

Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

Representing 13 Counties of
Federated Republican Women



March 2021 Issue

President's message

Dear GHC Family,

One word that comes to mind as I write this letter is 'Snowstorm'!!! Did anyone think that in addition to the Covid pandemic and social unrest this year, we would be dealing the impact of a historic state-wide snow and ice storm this past month? Everyone in our GHC counties was impacted in some way. Our hearts and prayers go out to everyone who suffered as a result of the storm. At our General meeting on **March 16th**, we will be collecting food and necessities for the Houston Food Bank. According to their website, the "Houston Food Bank is the largest food bank in the United States in size and distribution. We serve a network of 1,500 community partners in 18 southeast Texas counties, including food pantries, soup kitchens, meal sites and shelters." The counties they serve include many of GHC's member clubs in Brazoria, Chambers, Ft. Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties. The Houston Food Bank has specifically requested that we collect the following items as high priority:



- *Granola bars and other protein snacks
- *Cereal/oatmeal
- *Paper plates/cups/utensils
- *Water
- *Toilet paper
- *Paper towels

Please bring these items to the meeting on **March 16th**, and help make a difference to those impacted by the storm.

In dealing with one crisis after another, our Republican women have stepped up and shown strength, fortitude and resilience. This month, GHC will honor your **2021 Club Presidents** at our General meeting. Their leadership this year will be critical as we set our eyes on the 2022 elections, and work towards regaining local and national seats.

We will also present our annual **Nuts and Bolts Seminar**, in conjunction with TFRW, on **March 16th**. Capacity is limited, so you'll want to register as soon as possible. The deadline to register this year is March 5th, and we will not be able to admit anyone at the door who did not pre-register, so please act quickly!

The registration form is included in this newsletter and available on our website, www.ghcfrwpac.org.

You may pay by credit card on the website, by using the following link: <https://secure.pirya.com/donate/qlvxMKrb/Greater-Houston-Council-of-Republican-Womens-Clubs/2021>. We are excited to have 9 great speakers for 8 sessions, plus TFRW's President Glynis Chester, participating in the program. And, our keynote speaker is Jody Rushton, Past President of TFRW and NFRW. You won't want to miss hearing from these inspiring Republican women!

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President's Message continued :

Please mark your calendars now for our May 18th General Meeting, as we pay tribute to our military and host Republican Party of Texas Chairman, **Lt. Col. Allen West** as our guest speaker!

In closing, I share a verse from the Bible: "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7. More challenges may come our way, but I pray for you to stay strong, healthy and steadfast in our mission, as we work to preserve our conservative values in this great country. God bless Texas and the USA!

Warmest Regards, Sophia Mafrige President, GHCFRW 2020-2021

Greater Houston Council

General Meeting

March 16, 2021

Houston Food Bank Collection

Bring any non perishable food items and water to the Nuts 'n Bolts Seminar!

The Houston Food Bank serves 18 surrounding counties, similar to our GHC counties, including Galveston, Montgomery, Ft. Bend, Brazoria, etc.

Storage tubs will be available to put your food items in at the Nuts 'n Bolts Seminar.

We will need volunteers to load the food items in trucks or SUV's to deliver to the Houston Food Bank or surrounding Houston area county locations.



HELP OUR COMMUNITIES



Benefiting the

HOUSTON FOOD BANK

#TexansHelpingTexans



DONATION DROP

MARCH 16, 2021

GHCFRW NUTS & BOLTS

Most Needed Items: **Water** **Oatmeal** **Cereal**
We Can, **Granola Bars / Protein Snacks**
We Care. **Paper Towels** **Toilet Paper**
Paper Plates / Cups / Utensils

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Hospitality



The Hospitality Committee gives special thanks to **Bay Area Republican Women** and **Memorial West Republican Women** for providing coffee for the attendees at the January meeting. Thank you, **Edie Holland** and **Deb Cupples** for organizing the pick-up and delivery on behalf of your clubs.

We are expecting 85 guests for the Nuts & Bolts training workshop in March so we have asked three clubs to provide coffee for those attending. **The Yellow Rose of Texas Republican Women**, **Magic Circle Republican Women** and **Northwest Forest Republican Women** have graciously offered – thank you!

Greater Houston Council will continue to provide individually packaged snacks and clubs will be asked to provide coffee. If you have any recommendations for snacks, please contact **Dana Khan** at danak007@gmail.com. We hope to see you at the March Nuts & Bolts workshop.

