



Resolutions Adopted by the Tarrant GOP Executive Committee
March 9, 2019

Res.19-03-01-A: United States Department of Justice case against Racial Bias at Universities

RESOLVED, the Tarrant County Republican Party is against the use of racial quotas in the admission criteria for publicly-funded education. Racial considerations should not override academic qualifications in these selection criteria. In particular, we protest the use of racial quotas by the University of Texas system, and are in sympathy with the principle involved in the complaint being brought against Harvard University as a model in this regard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Texas Legislature that represents all or a portion of Tarrant County.

Res.19-03-01-B: To remove tolls once the road is paid for

WHEREAS, the Texas Constitution Art. 1, Sec. 26 prohibits perpetuities; and

WHEREAS, none of the current toll roads operating in Texas are required to take the toll off the road when the bond debt is paid off; and

WHEREAS, toll agencies financially co-mingle the revenues and debt of one project with another to combine them into a 'system,' and continually extend their system and/or refinance the bond debt, hence extending the pay-off date to ensure no road is 'paid off';

Now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, that we urge the Texas Legislature to end this abuse of taxpayers and remove the toll from the highway once the initial bond debt is repaid; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, we call upon the Texas legislature to pass HB 436/SB 374 as originally filed, which also ends system financing and perpetual tolling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Texas Legislature that represents all or a portion of Tarrant County.

Res.19-03-01-C: Toll billing and toll collection reform

WHEREAS, over two million Texans have been put into collections by the Texas Department of Transportation alone for unpaid tolls; and

WHEREAS, Texas drivers continue to be considered criminals in the eyes of current law for a mere unpaid toll bill; and

WHEREAS, toll agencies are soaking the traveling public with punitive fines and fees in addition to the toll owed for actual use of a public highway, which has reached the level of usury;

WHEREAS, the penalties for drivers with unpaid tolls can include impounding one's vehicle (the primary means of getting to work to pay the toll bill), blocking one's vehicle registration, and charging drivers with a criminal misdemeanor that amounts to modern day debtor's prison, violating constitutional law;

WHEREAS, that we urge the Texas Legislature to end this abuse of taxpayers and pass a uniform toll collection and billing procedure that prohibits excessive fines and fees along with other pro-taxpayer reforms such as requiring agencies to send out accurate bills for actual road usage in a timely manner without tacking on additional fines and fees, immediately notify drivers if a payment card is not working prior to tacking on fines and fees for non-payment, calculating any fines and fees based on a monthly billing cycle not on a per transaction basis, allow for a longer period of time before being placed into collections, and allowing payment plans to be set-up prior to being put into collections; and therefore be it,

Now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED, we call upon the Texas legislature to pass SB 382 as originally filed, which decriminalizes a person with unpaid tolls and removes the ability of toll agencies to block a driver's vehicle registration or impound his/her car.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Texas Legislature that represents all or a portion of Tarrant County.

Res.19-03-01-E: Prohibitions on carrying firearms in churches or other places of worship

Be it RESOLVED, that the Tarrant County Republican Party support House Bill 1231, filed by Rep. Dan Flynn, and Senate Bill 535, filed by Sen. Donna Campbell, which would repeal the prohibitions on carrying firearms in churches or other places of worship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Texas Legislature that represents all or a portion of Tarrant County.