

The RIGHT WRITE-UP



The Republican Club of Comal County

*A political group of conservative Republican men and women.
Our goal is to inform about current issues and conservative candidates.*

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF COMAL COUNTY

will meet on Tuesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m. (*social mixer at 5:30*)

at the **First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, 172 W. Coll Street.**
(Enter the parking lot by the Civic Center from Coll St.)

The Club will provide light refreshments such as veggie trays, snacks, and desserts. The Club will also provide utensils, water, tea, and coffee.

Members and guests can bring salads and desserts to share, if desired. We encourage members to arrive early. This will allow time to pay dues, greet friends and guests, and partake of refreshments before the meeting starts.

Please share this meeting announcement with friends and family. As we grow in numbers, our influence grows with our elected officials, and they will respond to our calls on legislative priorities.

Questions? Call or email our President, Al Highfield, at 830-255-1367 or at Albert.Highfield@yahoo.com.



The speaker for our June meeting will be

Don Huffines

Former Texas state senator
and current president of the
Huffines Liberty Foundation,
a fiscally conservative Texas think-tank.

Please see more information about him on page 3.

A Message From Our President

Good day patriots! Being a Veteran of the military during two conflicts, Vietnam and the Gulf War, I am sometimes appalled by rumblings about our services. The move to keep older soldiers in the service because the younger generation does not have the values of our freedoms we fought to preserve! In addition, standards, as I have heard, have been lowered to make it easier to join.

Many of the decisions of the current administration, the leaders and the WOKE society have degraded Patriotism within our country to an unbelievable level. America is no longer a feared adversary in the world. We must fight, get out and vote to repress the current system. This November will be a turning point since the Revolutionary War!! The goal is to keep Texas and the United States governments RED!!!!

Get out and vote!!!
God Bless and keep Texas and America RED forever!
Please visit our website at rccc.org for helpful information.

President Albert F. Highfield
“GOD BLESS TEXAS”

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2024. Patrons donate \$100 per year per person to help us finance our election strategy.

Susan Allick	Bill Foote	Doug Leacock	Joy Streater
Jan Brewer	Steve Gallats	Al Malmsten	Christopher Suchil
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Contact our Membership Chairman, Maria Seiler, at 612-845-4027, to become a Patron member or for more information. Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.

Don Huffines

Don Huffines is a proud fifth-generation Texan, husband, father, grandfather, and self-made businessman.

Don is a strong Christian and fought fearlessly for fiscal restraint and government accountability in the Texas State Senate while representing Dallas County's District 16.

During his two legislative sessions, Don earned a reputation for being one of Texas' most conservative lawmakers.

The only Texas state senator in history to never accept a penny of government money during his tenure, Don was disgusted by the corruption, backroom deals, and flagrant disregard for Texas taxpayers he witnessed plaguing the Austin swamp.

He is recognized for authoring legislation uncovering the largest government corruption scandal in Texas history: Don's work resulted in eliminating a crooked and wasteful government agency, called Dallas County Schools, that stole tens of millions of dollars from Texas taxpayers.

Six people were thrown in prison after being exposed for their roles in the scheme.

During his time in office, Don also authored legislation supporting term limits, pro-life measures, constitutional carry, and school choice. The blue wave election of 2018 resulted in Democrats taking virtually all of Dallas County, including Don's seat in the Texas Senate. Nevertheless, Don remained determined to intensify the fight against harmful left-wing policies statewide and in the governor's office.

Don was born and raised in Dallas alongside his three brothers, where he learned the value of a hard day's work early in life. He came from a long line of Texas entrepreneurs and grew up greasing cars for the family business, Huffines Motor Company, for \$2 an hour.

After graduating from the University of Texas with a B.B.A. in Finance, Don and his twin brother Phillip started Huffines Communities in 1985—a large real-estate development company in the Dallas/Fort Worth area that they still own today. Don is widely respected and recognized in the Dallas community as a leader of integrity and professionalism.

A generous philanthropist, Don supports nonprofits such as Dallas-area pregnancy centers and wildlife conservation groups. He is an avid outdoorsman and hunter.

He and his wife of 34 years, Mary Catherine, have five adult children, Colin, Devin, Terence, Deirdre, and Russell, and 6 grandchildren.