REGISTER NOW

GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN



NUTS n' BOLTS SEMINAR And RECOGNITION OF CLUB PRESIDENTS



Keynote Speaker

Jody Rushton

Former TFRW and NFRW President

Meet TFRW President Glynis Chester

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Trini Mendenhall Center

1414 Wirt Road

Houston, TX 77055

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NUTS 'N BOLTS REGISTRATION FORM



The Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women, in conjunction with the Texas Federation of Republican Women, will be holding their Nuts N' Bolts training workshop and recognition of Club Presidents on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the Trini Mendenhall Community Center at 1414 Wirt Road, Houston, TX 77055. Check in begins at 9:00 AM and the program begins at 9:30 AM. There will snacks and coffee to start your day and lunch is included. Please note that due to government restrictions, a mask is required to enter the building and attend the event.

MEET TFRW PRESIDENT GLYNIS CHESTER

DYNAMIC LUNCH TIME SPEAKER!

JODY RUSHTON, FORMER TFRW AND NFRW PRESIDENT

To register, go online to www.ghcfrwpac.org or mail this form with your check payment. Cost is \$20 by check or cash or \$22 by credit card. ***OUR CAPACITY IS LIMITED, SO YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND. PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021.**

Make checks payable to Greater Houston Council. To pay by check, mail your registration form and payment to Micheline Hutson
11007 Wortham Blvd Houston, TX 77065

Payment method

Cash _____

Check _____

Credit Card _____

Name _____

Primary Club _____

Address _____

Occupation (required by TEC) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

There will be three workshops sessions from which to choose. Please indicate your preference of workshops to attend.

Workshops—check one in each session

SESSION 1 (morning session)

____ Treasurer and her duties and PAC Treasurer (Former GHC President, Cindy Siegel)

____ The President and her Role (TFRW President, Glynis Chester)

____ Communication and Social Media (GHC County Chair Liaison, Emely McHattie
and GHC Social Media Chair, Jennifer Knesek)

SESSION 2 (morning session)

____ Programs (TFRW Vice President Programs, Alice Melancon)

____ Membership (Former TFRW 1st Vice President, Julie Faubel)

____ Campaign Activities and Awards (TFRW Awards Chair, Janis Holt)

SESSION 3 (afternoon session)

____ Fundraising (Former President Village Republican Women's Club, Buffie Ingersoll)

____ Small Clubs (East Montgomery County Republican Women's Club President, Crystal Moore)

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Greater Houston Council FRW

Minutes of General Meeting

January 12, 2021

Mendenhall Community Center, Houston

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Sophia Mafrige, President.
2. Cheryl Dalton, 4th VP Finance, led the opening prayer and the pledges.
3. Honorable Michael Landrum swore in the new 2021 Board Members and those assuming new roles:
 - Edie Holland-Corresponding Secretary
 - Mary Sage-Recording Secretary
 - Dana Khan-Hospitality Chair
 - Deb Cupples-Parliamentarian
 - Jennifer Knesek-Historian and Social Media Chair.
4. Kittie Rice, VP of Membership, conducted a roll call of the clubs. She reported that 11 clubs were present, and we need 12 clubs present for a quorum.
5. Approval of Minutes – Mary Sage, Recording Secretary, stated that minutes of the General Meeting held on November 17, 2020, were presented in the newsletter. She asked whether there were any changes or corrections. There being none, the minutes were accepted as submitted.
6. Sophia said that Micheline Hutson, Treasurer, had surgery and was absent. She announced the bank balance and said that Micheline will present the Treasurer's report at the next meeting.
7. Gwen Withrow, 1st VP Programs, introduced our featured speakers:
 - Jessica Colon, Panel Moderator,
 - Hon. Cindy Siegel, Harris County GOP Chair,
 - Hon. Cheryl Thompson-Draper, Lavaca County GOP Chair, and
 - Hon Judy Nichols, Jefferson County GOP Chair.The County Chairs discussed the details about their counties and challenges to win elections. They want to improve election security and recruit more poll workers and watchers.
8. There were no reports from Board Members.
9. Announcements –
 - a. SJ Swanson, Legislation, asked that we pray for the State Legislature that is convening the 2021 session today.
 - b. Tina Gibson, Newsletter Editor, encouraged everyone to attend the February 4 TFRW Legislative Day in Austin.
 - c. Sophia reminded everyone that the next meeting is Nuts n' Bolts/Presidents Honored on Tuesday, March 16.
 - d. Sophia stated that she recently recovered from COVID19, and she cautioned everyone to stay safe.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM by Sophia Mafrige.

