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MEMO: to the Pro-Life/Tea Party:

From: Stephen L. Love
Subject: Medical Waste or Sacrificial Giver of Life?
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A child dies in a car wreck, but in donating that child's organs to another child, a grieving **family finds comfort** that their child has not died in vain.

A baby lying in a crib is killed by a stray bullet from a drive-by shooting, but that family donates their baby's organs to another baby and **finds meaning** in a senseless act of violence.

Throughout the ages **people of faith have always found life in death**; in fact, one of the world's great religions is based on that idea: He died that we might live.

A woman has a tragic miscarriage or some other **pregnancy-terminating event**. Planned Parenthood collects that fetal material and puts it in the hands of a medical researcher looking for the cause of miscarriages. Out of her guilt and sorrow **she finds purpose in the death of her baby ... and you would take that away from her?**

After a lost pregnancy, we have a choice of seeing that fetal material as medical waste or something potentially life-giving!

If that little still body could speak, which would it ask to be: medical waste to be incinerated or a sacrificial giver of life to future generations?

Steve
(The Reverend Mr. Stephen L. Love)

Do not forget Sandy Hook. If 9/11 is the symbol of all that is associated with terrorism, so should Sandy Hook be the symbol of all that is associated with our refusal to deal with guns in the same way we deal with all other threats to public health and safety.

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EDITORIAL

In a Handbasket

The other day while shopping at Costco in Plano, Texas, a senior woman questioned me about the Obama shirt I was wearing. I smiled and mumbled something about supporting the president. “You support Obama?”

“Certainly.” I replied. “He has accomplished so much during his presidency. Are you folks Democrats?”

Their angry tirade-reply to my query was the “18 trillion dollar debt is too high [for me] to count!” My response? “We have had 65 months of employment growth.” Again I got more tirade about the debt. I looked for my escape from an impossible situation. The man then stated, “I spent years in the Navy! This isn’t what I fought for — 18 trillion dollars in debt!”

“Thank you for your service, sir that I might enjoy freedom. Thank you.” My quiet statement of thanks befuddled him and I found my escape. I did add, as a parting thought, “What are you folks going to do when Social Security and Medicare goes away?” I wish I had added some comments about the treatment of veterans including the recent vote to cut spending for veteran’s benefits.

What are we going to do? (That is the billion dollar question — time adjusted from \$64,000 ...)

Fact: 20 percent of Texans are not covered by health insurance (most in the nation).

Response: Pundits continue a call for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Fact: As of September 1, 2015, Planned Parenthood will not provide women’s breast and cancer screenings.

Response: “Texas lawmakers wrote a provision into the state budget to prohibit clinics affiliated with abortion providers from receiving taxpayer funding for breast and cervical cancer screenings.” www.chron.com/opinion/editorials/article/On-Planned-Parenthood-a-rush-to-judgment-6438603.php

Fact: Texas is 51st in persons with a high school diploma.

Response: Lower graduation requirements. Lower the test requirements.

http://www.statemaster.com/graph/edu_hig_sch_dip_or_hig_by_per-high-school-diploma-higher-percentage

Fact: Texas (and the U.S.) Is facing a teacher shortage.

Response: Lower teacher certification requirements. Cut the education budget. Refusal to pay salary increases for teachers. Cut benefits. Fire yet another DISD Superintendent.

Fact: “Dallas has tallied 68 murders so far this, up from 53 in 2014, according to police department statistics. San Antonio counted 53 homicides through June, compared with 43 last year.” www.usatoday.com/story/news/2015/07/09/us-cities-homicide-surge-2015/29879091/

Response: Texas Legislature passed and Gov. Abbott signed into law Open Carry (HB910)

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/rundown/texas-verge-passing-open-carry-law>

Under President Obama we have had 65 months of employment growth. Fact. However, too many of these jobs are at stagnant low pay levels. Minimum wages are capped, with the exception of very few areas, at less than \$8.00 per hour and many workers are limited to 39 hours per week and therefore are classed as part time. CEOs, however, are receiving astronomical wages — thousands of dollars per hour. (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics). Many WalMart employees and Veterans are forced to receive food stamps to feed their families.

