

Senate District 10

Dear Fellow Republicans,

Thank you for re-electing me at the 2008 State Convention to serve as your State Republican Executive Committee-woman for the next two years! I have enjoyed serving you the past two years and have especially enjoyed working with my outstanding partner, former SD10 State Republican Executive Committeeman Jim Borchert.



It is an honor to represent you again, and I look forward to working with my newly-elected partner, SD10 State Republican Executive Committeeman Matt Hayes, for you and for the Party.

Please let me know how I can help you as we grow our Party together. My contact information is below.

Very Truly Yours,

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Grassroots Focus on Bruce and Delores Hammond

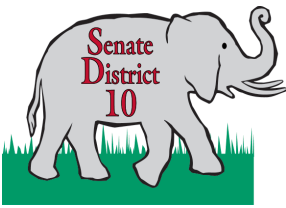
Bruce and Delores are true grassroots workers. Delores is currently the 3rd Vice President of the Republican Women of Arlington and a member of the Arlington Republican Club. Bruce is an Associate member of the RWA, a member of the Arlington Republican Club and served this year as Chair of their PAC committee.

Both have been active for years in Federal, State and Local political campaigns monetarily and with their time. Bruce likes to tease Delores that he was born a Republican and she had to convert. Bruce grew up in California in a very conservative family who always voted for the persons and their stances on the issues versus a party. By the time he was old enough to vote, he understood why Republicans were the only option and he has never looked back. He continues to support those conservative Republicans who hold true to the Reagan Republican standards.



Delores grew up in Texas in what was then a typical Texas Democratic family, conservative, hard working and compassionate. As times changed, so did she. Once she "converted" she has been as passionate about Republican causes as she is about her church and her kids and grandkids. Never a bashful person and having never met a stranger, she will preach the good news of Conservative Republican values and candidates whenever and wherever an opportunity presents itself.

Delores has become well known in many circles in Arlington, to the point when Bruce ran for School Board in 2006, many people said he should change his signs to "Delores' Husband for School Board" and he would have displaced the incumbent. Of course, many also said she should run, but Delores replied No, because she would not have time to work on getting others elected. (continued on page 2)



Grassroots Focus

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Bruce and Delores have 4 Children and 3 grandchildren with number 4 on the way. Their son Stephen is Pastor of Mosaic Arlington; their son Kevin owns Agency Limousine and Coach in Ft. Worth; their son Michael is an attorney with Wallach and Andrews in Ft. Worth and a Precinct Chair in Johnson County and was Chair of the Wesleyan Law School Republicans; their daughter Sarah is a student at UTA majoring in Business and is active in Zeta Tau Alpha.

Bruce and Delores also support various charities, most of which are either primarily or largely in support of children and ask you to join them in support of Mission Arlington, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, Shriner Hospitals for Children, the Gladney Center in Fort Worth and Charities of your own choosing.

Insight into the Tarrant County Hospital District

By County Commissioner Marti VanRavenswaay

Tarrant County Hospital District (JPS Health Network) has provided medical treatment for Tarrant County indigent since 1959. For many years, the District limited services to JPS Hospital, south of downtown Fort Worth. The 1970s and 1980s saw significant hospital growth.



Marti VanRavenswaay

By the early 1990s, need for indigent health-care expansion was apparent. The volunteer clinic established in Arlington was replaced with JPS staff, and health centers were created county-wide. Today, the hospital in Fort Worth is licensed for 459 beds, has a freestanding outpatient center, and dedicated facility for psychiatric services. The new patient tower across the street added 108 patient beds, 10 state-of-the-art operating rooms, and expanded ER and lab services. It also allows for up-dating existing service areas and adding 40 more beds and 2 more operating rooms. Next year's \$570-million budget provides health-care needs not met by either public, private not-for-profit, or private for-profit health-care systems in Tarrant County. For 2009, the Hospital District Board anticipates 1/4-cent tax rate decrease while still providing 120-day cash reserve, reducing/streamlining co-pay system (including pharmacy), increasing support of Public Health Dept. by \$1.2 million, replacing ambulances for unincorporated areas, and adding 100% more school-based clinics. Residents who earn up to 250% of the Federal guidelines for poverty also qualify for reduced cost services on a sliding scale basis. Typically this would be a family of four who had an income of approximately \$48,000/annually.