Submitted by,

Mary Sage, GHC Recording Secretary

2/27/21

Greater Houston Council January Meeting Highlights



New Greater Houston Council Board of Directors Officers and Committee Chairs

Sworn in by Former Judge Michael Landrum

Our new board members include Jennifer Knesek Historian and Social Media, Debbie Cupples Parliamentarian, Dana Kahn Hospitality, Mary Sage Recording Secretary and Edie Holland Corresponding Secretary, with President Sophia Mafrige.



Suburban and Rural Election Fraud Panel Discussion with the County Chairwomen

Jessica Colon was the moderator for our program which included County Chairwomen **Cindy Siegel** from Harris County, **Cheryl Thompson-Draپر** from Lavaca County and **Judy Nichols** from Jefferson County, discuss the November election problems that occurred due to voter fraud committed by the democrats, and the impact of using the ES&S electronic voting systems in their counties. They all reported machine irregularities in spite of election administrators and county clerks from each county insisting otherwise. Their reports to the Texas Secretary of State were filed with no resulting investigations on allegations.



TFRW Legislative Day Highlights at the Capitol February 4th

ADVOCATE LIKE A LOBBYIST!

The 87th Texas Legislature is In Session

TFRW Legislative Day 2021 was definitely one for the record books and a big success. Our participation numbers were greatly reduced due to COVID-19 restrictions at the State Capitol and at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin. We hope our next Legislative Day in 2023 will be back to our normal schedule with a huge number of Republican Women wearing red at the Capitol again.

This year our state officials came to us at the conference center. We introduced our Republican House Freshmen, **Jacey Jetton, Lacey Hull, Cody Vasut, Jeff Cason, Bryan Slaton** and **Shelby Slawson**, who participated in a panel discussion. TFRW presented each freshman House member with a Welcome Wagon gift.

Former State Party Chairman **Steve Munisteri** and current State Party Vice Chairman **Cat Parks** reviewed the results of the last election and the Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas, highlighting some of the Governor's priorities for this Legislative Session:

1. Election Integrity
2. Prevent local communities from stopping funding of their police
3. Education funding and making broad band access possible everywhere so children can learn
4. Protect small businesses from COVID related frivolous lawsuits
5. Protect Texas citizens from personal recognizance bail
6. Redistricting
7. Second Amendment Sanctuary State
8. Bolstering civics education classes in Texas classrooms

There are 8 Legislative Priorities from the RPT state convention last summer that will be lobbied for this session, with Election Integrity as #1. There are 337 planks in the Party Platform for 2020-2022. Go to www.texasgop.org to track the progress of related bills filed.

Participants were trained on how to utilize the Texas Legislature Online (TLO) website to look up bills, track bills and look up related filings and links about bills on this website, www.capitol.texas.gov

Beth Cubriel from Michael Best Strategies reviewed how bills are filed and how to communicate to our representatives either for or against a bill. Some main points to note were how to testify in person if possible, being respectful to office staff and go to the capitol with one-page copies of your issue in hand for office staff.



Legislative Office staff members Ashley Walter, Mia McCord, Georgeanne Palmer, Sara Marie Ridley and Sara Trott hosted a panel discussion on communicating with representatives at the capitol by connecting with officials through phone, email, virtual and in person appointments to the capitol office. The office staff serve as the gate keepers and work extremely hard for us. Right now, legislators are attempting to schedule constituents time slots online, but space is limited so keep trying. Emailing your

issue and request to the office staff works well at this time. They also reiterated that being respectful and sending thank you notes is extremely helpful.

Advocate Like a Lobbyist TFRW Legislative Day continued:

A mock legislative hearing testimony training was led by TFRW Legislative VP **Robbi Hull**. Seasoned Representatives, **Candy Noble**, **Matt Shaheen**, **Jeff Leach**, and **Bryan Hughes** led the mock committee hearing to train Republican women in speaking at formal House and Senate hearings in person at the Capitol or virtually. More information will be coming by TFRW weekly on legislative priorities and how to register to testify.

