to the requirement of party affiliation, to be eligible to participate in a precinct convention held under this subchapter, a person must be a registered voter of the precinct or a precinct resident who is eligible to vote a limited ballot. (This rule is applicable to the nomination of State delegates because of the above RPT standards that the only requirement to be a delegate to the state convention is party affiliation. If an individual meets this criteria, they meet the criteria designated for selection to the state convention. Any other standard goes against this law.)

Issues regarding Rule 20 and Election Code 174.024 infractions:

As evidenced on the enclosed video, the Nominations Committee Chairman, Janifer Barton, did set up criteria for selecting delegates to the Texas Republican State Convention in violation of Rule 20 of the Texas Republican Party Rules and the Texas Election Code by determining the delegate list based on "...time and money..." It is unlawful to hold as a standard an individual's ability to give and/or the amount of time they may spend working for the party. In addition, how did Mrs. Barton determine exactly how much time and money each candidate expended on the party? There are many ways to work for the party including efforts in the workplace or with family and friends that Mrs. Barton could not possibly police. There is no way Mrs. Barton could begin to know how much time each delegate spent working for the party. In addition, those delegates that were not as wealthy as some other delegates, and were not financially able to give to the party or a particular candidate, have been disenfranchised from the process because of the criteria used in determining who would and who would not be delegates to the State Convention in June.

In Conclusion, since it is fact that the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas state that the "...only qualification for...being elected a delegate to the ... state conventions shall be that the person shall have established party affiliation and party affiliation may be established by voting in the Republican General Primary..."; and Mrs. Barton established more stringent and unlawful criteria for choosing the delegates to the Texas Republican State Convention, MANY prospective delegates were disenfranchised by not being considered for the delegate positions available to the state convention.

We the undersigned do request that this Challenge be upheld by the State Credentials Committee, or other governing body, by executing the required consequences on Mrs. Janifer Barton as required in Rule #11 (b) "...shall be removed from serving as a delegate to any convention of the Party at any level throughout the year." And we further request that any and all lawful legal processes be followed for the infraction of the Election Code sited above.

We further assert that the Parker County Republican County Convention was not a work executed by the delegation but rather a work of the above-listed individual excluding numbers of individuals making every attempt to participate in the process. We would therefore request that the delegate nominations which have been submitted be declared "null and void" since there is no true representation of the voting body of Parker County, TX.

Sincerely,

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