



BANDERA COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY



CENSURE OF REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW STEVENSON MURR Bandera County Republican Party

WHEREAS, Rule 44 of the Republican Party of Texas allows the party to censure a Republican office holder who takes three or more actions during a biennium in opposition to the core principles of the Republican Party of Texas or to the Legislative Priorities adopted at the most recent State Convention and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr, has demonstrated a pattern of action demonstrably opposed to the Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Platform and the Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the current biennium as defined by the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas began when the State Convention adjourned on June 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr voted (House Roll Call on January 11, 2023) with the Democrats in favor of electing Representative Dade Phelan as Speaker of the House knowing Representative Phelan would appoint Democratic Chairs in a Texas House Republican majority. The vote goes against the Republican Party Legislative Priorities which bans the appointment of Democratic Chairs to ensure all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law. Listed are the Democrats appointed by Speaker of the House Dade Phelan which violates the RPT's third and fifth core principle:

- **Joe Moody (Criminal Jurisprudence) El Paso**
- **Abel Herrero (Corrections) Robstown**
- **Victoria Neave Criado (County Affairs) Dallas County**
- **Harold Dutton (Juvenile Justice and Family Issues) Houston**
- **Senfronia Thompson (Select Committee on Youth Health and Safety) Houston**
- **Oscar Longoria (Business and Industry) Mission**
- **Tracy King (Natural Resources) Uvalde**
- **Bobby Guerra (Resolutions Calendars) Edinburg**
- **Terry Canales (Transportation) Edinburg**

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr (April 6, 2023 House Record Vote: 111) voted in favor for HB1 Amendment 45 by Herrero (D-Robstown) to prohibit use of Appropriated Money for School Vouchers or other similar programs. The money appropriated by this Act may not be used to pay for or support a school voucher, including an education savings account, tax credit scholarship program, or a grant or other similar program to which a child may use state money for non-public primary or secondary education. This action violated the RPT's seventh core principle and our eighth legislative

priority of School Choice, namely, having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children; and

WHEREAS, Texas House Representative Andrew Murr (April 18, 2023 House Record vote: 175) voted in favor on HB1635 sponsored by Burrows (R-Lubbock). HB 1635 seeks to have the state interfere with private political party processes ultimately preventing a political party from controlling who affiliates with them. HB 1635 represents a complete overreach by the government seeking to protect individuals that wish to not be disciplined by the party and the will of the delegates that make up their party. This violated the third, fourth, fifth and ninth core principle, going against a free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Andrew Murr, chair of the Committee on General Investigating (CGI) has demonstrated a pattern of action demonstrably opposed to the third, fourth, fifth and eighth Core Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Platform;

1. The move to impeach Ken Paxton effectively seeks to overturn the will of the November 2022 voters (Third Principle) as noted.
 - a. Representative Murr acted at the direction of Speaker Dade Phelan and in disregard of Texas Government Code §665.081 and the authority found in re Carillo, 542 S.W.2d 105 (Tex. 1976), State ex rel. Russell v. Knorpp, 575 S.W.2d 401 (Tex. App. –Amarillo 1978, writ ref'd n.r.e.) and Reeves v. State, 267 S.W. 666 (Tex. 1924), and governed by; Texas Government Code §665.081 No Removal for Acts Committed Before Election to Office (State ex rel. Russell v. Knorpp).
 - b. The CGI and Chairman Murr included in its consideration and in the Articles of Impeachment at least six articles based on events alleged to have taken place before January 1, 2023, the first day of Attorney General Paxton's current term.
2. The CGI chaired by Representative Murr admitted that none of the witnesses who provided information to that committee were placed under oath before giving their statements as required by Texas Government Code §301.022 (Third, Fourth and Fifth Principles).
3. The Texas House has failed to follow its own precedents in previous impeachment hearings, which traditionally offered due process and defendant representation following the Texas Rules of Evidence (Eighth Principle).
4. The CGI under the guidance of Chairman Murr hired a group of partisan investigators and accepted second-hand and third-hand testimony gathered by those investigators (Eighth Principle).