A special visit from **Governor Greg Abbott** and **Lt. Governor Dan Patrick** during lunch was well received. They thanked all of the TFRW members around the state for their tireless efforts to keep our statewide offices Republican.

The day ended with **Representative Phil King** speaking on the uncertainty of the timing of redistricting procedures due to the hold up of the 2020 U.S. Census data to states.

Senate redistricting hearings are ongoing, and Republicans are encouraged to testify. Democrats and left leaning groups are signing up at 100 to 1 ratio to Republicans.

Senator **Joan Huffman** is the Redistricting Committee Chairman.



How Do I Find Out What's Going on at the Capitol?

Our representatives have now been assigned committees so please go to www.capitol.texas.gov to review. Follow the links to house and senate representatives and bills in the tool bar.

Other Capitol websites: www.senate.texas.gov or www.house.texas.gov

How Do I Testify at a Redistricting Hearing?

To provide public testimony a witness must register in advance of the regional hearing.

Visit redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s#meetings-action to find the registration for each regional hearing and additional instructions on how to testify via zoom or written testimony.

To see upcoming hearings please visit <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s>

What are the Legislative Priorities for the Republican Party of Texas?

www.texasgop.org

Other Resources:

Texas State Directory Online - www.txdirectory.com

www.Capitol.Texas.Gov

www.Ethics.State.TX.US

Pictured are FBRW members Karen McCarter, Suzanne Whatley, Tina Gibson and RW of Katy member Mary Jane Nowak with freshman State Representative Jacey Jetton.



REDISTRICTING HEARINGS



In the Texas Senate, the Special Committee on Redistricting currently is conducting hearings. Remember to register to testify at your Regional Hearing at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing. The calendar for Regional Hearings may be found at <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s> - meetings-section. The link includes videos of previous hearings. You may wish to watch one or more hearings to become more comfortable with the hearing process.

Click on <https://redistricting.capitol.texas.gov/2020s> - meetings-section and look for the hearing for your region. If there is no hearing for your region or you missed the hearing for your region, you may testify at ANY hearing about your region; however, you must register at least 24 hours in advance.

Click on the **REGIONAL FOCUS** for your region (far right column) to bring up the Notice of Hearing for your region. Once in the **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**, scroll down to **Public Testimony** and be sure to read that information.

Then scroll down to **Witness Registration Instructions** and click on the link imbedded in that paragraph to complete the witness registration form for the hearing.

After you register, you will need to follow the instructions for Joining the Videoconference and Testifying via Videoconference.

Your testimony is the preferred method of making a record to support the redistricting efforts. **However, "[ANY] member of the public may submit written comments and attachments to the committee at any time throughout the legislative redistricting process."** Look under the Written Comments section for instructions to submit written comments and attachments.

Be prepared to provide useful information to your representatives about your community based on your personal knowledge of the area and by doing some research about your community. Such information includes, but is not limited to, local preferences, communities of interest, and local voting patterns.

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Testimony Example: Fill in your own statement

My name is _____, and I currently reside at _____. I am over 18 years of age and I am a registered voter. I live in the Lakeway area of the current HD 47, SD 24, and Congressional District 25. The testimony I give today is based upon my personal knowledge from my experience in my community and as a citizen of the State of Texas.

I want any new district map to fairly represent the voting patterns of Texas. In Texas, all of our statewide officials are Republican. Therefore, any new Congressional seats awarded to Texas as a result of the increase of the Texas population should represent the voting pattern of the state of Texas which is Republican.

I want the new map to reflect one person, one vote as provided in the US Constitution. It is important to me that districts are created so that there is approximately equal voting power in each district, and by "equal voting power," I mean equal voting power of people legally eligible to vote.

I want to emphasize that I believe it is important that redistricting is accomplished by our elected officials, like you, who are accountable to the people of Texas. I strongly oppose any so-called "Independent Panel" that is not elected by the people of the State of Texas. Allowing redistricting to be done by an appointed panel takes away my voice and the voice of people like me in this very important process.

For my community in particular you should know that the area is bordered by Lake Travis. Highway 71 borders the area to the south, and FM 2222 borders the area to the north and includes Lakeway and Steiner Ranch. Ranch Road 620 runs north and south through the area. The area is bordered on the west by the Pedernales River. The school districts are Lake Travis ISD and Leander ISD. We physically are in Travis County but, thankfully, outside the city limits of Austin. The entire area is mostly comprised of residentially zoned communities and the commercial/retail activity that supports the residents. The Baylor Scott & White Lakeway Hospital serves the area as well as additional Urgent Care and medical facilities. Because the area surrounds Lake Travis, many of the commercial enterprises serve the lake tourism interests.