In addition to providing healthcare, JPS is also a major teaching hospital, having the largest Family Medicine Residency program in Texas. Teaching hospitals serve as research and training facilities, have expert specialists and the latest technology and techniques. JPS Health Network meets the rigid standards of the American College of Surgeon's Committee on Trauma, and has been verified as a Level II Trauma Center since 1999.



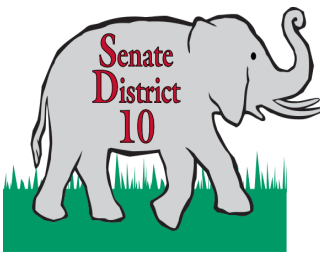
JPS was first extensively surveyed by a on-site team of the prestigious JCAHO health care professionals in 1959 and has been once every three years since then to maintain accreditation. JPS uses a variety of indicators to monitor and improve the quality of care, and because JPS is a public tax supported institution, it also monitors business and financial indicators.

Commissioners Court is responsible for setting tax rates for both the county (also anticipating 1/4cent tax decrease) and Hospital District, and approving the budgets for both entities. There will be public hearings Aug 26 and Sep 9 at Commissioners Court, 10:00am, with the final votes taken Sep 16.



SD10 represents about one-half of Precinct 2; I am pleased to say that Senator Brimer has been exceptionally responsive to the community needs. He has historically championed economic development and improved transportation, for our region. This last legislative session, Senator Brimer helped secure almost \$15-million for much-needed funding at UTA, when a \$16-million deficit has been anticipated.

If you have questions or comments about either county government or the Hospital District, please contact me, Marti VanRavenswaay, Commissioner, Pct.2, 817-548-3900.



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EMPOWERING FAMILIES TO DIRECT THEIR HEALTH CARE

Health Care Choice – We support market-based, private sector initiatives to improve the portability, quality and affordability of healthcare. We support consumer choice of providers. We encourage immediate expansion of medical savings accounts. We recommend that the State of Texas make available to all citizens through the Internet, the exact price paid for specific health care items covered by Medicaid and paid for by the Texas taxpayer.

Competition in Healthcare - Free market principles and competition shall be encouraged in health care, especially allowing each trained healthcare professional to practice to the extent of their education.

Health Care and Nutritional Supplements - We deplore any efforts to mandate that vitamins and other natural supplements be on a prescription-only basis, and we oppose any efforts to remove vitamins and other nutritional supplements from public sale. We support the rights of all adults to their choice of nutritional products. We strongly favor legislation recognizing legitimate alternative health care choices.

AIDS / HIV - We recognize that the preventable diseases of AIDS and HIV infection represent a threat to human health. We view with compassion all people infected with HIV. We call for appropriate levels of research to find a cure for the disease and ask that the government give full disclosure of the causes. However, because AIDS represents such a severe threat to both the health and economic well-being of our citizens, we insist that the epidemic be de-politicized and that as a society, we take all appropriate steps to protect our citizens from this epidemic. All people, no matter what disease they may contract, are worthy of deep respect as humans; however, behavior has personal and social consequences. We call upon the United States Public Health Service and all states to declare HIV a “dangerous, yet preventable, infectious, communicable disease.” It should be legally reported in the same manner as any communicable disease. We oppose the needle exchange and bleach kit programs. We urge the return to the requirement of blood testing in order to obtain a marriage license with the previous reporting responsibilities to prevent the spread of dangerous, infectious, and communicable diseases.



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.

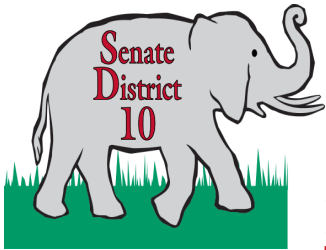
Immunizations - All adult citizens should have the legal right to conscientiously choose which vaccines are administered to themselves or their minor children without penalty for refusing a vaccine. We oppose any effort by any authority to mandate such vaccines or any medical database that would contain personal records of citizens without their consent.

