

EXHIBIT I - Legislative Priorities

2024-2025 Legislative Priorities:

Border Enforcement	Secure Texas Elections	Stop Sexualizing Texas' Kids
No Democrat Chairs	Ban Taxpayer-funded Lobbying	Secure the Electric Grid
Texas is Not for Sale	End Federal Overreach	

The following recommended legislative priorities were **Passed** by the County/SD Convention:

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2. Prevent the Use of Taxpayer Funds and Public Office to Advance any Religious, Ideological, or Foreign Systems of Law

The Republican Party of Texas affirms that all political power is inherent in the People, and that the Constitutions of the United States and Texas—adopted by the People—are the sole and exclusive sources of civil authority in this State. The Republican Party of Texas demands the adherence to Article VI of the Constitution of the United States as the supreme law of the land.

- The Texas Legislature should enact laws prohibiting the use of public office, governmental authority, public institutions, or taxpayer funds to enforce, elevate, subsidize, or accommodate any religious, ideological, or foreign system of law above the US and Texas Constitutions.
- All public accommodations shall be religiously neutral, offering equal, non-exclusive options and use to all faiths without establishing or promoting any specific religious law and be in alignment with US and Texas Constitutional requirements.
- The Texas Legislature shall enact or strengthen measures requiring explicit judicial review of any religious arbitration or mediation outcomes in family law matters for compliance for US and Texas Constitutional rights and laws, to prevent subversion of equal protection and due process guarantees.
- Such legislation must also provide taxpayers with standing to challenge violations of the oath of office and the unconstitutional use of public authority or taxpayer funds. In the case of a challenge regarding violations of an oath of office, the body to which the offending member belongs cannot be the arbiter or mediator of the challenge. Such challenges must be mediated or adjudicated by a qualified independent entity.

The Republican Party of Texas urges the Legislature to adopt this framework to ensure that public authority in Texas remains grounded solely in the Constitution and the sovereignty of the People.

3. Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

Prohibiting all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying, including the use of tax dollars to hire lobbyists, whether contractors or employees. Any payment of tax dollars to local government associations or related non-profits must exclude designated or allocated funding to lobbying activities by that local government association, non-profit or its contractors or employees.

4. No Democrats in Leadership Roles

The Republican controlled Texas Legislature, both House and Senate, shall end the practice of awarding leadership positions to Democrats, including but not limited to all chairmanships, vice-chairmanships, and chief budget officers of Committees, Sub-committees, Permanent Standing Subcommittees, Standing committees, Officers of the House, leadership of ad-hoc committees, and any other leadership roles both elected and appointed. All above referenced entities shall be majority Republican.

5. Ax the Property Tax

Establish a permanent pathway to ending school maintenance and operations (M&O) taxes and recapture, without creating or raising any other tax, by capping spending growth and requiring at least 60% of future state budget surpluses and Rainy Day Fund surpluses to be used to compress the school M&O until it is eliminated.

6. Secure Texas Elections

Securing Texas elections from each citizen's registration to the final count of legal votes by:

- Requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote.
- Requiring the Counties and Secretary of State to update the voter rolls at least semi-annually.
- Requiring a valid mandatory photo ID for every election, without exception.
- Restricting mail-in ballots to disabled, military, and eligible citizens who are out of their county for the entire voting period.
- Standardizing in-person voting, with early voting limited to a period of no longer than five (5) days.

- Counting ballots in precinct using a non-internet connected scanner method as soon as the ballot is returned by the voter and with publication (not online) of the results prior to submission to the County.
- Closing party primaries for only registered Republicans.
- Removing existing Secretary of State waivers to comply with current Election Code.

7. End Federal Overreach

Resisting unconstitutional federal acts and mandates that restrict transportation, including mandatory kill switches in vehicles, road diets, and restrictions on the owner's right to repair vehicles and equipment. The Republican Party demands the destruction of the ATF's digital gun records database and demands prohibition of any future federal gun registry.

8. Stop Sexualizing Texas' Kids

Stopping the sexualization of minors, which leads to abuse, exploitation, and trafficking, by:

1. Prohibiting taxpayer funding to any entities that permit or promote sexually inappropriate content to minors and legislatively banning instruction on sexual orientation and gender ideology in schools and libraries.
2. Repealing affirmative defenses in Texas Penal Code (43.24, 43.25) and redefining "harmful materials" to remove loopholes provided by the modified Miller Test.
3. Establishing an independent Inspector General for Education to investigate fraud, waste, abuse, and criminal conduct within schools and refer findings to prosecutorial authorities
4. Compelling superintendents to report sex crimes within schools to outside law enforcement.

9. Texas is Not for Sale

Banning the sale of real property in Texas, and discontinuing taxpayer funding and incentives, to government, entities, and proxies of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, and other Foreign Adversaries defined in Federal Statutes, Rules or Executive Orders. Only legal citizens of the United States shall be allowed to purchase any real property in the State of Texas.

10. Don't Gamble Texas' Future

Preserving the constitutional bans on casino gambling and sports betting, including approval of developments that partner casinos with family entertainment centers and online gambling applications of any kind.

11. Mass Surveillance

Prevention of and protection from mass surveillance in public spaces, including technologies like the Flock camera system being imposed on citizens by governmental agencies across Texas without citizen input or consent. We are concerned that data stored could be used for Social Credit Scoring, population control, which would deprive citizen of their Constitutional rights.