Want to pay off the 18 trillion debt? Employ American workers and pay them a living wage. End the warring madness. Diplomacy not guns. Remove the cap on Social Security contributions, lower the percentage assessed, benefitting both employers and those in the lowest income levels. Oh, and while we’re at it, remove the ridiculous 75 year pension requirement burden from the United States Postal Service.

As for Texas: the only hope is to make a clean sweep of our government. Find and elect persons who are in the position to preserve, protect and govern all Texans. It is time to end the strangle hold of the GOP’pers. It is time to vote out of office especially those who are under indictment.

Rachel Baker Ford, editor

The Great Republican Un-debate of August 7, 2015

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

Ten Republican candidates for President of the United States were side by side while the moderators fed them prepared questions. On stage were Donald Trump, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, Florida Senator Marco Rubio, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, Ben Carson, Kentucky Senator Rand Paul, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Texas Senator Ted Cruz, and Ohio Governor John Kasich.

From the starting bell, it was evident the purpose of the gathering was to determine which candidate was the “true conservative.” The show started with a challenge for the candidates. “Is there anyone on stage, and can I see hands, who is unwilling tonight to pledge your support to the eventual nominee of the Republican party and pledge to not run an independent campaign against that person?” Donald Trump stood alone with his hand raised. They had found their modern day, arrogant and ignorant, Archie Bunker.

They questioned each of the candidates qualifications to be President of the United States while pointing out their flaws in the question. Democrats should send thank you cards to Fox for that maneuver.

Comments on Individual Candidates

Ben Carson lacks experience in government. He admitted it but claimed to be a fast learner.

Sen. Marcus Rubio lacks experience as an executive. Rubio’s response was, “if this election is a resume competition, then Hillary Clinton’s gonna be the next president, because she’s been in office and in government longer than anybody else running here tonight.”

Jeb Bush was questioned about whether we needed another Bush in the White House. Jeb weak response was, “I am my own man.”

Donald Trump was questioned about his condescending treatment of women. He took the opportunity to prove that it is true.

Sen. Ted Cruz was told he was divisive. He didn’t bother to deny it.

Gov. Chris Christie’s record as governor came under fire. “Under your watch, New Jersey has undergone nine credit rating downgrades. The state ranks 44th in private sector growth.” Governor Christie’s response was, “I’m not as bad as my predecessor.”

Gov. Scott Walker was asked why he said he opposed abortion even to save the mother’s life, but signed a bill with that exception. He dodged the question and stated he de-funded **Planned Parenthood** in Wisconsin.

Mike Huckabee on abortion: “I think the next president ought to invoke the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution now that we clearly know that that baby inside the mother’s womb is a person at the moment of conception.”

Sen. Rand Paul was called out for blaming Republican hawks for the rise of ISIS. The senator backtracked. “So, we didn’t create ISIS — ISIS created themselves, but we will stop them, by not funding them, and not arming them.”

Gov. John Kasich was taken to task for expanding Medicaid in Ohio. The Governor justified his actions as a cost savings and a response to humanitarian need.

Democrats couldn’t have dreamed up a better political advertisement featuring Republican candidate shortcomings. The full transcript of the debate is available at:

<http://time.com/3988276/republican-debate-primetime-transcript-full-text/>

***Note:** For those who may not have seen or don’t remember Archie Bunker: Archie was the lead character in the TV series “All in the Family.” Archie couldn’t wait to display his bigotry, ignorance, and his intolerance for those who didn’t fit his definition of an American. He was the original Tea Bagger!*

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COMMENTARY

Happy Thoughts About Indicted Texas Politicians

— Willa B. Kulhavy

Shortly after our Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was indicted on two counts of security fraud and failing to register with the Texas Security Board, our esteemed Editor of the **VOICE** looked up indicted members of Congress and saw since 1980 more than two dozen members of Congress have been indicted. Editor Rachel wanted an article asking about what Congressional members could have accomplished if they hadn't spent so much time getting indicted.

I realize editors and many other people see accomplishments as a positive, but given the recent U.S. and Texas governing bodies accomplishments, doesn't it make you a little happy that Ken Paxton was a little busy getting himself indicted?

I feel sorry for the investors who invested maybe \$600,000 in a struggling tech firm, Servery, Inc., without knowing their investment adviser, at the time, Texas House member Ken Paxton, was being paid for selling Servery stock. (Servery appears to be a very iffy investment.)