Most of the residents of the area are English speakers; however, there are Spanish speaking residents and the schools provide ESL classes for the students where English is not the primary language spoken in the home. Economically, this area primarily is middle and upper middle class.

The people in the Lakeway and Steiner Ranch communities enjoy not being caught up in the craziness of the City of Austin. The residents of the Lake Travis and Leander school districts travel the same corridors to work and school and have similar economic and educational backgrounds. It makes sense for these communities to be included in the same legislative or Congressional districts. The areas further west from the Lakeway area toward Marble Falls are less dense in population, but also share many of the economic and educational characteristics of my part of Travis County.

I hope that my testimony, based upon my personal knowledge of the community in which I live, is helpful to you in the redistricting process.

Thank you.

Greater Houston Council FRW Board Events



Greater Houston Council 60th Anniversary planning committee working on our April 1, 2022 celebration with committee chair Dana Kahn.

Below: Your Greater Houston Council FRW Board at Work. Our next meeting is April 20th at Mendenhall Center.

Magic Circle and GHC Board members Cheryl Dalton and Mary Sage.



Greater Houston Council FRW Club Events



Save the Date

Join us in celebrating our

60th Anniversary

Honoring Past Presidents

April 28, 2021

10:30 AM

at the

Houston Racquet Club

10709 Memorial Dr., Houston TX

RSVP

VillageRepublicanWomen.org

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Contact Carolyn Hodges chodges@hodgessw.com
for more information

Austin, Texas

**GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL
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TFRW Legislative Day

February 2021

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Greater Houston Council Club Events



Greater Houston Council FRW Board members with Harris County GOP volunteers at the Houston Food Bank.
 Montgomery County RW donations to Camp Hope and January meeting.
 Village RW hosted Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar at their February meeting.
 West Pearland RW in the community at Pearland Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.
 Magic Circle RW donation drive to Ronald McDonald House for Tx Children's Hospital patients.



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- One Keynote Speaker seated at the table
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\$5,000 BRONZE

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\$2,500 COPPER

- One Preferred Table of 10 and 2 Tickets to VIP Reception
- Tier three name and logo and placement in print, promotional materials, including invitation, program, press releases, website, and on-site signage

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

(Go on Sale March 15th)

- \$350 VIP Ticket includes ticket to VIP reception and dinner
- \$150 General Admission includes ticket to dinner

SAVE THE DATE

Harris County Republican Party's 2021 Lincoln-Reagan Dinner

featuring special guests



HON. KRISTI NOEM

Governor of South Dakota



HON. TREY GOWDY

Former Member of the U.S. House
of Representatives (2011-2019)

Thursday, April 8, 2021

5:30 p.m. General & VIP Reception

6:30 p.m. Program & Dinner

Bayou City Event Center

9401 Knight Road, Houston, TX 77045

Statewide and Local Elected Officials
Local Business Leaders and Grassroots Members

Individual and Virtual tickets go on sale Monday, March 15th.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT RSVP@JENNIFERNAEDLER.COM.

P.O. BOX 41964, HOUSTON TX 77241

All contributions to the Harris County Republican Party (HCRP) are used to support the Committee's local activities. Corporate, PAC, small business and personal contributions are acceptable.

COVID Protocols: All attendees must wear a mask when not eating, drinking, or when social distancing is not possible. Electrostatic Sanitization and Anti-viral Aerosol Sterilization Technology (AVAST) will be in use.

Paid for by the Harris County Republican Party.

Republican Women's Clubs receive reduced table rate of \$1250; that's \$125 per person! Your check for a table must be submitted from your RW club.

VIP reception purchase price is an additional \$200.

BREAKING! NFRW Call to Action!



H.R. 1 “For the People Act”, the Democrats' Election Takeover Bill, will be on the floor of the U.S. House next week. WATCH FOR AN NFRW CALL TO ACTION and be prepared to contact your Representative.