Our Officers for 2024

President	Al Highfield
Vice President	Marty Hiles
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Past President	Mary Wohl
County Chair	Mark Montgomery

Committee Chairs

Membership	Maria Seiler
Legislative Affairs	Lori Granados
Campaign Activities	Maria Seiler
Hospitality	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Parliamentarian	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Publicity Chair	Audrey Johnson Scheper
Facebook	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Newsletter Editor	Kerry Ledford
Special Events	Donna Lee
Special Projects	Ruth Chambers
Web Master	Audrey Johnson Scheper
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Comal County Precinct Chairs

Why do we publish the Comal County Precinct Chair List in the Republican Club Newsletter each month? Our mission as active Republicans is to support the political process. Each one of us should know what Precinct we live in and who serves as our Precinct Chair.

We should offer our assistance to our Precinct Chair for the elections. We can assist as an Election clerk or Election Judge on Election Day. We can offer to block walk to inform our neighbors of early voting. We can block walk for our chosen candidates. We can offer to take a list of Republicans to call with a reminder of the times and places to vote early. There are a number of ways an individual can help to assure a maximum Republican vote.

Studies show that when people intend to vote, but fail to vote early, a substantial percentage of that vote is lost on Election Day. There is a lot to be done. Please offer your help to your Precinct Chair.

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Name</u>
County Chair	Mark Montgomery
Vice Chair	Marty Hiles
Recording Secretary	Judy Walker
Treasurer	Vicky Highfield
Assistant Treasurer	<i>(vacant)</i>
101	Richard Keisheimer
102	Kaci Sisk
103	Tracy Byrne
104	Marcia Stewart
105	Ernie Lee
106	Chris Byrd
107	Anita Valdez
108	Albert Highfield
109	Clint Pulpan
110	Joanne Martin
201	Marty Hiles
202	<i>(vacant)</i>
203	James "Hoss" Boyd
204	Marlin Brown
205	Steve White
206	Kathy Phillips
207	John Brewer
208	Geri Baker
301	Will Moravits
302	Lori Granados
303	Kenneth Kasper
304	<i>(vacant)</i>
305	Isabel Ibarra
306	Barbara Harrell
307	Timothy Davis
308	Mary Lou Erben
401	Robbie Borchers
402	Melinda Rapp
403	Carolyn Besselman
404	Teri Taylor
405	<i>(vacant)</i>
406	Joe Carroll
407	Susan Walker
408	Don Johnson

Texas House Report

by Carrie Isaac

As we kick off the summer months, celebrate graduations and plan summer vacations, I hope this finds everyone doing well. Keeping you informed of what is going on in Austin and making sure your voice is heard is my top priority. Primary runoffs are now behind us and we have work to do in Austin. I serve on the House Business and Industry Committee and the budget writing House Appropriations Committee. Below are the Interim charges for both committees.

Committee on Appropriations

1. Monitoring: Monitor and oversee the implementation of appropriations bills and other relevant legislation passed by the 88th Legislature, including the following:

- ◆ Implementation and impact of additional appropriations made to enhance affordability at institutions of higher education;
- ◆ Mission-specific formula funding at health-related institutions of higher education;
- ◆ Implementation and impact of appropriations under Article II for reimbursement rates; and
- ◆ Programs assisting victims with crime and revenues associated with the awards.

Monitor the federal revenue trends and resources available to efficiently administer timely payments to those awarded grants from the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Attorney General.

2. Cross-Agency Funding Efficiencies:

- ◆ Examine cross-article funding streams within the Texas Education Agency, such as School Health and Related Services (SHARS), determine where overlapping programs are best fit and funded, and make policy recommendations to improve transparency and accountability between agencies.

Committee on Business and Industry

1. Monitoring: Monitor the agencies and programs under the Committee's jurisdiction and oversee the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 88th Legislature. Conduct active oversight of all associated rulemaking and other governmental actions taken to ensure the intended legislative outcome of all legislation, including the following:

HB 4, relating to the regulation of the collection, use, processing, and treatment of consumers' personal data by certain business entities; imposing a civil penalty.

2. Housing Affordability: Evaluate the impact on housing prices and rent caused by institutional buyers to determine whether policy changes are needed to ensure families and individuals are not unfairly priced out of homeownership.

3. Protections Against Fraudulent Deeds: Examine the proliferation of fraudulent deeds purporting to convey the sale or transfer of real or personal property. Recommend policy changes that will better protect potential victims from this illicit activity.