Here's another happy thought. The Collin County mug shot of Paxton in his nice suit and tie got a lot more attention than it would have if Paxton had been photographed with the white towel around his neck as is Collin County's mug shot policy. Serves him right.

The Dallas Morning News comparison of Paxton's mug shot performance with Rick Perry's mug shot pose when Perry was indicted in August, 2014 for abuse of official capacity (also called abuse of power) and coercion of a public servant reminded me how optimistic I felt about Perry's days of power being over. Since then the coercion indictment has been closed but the abuse of power indictment still hangs over Perry while he merrily runs for President. Or so I thought until I read the August 11th *Dallas Morning News* headline, "Perry, short on cash, stops paying his staff." So Perry is low on campaign funds, in the bottom tier of Republican candidates, and least unlikely to be the next President of the United States. According to CBS news, there is still a special prosecutor researching Perry's abuse of power which was threatening to cut off funding to the Public Integrity unit, a state corruption prosecutor's department overseen by the Attorney General of Travis County. That's a happy thought, although Perry isn't the worst of the Republican gaggle of candidates.

Nor is Perry worse than the only other indicted Texas Governor, James "Pa" Ferguson who was indicted in 1917 for underfunding University of Texas in order to unseat faculty and staff who opposed Ferguson. Ferguson was impeached and resigned before he was convicted so his wife Miriam "Ma" Ferguson could take over.

Texas politician's crimes haven't changed much but be happy, neither Perry nor Patrick are very powerful now. Well, maybe Patrick never was powerful but he must have been useful to Abbott. Think happy thoughts. Maybe Abbott has a weak spot. Maybe Jim Webb, Martin O'Malley, or Lincoln Chaffee is a super candidate.

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"More than two dozen members of Congress have been indicted since 1980"

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Ken Paxton's Indictment — So What's New?

— *Katherine Savers McGovern*



On Monday, August 3, 2015, the recently elected Attorney General of the State of Texas, Ken Paxton, surrendered to the Sheriff at the Collin County Courthouse, McKinney, in response to his Indictment on three Counts of Security Act violations, he was arrested, booked, mug shot taken, and released after posting personal recognizance bonds totaling \$35,000. Ken Paxton is the first Texas attorney general in more than 30 years to be indicted while in office.

Ken Paxton's mug shot does not include the "Collin County Equalizer White Towel" because the specially appointed Tarrant County Judge, George Gallagher, did not want the mug shot to show bias against AG Paxton. Really? While Judge Gallagher could order the Collin County officials not to make AG Paxton wear the white towel, he could not protect AG Paxton from looking like a crooked used car salesman in the mug shot. So maybe, in the end, Texas politics did not achieve the desired goal — AG Paxton may be presumed innocent but he surely doesn't look it.

The Indictment charges AG Paxton with two counts of securities fraud and one count of acting as an investment adviser representative without being registered with the state securities board. In its analysis of the Indictment, the New York Times' August 3, 2015, edition, reports:

The charges — two counts of first-degree securities fraud and one count of third-degree failure to register — are tied to Mr. Paxton's work soliciting clients and investors for two companies while he was a member of the Texas House of Representatives, before he was elected attorney general in November [2014].

In the most serious charges, first-degree securities fraud, Mr. Paxton is accused of misleading investors in a technology company, Servery Inc., which is based in McKinney, his hometown. He is accused of encouraging the investors in 2011 to put more than \$600,000 into Servery while failing to tell them he was making a commission on their investment, and misrepresenting himself as an investor in the company, said Kent A. Schaffer, one of the two special prosecutors handling the case. The group of investors were Mr. Paxton's friends and included a colleague in the Texas House, Representative Byron Cook.

Mr. Schaffer said Mr. Paxton's role in misleading the investors had come to light in an investigation by members of the Texas Ranger Division. Mr. Schaffer and the other special prosecutor, Brian Wice, are Houston defense lawyers appointed by a judge to act, effectively, as district attorneys in the case.