5. Neither the CGI or the House of Representative allowed Attorney General Paxton the opportunity to present evidence in his defense or to cross-examine witnesses, which is contrary to the spirit of the U.S. Constitution Amendments V and VI and to the precedent established by the Texas House of Representatives in the 1975-76 Carillo impeachment proceeding (Eight Principle).

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN The State Republican Executive Committee (SREC) considers these impeachment proceedings to be an ill-advised, unlawful rush to judgement conducted in a hasty untransparent manner which is contemptuous of due process principles and dismissive of the standard of due diligence, while also disregarding the precedents set in past impeachment proceedings, and

THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that the Members of the SREC Call for lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick to declare the Articles of Impeachment by the House to be “OUT of ORDER,” or in the alternative, Call for the members of the Senate to reject the Articles of Impeachment UNTIL and UNLESS all the above issues are resolved to provide AG Paxton the full due process any defendant deserves.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as State Representative for House District 53 and Chair of the House Committee on General Investigating (CGI), Representative Murr exceeded his authority by leading an illegal, unconstitutional impeachment proceeding to overturn the November 2022 election, thereby denying the will of WE THE PEOPLE, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in accordance with Rule 44 of the Rules of the Republican Party of Texas, the Bandera County Executive Committee of the Republican Party of Bandera County, meeting, on August 23, 2023, a quorum being present, by a vote of at least two-thirds present and voting, hereby censures Representative Andrew Stevenson Murr, a public office holder representing the 53rd House District of Texas which includes the entirety of Bandera County, for actions violating more than three of the core principles of the RPT Platform, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Representative Murr has been duly notified and invited to attend the Bandera County Executive Committee (BCEC) meeting of the Republican Party of Bandera County on 23 August 2023 at 7 PM to answer these charges, and was provided a draft of the proposed censure and notified by certified mail on August 11, 2023 and telephonically on August 11, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we request that the State Republican Executive Committee concur in this resolution of censure and impose on Texas House Representative Andrew Murr, the full set of penalties provided in Rules 44 of the Republican Party of Texas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an official copy of this resolution be prepared and transmitted to the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the Republican Party of Bandera County, in solidarity with the Republicans across both our county and our state, are opposed to House Representative Andrew Murr's continued defamation of Republican principles, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we strongly encourage our fellow Republican Party County Executive Committees, Auxiliaries, and conservative groups across the state of Texas to pass this, or a similar resolution, in demonstration of the widespread dissatisfaction with House Representative Andrew Murr' lack of fidelity to our founding principles, our national and state constitutions, and the Republican Party of Texas, and to express the solidarity of Republicans statewide, in opposition to his continued status as our elected House Representative.

Bandera County Executive Committee Censure Vote On
Representative Murr
23 Aug 2023, 7 PM
Voting Members

Laura Briscoe FOR
Laura Brisco Pct 101

Mike Seabers FOR
Mike Seabers Pct 102

Brandi Conover FOR
Brandi Conover Pct 203

David Speicher Pct 204

Joe Kitzman - AGAINST
Joe Kitzman Pct 305

Cammie Morgan Pct 306 *Cammie Morgan Against*

Elisa Green - For
Elisa Green Pct 407/Secretary

Deanna Skoglund For
Deanna Skoglund Pct 408/Vice Chair

David Allen For
David Allen Pct 409

Rebecca Gring Pct 410
Rebecca J. Gring for

Conrad Striegl County Chair FOR
Conrad Striegl County Chair

Appointed officers and committee chairs (Non-voting members)

John Mata FOR
John Mata communications chair/Sgt at Arms

Rene Leigh FOR
Rene Leigh vetting committee chair/treasurer

Ken Denny FOR
Ken Denny audit committee chair

Gwendolyn Tschirhart - FOR
Gwendolyn Tschirhart
BCEC elections officer

*Darcy Mastly Parliamentarian
FOR*