The issue of "squatters" was first brought to my attention early in 2023, where I was told this was not a real issue in Texas. Since that time, I have met with constituents in New Braunfels, Canyon Lake and other areas of HD 73 who were personally affected by these thieves. Their stories are real and terrifying and I am currently crafting legislation to address these issues and protect private property rights. The Committee on Business and Industry will also be examining these issues during the interim as well as the proliferation of fraudulent deeds purporting to convey the sale or transfer of real or personal property. Another issue is industry buying up homes, we have heard from you and your concerns about this affecting people, "could be" first time home buyers and others to have to continue to rent instead of being able to purchase a home due to being unfairly priced out of homeownership. I am working hard on these and other issues I have heard from you about. As always I welcome your input and dialog, and our door is always open to you on these or any other items important to you.

Invitation

You're invited to Fire in the Sky, Dripping Springs' annual Independence Day celebration on July 4!

As always, the fireworks show is free and open to the public, no RSVP required. Limited tickets and sponsorships are available for an optional dinner before the fireworks.

To attend the fireworks for free, follow directions to Hog Heaven Sporting Club, located at 24905 Ranch Road 12. Gates will open at 5:00, and fireworks will begin at dark. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blanket!

Dinner Details:

The ticketed dinner hosted by the Carrie Isaac for Texas campaign is a fundraiser for my reelection. It will be held at the Hog Heaven Party Barn featuring all-American hot dogs and Frito pie. Please note the Party Barn uses a separate entrance from the Sporting Club, and the address will be provided upon purchase.

The Party Barn will open at 6:00, and dinner will be served at 7:00. Please bring your lawn chairs or blanket for the best view of the fireworks show!

Hope to see you at Hog Heaven on July 4!

To buy tickets or for more information, visit the link here or scan the QR code on the flier. Feel free to reach out to Olivia from my campaign team as well if you have any questions or need assistance!

Enjoy the beginning of summer, and I hope to see you and your family at Fire in the Sky!

In Liberty,
Carrie Isaac

THE JOB INTERVIEW



HR: OK I have reviewed your resume' and your references. You lied in your resume' about graduating in the top of your class. You lied when said you have three college degrees. You lied about being a semi truck driver. In checking your references, not one agreed with you that you never discussed business with your family. Not one agreed about how many jobs you created. And almost all said you are currently lying about the other candidate we are interviewing for this position. Sir, with all due respect, you seem to be a serial liar. Why should anyone believe you?

AAA says properly inflated tires can save \$.03 per gallon. But properly counted ballots can save \$3.00 per gallon.

The Liberty Report: Yet Another enemy at the Texas Border

By Don Huffines for the Dallas Express News

DALLAS, TX, April 1, 2024 — The invasion at our Texas Border, now at historical record highs, is an issue that has long been exasperated by both the Mexican government and our federal government. Millions of illegals from over 150 different countries stream into the USA a year. Anyone with eyes—and an honest disposition—can see this.

Texas, the largest Republican-controlled state, is being overrun by huge stadium-size group of people who flood across our border every three months. The logistics alone are mind-boggling. Your average illegal alien has not exactly been trained in land navigation and certainly has only the most limited understanding of what to do once they make it across. Help is being provided.

Across the [border](#), the help comes in the form of near-corporatized cartels, who, in partnership with the Mexican government, make big bucks moving bodies into America. But—and this is rarely discussed—there is also help on the U.S. side of the border. And this “help” has a name: non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

You may be unfamiliar with this acronym, but NGOs are everywhere. Commonly understood as “non-profits,” NGOs have become a hidden force in American politics and social movements. They enjoy a tax-free status and do not have to publicly disclose much of their revenue, contributions, or contributors, most of which come from the federal government. This gives them enormous financial and social latitude to do what they wish.

But the fix, sadly, has been in for a while. Because Border Patrol holding stations have been over capacity for so long, rather than lend real assistance, the Biden administration began granting billions of dollars to NGOs to help with processing. Everything from shelter, food, and final destination (of their choice) transportation is now outsourced.

And the American taxpayer foots this bill.

By all accounts, there is no oversight of how many NGOs work along the border. Millions of dollars have gone missing, and there is zero accounting of activities. If an illegal makes it across the border, there is a good chance an NGO will clothe, feed, and provide an all-expense paid plane ticket to the sanctuary city of their choice. American tax dollars are funding yet another incentive program for illegal aliens.