However, the third Indictment Count which charges AG Paxton with failure to register with the Texas State Securities Board may prove to be the most troublesome because he has already admitted to the essence of the charge — failure to register— and that is a criminal violation of the Texas Securities Act as a third-degree felony punishable with a sentence of two to 10 years. In AG Paxton's agreed disciplinary order with the Texas State Securities Board, he has admitted that he solicited clients for a friend's investment firm in 2004, 2005 and 2012 without registering with the board, a violation of the Texas Securities Act.

Do not expect the criminal case against AG Paxton to proceed swiftly. Consider the snail pace of the indictment against Governor Rick Perry as an indicator and settle down to the year 2016 being full of exciting news — not only on the election of our next President, but whether Texas Attorney General and ex-Governor will be found guilty as charged. Popcorn ready?!

Justice Prevails United States 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Issues Opinion on the Texas Voter ID Law

— Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair

After the U.S. Supreme Court upheld marriage equality and The Affordable Care Act (aka ObamaCare) last month, some of us thought it couldn't get any better than that ... at least with the current make-up of the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress. However, last month, the U.S. Supreme Court granted *certiorari* * and decided to hear the Texas redistricting case in its 2015-16 session. Additionally, last week, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals struck the Texas Voter ID law, holding that it violated the Voting Rights Act! Granted, the Fifth Circuit didn't go so far as to hold the voter ID law unconstitutional. Instead, it sent the case back to the district court to fashion a revised law that would protect against voter fraud without discriminating.

The 49-page opinion of the court made clear that the voter ID law, as passed by the Republican dominated Texas Legislature, was discriminatory. Nevertheless, our Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton called the ruling a “victory” for the voter ID law, and he proclaimed that the Texas Voter ID law remained in effect.

This is not the first time that Ken Paxton has issued an official legal opinion that is not consistent with the law. After the U.S. Supreme Court issued its landmark opinion, confirming the constitutionality of marriage equality, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton circulated an opinion to the county clerks of Texas, instructing them that they did not have to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. When a federal judge threatened to hold Paxton in contempt of court for violating the law, Paxton backed down. And speaking of Ken Paxton, his issuance of erroneous, partisan “legal opinions” on behalf of the State of Texas is not the first time he's been accused of violating the law. Just last week, a Collin County grand jury indicted him on three felony counts.

During the last session of the Texas Legislature, we consistently flinched, while news of the actions (and inaction) of the majority party filtered into the national news. To name a few examples, they failed to sufficiently fund public education (again) and they passed “open carry” and “campus carry,” despite strong opposition by law-enforcement agencies.

Thankfully, the legislature is out of session, and the courts are now taking action so that justice will prevail.

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* certiorari

n. (ser-sh-oh-rare-ee) a writ (order) of a higher court to a lower court to send all the documents in a case to it so the higher court can review the lower court's decision. Certiorari is most commonly used by the U.S. Supreme Court, which is selective about which cases it will hear on appeal. To appeal to the Supreme Court one applies to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari, which it grants at its discretion and only when at least three members believe that the case involves a sufficiently significant federal question in the public interest. By denying such a writ the Supreme Court says it will let the lower court decision stand, particularly if it conforms to accepted precedents (previously decided cases).

<http://dictionary.law.com/default.aspx?selected=164>

[CORRECTION: Originally this article was titled with “SCOTUS ...” The correct court is the United States 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.]

Fund Child Protective Services!

Child abuse is a plague which is preventable. When the state and local officials become aware that a child or children are being or have been abused, many times actions are taken which allow the abuser to retain custody of the child or children, with a plan that someone from CPS will be assigned to supervise the home situation. When CPS fails, the media is all over it and the public appalled when the outcome is more harm to the child or children who were supposed to be protected. It has long been known that the funding of the CPS is inadequate to the purpose of "Child Protective Services," i.e., to protect the at risk child or children. It has been and is time for all members of the Texas Legislature to step up and more than adequately (too vague a standard) fund the state's system for protecting children.

Facebook 8/14/15 Katherine Savers McGovern

When folks say,
"Well....Coal is all we've got!"
I look at the results of the local
elections and think to myself,
"And exactly whose fault do you think
that is?"



