

TDP 2024 STATEWIDE RESOLUTION & RULES SUBMISSION

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This Resolution is intended to be a Resolution

Constitutional Representative Democracy and Democratic Norms

IN SUPPORT OF:

Placing Democratic Propositions on the ballot

WHERE AS

Democratic voters in Texas feel disenfranchised, angry, and apathetic leaving the polling place without having the opportunity to voice their concerns or to influence their representatives on more current and urgent issues affecting them in their daily lives

WHERE AS

the standard answer as to why propositions are not written and placed on the ballot is “the Texas Democratic Party Platform has already been written and published and is available to our voters reflecting voter input and concerns.” This supposition is misleading and cannot reflect the urgency felt by voters on issues that may have changed since the Party Platform was written and the voter has not had a reasonable opportunity to influence the priority of current issues or the composition of the new Party Platform. In most Democrats have never even read the Party Platform and have no intention or desire to do so.

WHERE AS

contacting our Representatives is cumbersome, intimidating, inconvenient, unfamiliar, and time consuming especially for younger voters, busy voters, working class voters, low-income voters, non-English speaking voters and is an unpopular and antiquated way of expressing voter concerns

WHERE AS

Democratic voters need to leave the polling place knowing they have used their hard-won, well-deserved, God-given Constitutional right to be represented and to influence Party ideals and values with a sense of feeling good about themselves and the Democratic Party despite the all too unpopular, intimidating, often dangerous choice they have made to vote true to the Democratic Party

WHERE AS

Democrats have a dismally low turnout in Texas and cannot seem to elect more Democrats to represent our ideals and values and the Party is all too quick to claim that we don't have a Democrat problem in Texas but rather a voter turnout problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

Party Propositions should be written with input from County Parties and SDEC members who are more exposed to, more sympathetic to, less intimidating to, and more approachable in their communities and that those propositions should be accessible to voters at the polling place on the ballot where Democratic voters can easily and quickly exercise their right to influence our Party

priorities, ideals, and values leaving the polling place feeling good about their choice to be a Democrat and to look forward to and be excited about participating in future elections and spreading the good word about our values and ideals for America

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

voter input directly to our representatives in real time via the ballot will reflect and give current and urgent data to our representatives allowing them to prioritize issues and be more likely to get elected in Republican dominated Texas

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

all voters should have the right and opportunity to express their views and priorities and influence our Representatives on State issues with an easy, convenient, immediate, expedient, and readily accessible means during the voting process regardless of ability or desire to investigate and navigate the cumbersome method of contacting Representatives. Voters should further have the right and opportunity to expose the entire group of State Representatives, the general population, and media outlets to the values and ideals of We the People

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

Legislators should and must provide Democrats in the State of Texas the opportunity to express their ideals, values, and priorities in real time in order to be inspired to keep fighting the good fight, elect more Democrats, feel good about themselves and the Party, and to help stop the Republican demonization of Democrats by exposing the masses to the truth about our Party issues and dispelling misinformation, disinformation, and lies from the Republican Party and their far right-wing media and social platforms

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that

the problem with getting Democrats elected in Texas is NOT non-voters but rather disheartened and disenfranchised Democrats who have given up on the system because they rightfully perceive that they have no real time influence on politics and that this perception can very directly and successfully be remedied with the addition of Democratic Propositions written and easily available to every Democrat via the voting process thereby giving real time data and information to Representatives, the General Population, and to media and social network outlets.