Local and State Priorities

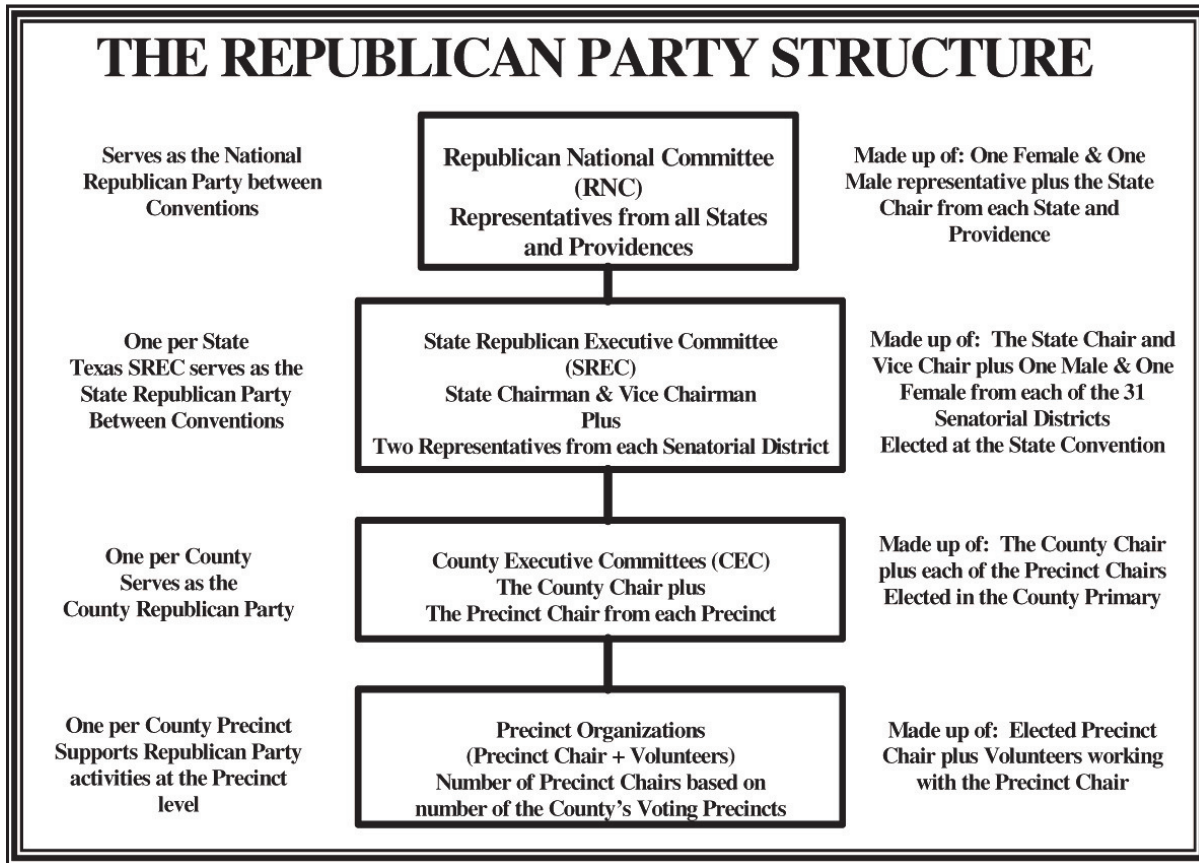
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Over the next two years, the Republican Party of Texas encourages its officeholders and grassroots to work towards enacting the following:

- **Promote adult stem cell research** with public funds, and prohibit public funds for research that destroys human embryos.
- **No Mandates Without Funding** – reduce the indigent healthcare burden for counties and local government.
- **Truth in Sentencing** – fully inform juries as to the actual length of the sentence.
- **Judicial Sentencing** – empower our judges to assign punishment in felony cases.
- **Law enforcement** should make Child and Sex Abuse and Methamphetamine Drug Manufacturing their top priority. Stricter sentencing for Methamphetamine traffickers is needed.
- **Protect the authority of the State Board of Education** to manage the Permanent School Fund and control textbook content; expand the cap on charter schools; and remove funding for bilingual education.
- **Abolish the School Property tax** – we can fully fund public schools using surplus revenue, existing budget resources, consumption taxes, and funds released by cutting unnecessary expenditures.



Republican Party Structure



The purposes of the State Republican Executive Committee are:

- *To act as the governing body of the Republican Party of Texas
- *To establish general policy for the Party, subject to the direction of the biennial state convention
- *To be responsible for the general supervision and management of the Party
- *To foster and encourage growth in the Party by promoting Platform principles and working for the election of Republican officeholders
- *To provide an opportunity for full participation in the Party to all Texans who subscribe to the beliefs and principles advocated by the Republican Party of Texas

Attend Local Republican Clubs!

Learn and enjoy fellowship with other Republicans by attending local Republican clubs. A list of meeting times and locations for the Republican clubs is found on www.SenateDistrict10.com and www.tcgop.org.