The decline of coal is NOT the reason we are facing economic hardships here in Appalachiathat's what the coal barons would have you believe ! Our poor economy is the DIRECT RESULT of poor leadership in the past, corrupt alliances between politicians and the coal kings, and LACK of a VISION to diversify the economy. Please don't be in the mind frame of "Coal is All We've Got." No it's not ! We've still got our PEOPLE, our TALENTS, our FAITH and our FIGHT ! Coal is all the money-hungry coal operators WANTED us to have so their millions would not be affected. It's about THEM...not US...always have been ! But hopefully...things are changing in the way we think !

Facebook 8/14/15 Jennifer McDaniels

Sounding Off: Readers discuss securities investigation against attorney general

The investigation against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton appears to have more to do with Paxton having paid a \$1,000 fine to the Texas Security Board for soliciting clients for a friend's investment without registering with the state as required by law than it has to do with Paxton's political enemies. On July 2, the United Press International reported, "During the investigation of Paxton, the Texas Rangers have uncovered new evidence suggesting securities fraud of more than \$100,000."

With Ken Paxton now Texas attorney general and Greg Abbott being governor of Texas, why would any reasonable person think the Texas Rangers investigated Paxton to make Paxton's political enemies happy? No, I do not agree with Paxton that the investigation of Paxton's soliciting clients for investments is a political hit job. I think Paxton should have registered with the Texas Security Board and fully disclosed his connections to the investments he was selling.

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www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/garland-mesquite/headlines/20150723-sounding-off-readers-discuss-securities-investigation-against-attorney-general.ece

Subject: On "We are seeing attacks..."

Talking Points DMN 8-9-2015

The "intact fetal cadaver" issue is not about abortion and only tangentially about Planned Parenthood. This is about Pro-Life, Inc., which make money trashing abortion; that so hates Planned Parenthood, which performs a legal medical procedure; that they are willing to jeopardize the supply chain of research material to the very people most dedicated to saving the life of babies: future babies!

Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit corporation in a legal and moral supply chain feeding fetal material to researchers. Suggesting that Planned Parenthood profits from the "sale of baby parts" is to slander not just that organization but the researchers, who must be, by the flawed logic of the Pro-Life community, "buying baby parts!"

The babies that are the source of this supply chain did not die at the so-called "bloody hands of an abortionist." These babies succumbed to any one of a number of maladies for which, sadly, we have no prevention. But every bit of fetal material that is directed to a researcher and saved from the medical waste burn bag is a step closer to saving the life of a future baby. That is what I call really being pro-life!

—Steve Love

Carried Interest

— Charles E. Ford, Jr.

You invest your savings in a private equity or hedge fund and are guaranteed a certain percent return each year. The account is assigned to a hedge fund manager. At the end of the year a portion of the profit will go to the fund manager. **The portion the hedge fund manager receives is called “carried interest”.** Thus, carried interest is a reward for good or excellent performance.

According to Investopedia the carried interest is typically 20 - 25 percent of the funds annual profit. If the initial investment was \$5 million and the profit for the year was 20 percent, the carried interest could be about \$200,000 just for one account and the manager could have multiple accounts. Successful private equity and hedge fund manager are among the richest people in the world.
www.investopedia.com/terms/c/carriedinterest.asp

Politicians bemoan the fact carried interest is taxed at 24 percent or less instead 39.6 plus 2.9 percent surtax when they are on the campaign trail. But the super rich are the very people that make large campaign contributions from so corrections to the tax code never appear as a bill for the President’ signature.

www.taxpolicycenter.org/briefing-book/key-elements/business/carried-interest.cfm

Carried interest is treated as a sacred cow along with corporate deductions, offshore tax havens, mortgage deductions, and a multitude of other tax loopholes. Carried interest is a campaign issue because it is one of many contributors to the income inequality in this country. The Center for Effective Government claims eliminating the \$2.2 billion tax break for just 25 hedge fund managers could pay for 50,000 highway construction jobs.

www.foreffectivegov.org/blog/meet-25-hedge-fund-managers-whose-22-billion-tax-break-could-pay-50000-highway-construction-job

[editor: This article is one of a series of articles for lay readers information and understanding]



Thank you, Secretary of State Kerry and President Obama for your diligent good work making this moment a reality.
Diplomacy in action — not bombs.



Texas
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County Chairs Meet in San Antonio

Texas Democratic Party County Chairs Conference
in San Antonio.

Our county chairs are busy working this weekend.