Aside from obvious security issues (this is a terrorist’s dream) and the massive financial stress on our social systems, not to mention the sheer insanity of willingly paying organizations to aid and abet what is now appropriately termed an invasion of America, darker trends are emerging. NGOs check the identification (impossible to verify) and pass out visas to hundreds of thousands of illegals in Mexico so they can bypass ICE in Texas.

Children and adolescents who cross without family now disappear and cannot be tracked. Abuse and sex trafficking of minors and women are burgeoning. Drugs are saturating our streets and killing our citizens. These black markets that hitherto only nominally existed in America now do big business.

These NGOs are doing the bidding of the cartel-controlled Mexican government and Biden-led federal government and should be exposed, starting with Annunciation House.

Texas should assume NGOs are breaking the law by transporting illegals. This is a felony and should be treated as such. Organization directors and employees (including subcontractors like bus drivers) should be arrested. Materials should be confiscated. They must be forced to prove in state court that their activities are legal. Organizations that are providing a legitimate short-term service, like clothing donations, may or may not remain. But only after protocols have been established.

We must put a moratorium on all NGO border projects until a thorough investigation and assessment have been made. If the Border Patrol is overwhelmed—and they are—Texas can provide free transportation back to Mexico. No one stays in America for more than a week or two.

Finally, I call on the Texas Legislature to pass laws preventing third-party organizations from working on border matters involving the transportation or housing of illegal aliens. This would set off yet another fight with the federal government, which I gladly welcome.

As I mentioned earlier, the cause and continuation of the invasion at the Texas border is simple. Likewise, so are the solutions. All it takes is honesty, courage, and determination—virtues most Texans have. Do our politicians?

Biden should know better than to start a fight with Texas

By Don Huffines

There is a constitutional crisis brewing in America, and the epicenter of the fight happens to be in my home state, Texas. The events in the coming weeks and months will reshape the power of the states vis-à-vis the federal government.

The facts are simple enough. We infamously share a 1981-kilometer border with Mexico. Illegal immigration, always a socioeconomic problem, is approaching a crisis point. Just last month, a historical record-breaking 300,000 illegal immigrants were processed. It is an invasion, parallel to what is occurring in parts of Europe.

I challenged our Governor, Greg Abbott, in the last election two years ago because he has failed to secure our border. I hammered home the idea of using the US Constitution to declare an invasion. Since the campaign, he has been more motivated to act. He recently instructed the Texas National Guard to set up concertina wire in select areas.

The Biden Administration bizarrely, if predictably, thought otherwise. The case was taken to the United States Supreme Court, and in a narrow 5-4 decision, granted the federal government permission to clear the wire.

In the United States, the president has a constitutional duty to uphold federal laws protecting States from an invasion, including current immigration law. The bald fact of 6 million illegal immigrants crossing our southern border in three years should indicate to any reasonable human being that an oath is left unfulfilled.

Governor Abbott finally invoked Article I, Section 10 of the US Constitution, officially declaring an invasion and granting us the means to defend and protect ourselves. Our Constitution is the supreme law of the land and, in theory, supersedes federal statute.

To all this, I say: "Well and good, Governor. Now let's see you execute it." While Texans wish him success in the execution of his constitutional struggle, it is naïve to believe the border problems will disappear simply through beating the federal government in court. The truth is that the federal government has never sufficiently secured our Southern Border.

There is no constitutional crisis unless the Governor moves on the powers he invoked. Without action, the events of the last few weeks have been pure political theatre. And what action looks like in the eyes of Texans is simple: first, make clear what is forthcoming. No vague allusions, no pulling punches. Next, solicit, if necessary, support from other states to work alongside state and national guards.

Already Texas has the support of many states in this showdown, which is gratifying to see. But the issue will not be solved without bold leadership where Texas takes our constitutional authority to its fullest extent and actually acts as necessary to halt the inflow of illegal migrants across our southernmost border.



Date _____

___ Renewal ___ New

Precinct # _____

Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Spouse Occupation: _____ Spouse Phone: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership Dues*

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Yes, I want to be a Patron in addition to my regular Membership.

Being a Patron aids in Fundraising and includes Special Benefits.

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