Regional Director Bill Brannon.



Carol Donovan DCDP chair & Judith Matherne, Rockwall Co. Chair

Susie Stancel (not a county chair) is there covering the meeting for the VOICE.

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FROM THE CHAIR

Dallas County Democratic Party Update

Since taking the Oath of Office, after my election on June 27, 2015 as your Dallas County Democratic Party (DCDP) Chair, I have focused on 3 primary areas: 1) election preparation; 2) fundraising; and 3) diversity recruitment.

Election preparation is essential. The primary role of the local party is to administer, and ensure, fair, efficient and effective primary elections. The next primary is on March 1, 2016, and the preparations have already begun. This week, DCDP staff members met with representatives of the Dallas County Election Department to plan a voter registration drive, including high school and college students. DCDP staff and volunteers are working diligently to fill over 200 precinct chair vacancies. If your precinct does not have a precinct chair, please consider serving in this capacity. If you do not know whether your precinct has a precinct chair, please call the DCDP office at 214-821-8331.



Fundraising is the mainstay of all nonprofit organizations, and the DCDP is no exception. With the help of the DCDP staff, I have revamped our sustaining member program. This program allows Democrats to support the local Party year-round at a level they can afford. An eblast, launching this program, will be sent to the DCDP "Roundup" newsletter mailing list within the next week. If you did not get the "Roundup," call the DCDP office at 214-821-8331 or sign up for a free subscription on the homepage of the DCDP website at www.dallasdemocrats.org.

Diversity recruitment is needed throughout Dallas County. We are working with ECO Latino radio to co-host with them a media-driven voter registration drive focused on Hispanic citizens of Dallas County. With other co-hosts, we will also host similar events for African-American and Asian-American citizens. Frances Rizo has accepted my appointment to chair a new Diversity Recruitment Committee to advise the Party's Executive Committee as to methods and programs to recruit minority voters. Meanwhile, as the new chair, I am speaking several times each week to Democratic clubs, community organizations and elected officials, requesting volunteers to help us in these efforts.

Of course, it's also important for Democrats to have fun. Please calendar, register, and plan to join your fellow Democrats, for several upcoming events, including the Annual DCDP Labor Day Picnic on September 7th and a Democratic Primary Presidential Debate Watch on October 13th. You can obtain details on these events by calling the DCDP office at 214-821-8331 or by checking the homepage of the DCDP website at www.dallasdemocrats.org.

The Dallas County Democratic Party continues to be the model for the state. Dallas County is the largest **blue** county in Texas. Our goal is to continue that 10-year tradition and to make it even bluer by taking on state representative and state senate posts as well. To volunteer, just call the DCDP office at 214-821-8331.

Thank you for supporting the local Democratic Party, and thank you for the work you do to make Dallas County more democratic.

Carol

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Zen Biasco



Carol Donovan, DCDP Chair and Jane Alvizo, Fannin County Democratic Chair



Chris Nguyen

Protest in McKinney: “AXE PAXTON”

Three felony indictments were unsealed against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on August 3, 2015. Democrats were out in full force calling for the indicted Texas Attorney General to resign.

Also that day, finally, the Texas GOP broke its radio silence about his multiple felony charges by insulting the Texas Rangers and citizens of Collin County.

Dallas County Democratic Party Chair Carol Donovan issued the following statement:

“I am concerned by the statement issued today by the Texas GOP, accusing the Collin County Grand Jury of being unfair and partisan, especially when the majority of Collin County voters are Republican. To now belittle the indictments by criticizing the Grand Jury is an affront to the entire Texas legal system, which Ken Paxton, as the Texas AG, is supposed to uphold.”

“Paxton has admitted breaking the law. With three felony indictments hanging over his head, Ken Paxton cannot effectively or credibly enforce the laws of Texas or otherwise perform the duties of his office as Texas Attorney General.”

*Text provided by the Dallas County Democratic Party
www.dallasdemocrats.org*



Carol Donovan, Jane Alvizo with Deborah Angell Smith, Texas Democratic Party Executive Council



Katherine Savers McGovern



Susan Cooper



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GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE
FROM LONE STAR PROJECT



**Big State Governor Calls on Indicted
Attorney General to Step Down
...But it's not who you're thinking**

To fully realize the negligence and timidity of Greg Abbott and other Texas Republicans failing to muster the courage to call on indicted Attorney General Ken Paxton to step down, just take a look at what is happening in Pennsylvania where a similar scandal is unfolding.

Within one day of Pennsylvania Attorney General, Democrat Kathleen Kane, being indicted by a grand jury on felony criminal charges, Pennsylvania's Democratic Governor Tom Wolf called on her to step down. Kane is the first woman and the first Democrat to serve as Pennsylvania AG. Yet Governor Wolf set partisan and political pressure aside to say the right thing.

His statement was clear, unequivocal and entirely reasonable:

“She’s the top law enforcement officer responsible for filing illegal complaints, and to have one filed against her compromises her,” said Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf. “Just the filing is going to make it difficult for her to do her job as the top law enforcement officer while she has to defend herself against these charges, and they’re serious charges.

“I am calling on her to step aside, step down as attorney general, because I think she cannot do what she has to do as the top law enforcement officer in Pennsylvania while she’s facing these serious charges.”

— Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, 8/6/15

Now compare that to the mushy, CYA statement issued by Greg Abbott after Republican Texas AG Ken Paxton was indicted on felony charges for swindling Texans out of their hard-earned money:

“Everyone is entitled to due process under the law. As a former judge, I recognize this is the first step in a lengthy process and will respect that process as it moves forward.”
— Texas Governor Greg Abbott, 8/3/15

Ken Paxton’s criminal scandal is showing Texans much more than a corrupt Attorney General finally facing prosecution for his crimes. It is revealing an acutely partisan, politically fearful Governor and a set of state leaders who enable and accommodate corruption.

Since Governor Abbott can’t find the guts to take heat from the blind partisans in his own party, Texans are stuck with an Attorney General who will be spending months, maybe years, trying to avoid serving time in the state penitentiary rather than serving the State of Texas.

August 14, 2015
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AS WE GO TO PRESS



League of United Latin American Citizens
Past National President, National Civil Rights Chair
Rosa Rosales

PRESS RELEASE

August 12, 2015

League of United Latin American Citizens

The recent action by the State of Texas to deny American born children whose parents are immigrants their constitutional claim to citizenship with all the rights and privileges that that entails is vigorously opposed by The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Under the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, all persons born in the United States regardless of parentage are U.S. citizens. Therefore, states do not have jurisdiction over this matter. The U.S. courts have consistently upheld this right. Consequently, the State of Texas is in direct violation of the division of powers established under the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The National LULAC office in conjunction with the Texas LULAC office will take action against this atrocious violation of our constitution either by joining other lawsuits or by filing a lawsuit independently. In addition LULAC also calls on Governor Greg Abbott to take immediate action on this issue by reinstating the use of the Matricula Consular and foreign passports as valid proof of identity for undocumented parents.

The violation of the 10th and 14th Amendments will result in severe consequences for these children since their parents will not be able to enroll them in daycare facilities, k through high school including college enrollment, give consent to urgent medical care and health, and last but not least, this atrocious action will result in the denial of the cultural and other benefits that U.S. children are eligible.

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Note: This Press Release just arrived in our office - Friday, August 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. CDT. The significance of this legal action is too important to all citizens of Texas to hold for publication in our next issue. The **GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE** supports this action and will report on any progress.
[signed] Rachel Baker Ford, editor

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Dallas, TX 75227

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Lake Highlands / White Rock
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JOIN GLORIA CAMPOS FOR CHILI

The Lake Highlands/White Rock Democrats extends to our Garland neighbors an invitation to our Annual Chili Supper. The event will be held on September 20, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Winfrey Point 950 East Lawther Drive, White Rock Lake Park. Former WFAA Anchorwoman Gloria Campos will serve as both emcee and as the keynote speaker.

NAACP Garland Unit

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The 25th Annual Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction

Saturday, September 19, 2015
Silent Auction: 9:00 a.m. Brunch: 10:00 a.m.

**Keynote Speaker: Niambi Tillman
FBI - Assistant Special Agent in Charge**

Hyatt Place Garland
5101 George Bush Highway
Garland, Texas 75040

Brunch Table: \$450.00 Individual Ticket: \$45.00
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