SUMMARY

H.R. 1 would federalize and micromanage the election process administered by the states, imposing unnecessary, unwise, and unconstitutional mandates on the states and reversing the decentralization of the American election process—which is essential to the protection of our liberty and freedom. It would (among other things) implement nationwide the worst changes in election rules that occurred during the 2020 election; go even further in eroding and eliminating basic security protocols that states have in place; and interfere with the ability of states and their citizens to determine the qualifications and eligibility of voters, ensure the accuracy of voter registration rolls, secure the fairness and integrity of elections, and participate and speak freely in the political process.

Dear Congressman/Senator (Insert appropriate title, name, here)

As a registered voter in the State of Texas, I am adamantly opposed to the provisions of the proposed “For the People Act”.

The Bill strips power from the States and hands it to the Federal government which is unconstitutional.

The Act’s requirements for same-day voter registration for federal elections and permitting voters to make changes to their registration at the polls destroys the ability of local elections officials to ensure voter integrity by eliminating opportunities to verify residency and citizenship requirements.

Automatic voter registration infringes on an individual’s authority to make the decision to register and requires them to take action to undo what the state has done in their name. This provision is obviously an effort to enhance Democratic turnout without any concern for ballot integrity.

As evidenced in our most recent national election, vote by mail practices in several states were invitations to fraud and error. The vote by mail practice proven so effective in the state of Texas should become the standard for the nation! Efforts to mail ballots to every registered voter are an invitation to fraud and abuse.

Prohibiting or restricting elections officials’ efforts to remove ineligible voters from the rolls interferes with their ability to perform their duties in a timely and accurately manner. Likewise, electronic registration with no requirement for signature makes it impossible to validate the identity of the person registering online and does not provide for a penalty for falsifying a registration or subsequent vote cast.

Voting machines must be manufactured, operated, and owned in the U.S. At no time, should voting information be transmitted to individuals or entities outside the U.S. Voting machines should undergo rigorous security testing and approval before being utilized in any election in the U.S.

Any effort to utilize public financing for campaigns or require organizations to disclose their donors should be opposed. Efforts to overturn the Supreme Court Citizens United decision via a constitutional amendment should be ardently rejected.

Regards,

(Your Signature)

More Outrageous Power Grabs by the Federal Government That We Must Stop!

Urgent Prayer Alert on The Equality Act

Excerpts from Franklin Graham February 25, 2021

<https://billygraham.org/story/urgent-prayer-alert-from-franklin-graham-on-the-equality-act/>

- The Equality Act designates schools, places of worship, and healthcare organizations as “public accommodations.” With this, schools, churches, and hospitals could be forced to accept the government’s beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity. That would be highly intrusive and incredibly far-reaching. It will threaten everyday speech where people can be fined or lose their jobs for using the wrong name or pronouns.
- The Equality Act will legislate that we allow boys in girls’ sports, boys in girls’ locker rooms, men in women’s shelters, and men in women’s prisons. It will force teachers and students to publicly pretend that a biological male is a female. Schools will be encouraged or mandated to instruct first, second, and third graders that they can choose to be a boy or a girl, or neither, or both, making biological sex (and science) a relic of the past.
- The Equality Act will use the force of law across all 50 states to strip religious ministries of their right to hire people of shared faith to pursue a shared mission. Can you imagine a religious and faith-based organization being forced to hire people hostile to its deeply held beliefs who have no passion for its beliefs, teachings, and mission?
- The Equality Act will strip health professionals of their rights of conscience. It will force doctors and medical professionals who long to do no harm to engage in gender transition treatments such as hormone-blocking, cross-sex hormones, or surgery. It is obvious that a faith-based hospital should not have to perform gender transition surgeries that go entirely against all they believe.
- The Equality Act will be a tool used by the government to deny or threaten accreditation to religious colleges and universities if they do not satisfy the demands of the secular Left to apply sexual orientation and gender identity to dorms, sports, places of privacy, and even teachings. The Act could be used as a weapon to threaten the availability of federal student loans and grants to students at certain disfavored religious schools.

These are just a few examples. Friends, this is a pivotal time for our nation. The impact of this legislation is immense. We must not remain silent and accept what we know is wrong.

The Biden Administration has said they want to pass this within their first 100 days. I cannot say this more emphatically—for people, for businesses, and for ministries of faith, **the Equality Act is a threat to life as we know it in our nation today.** It is a real game-changer.

The House has already passed this legislation one time previously, so it will likely pass in the House again before moving on to the Senate. We need you to contact your U.S. congressman Find Your Representative at <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> and U.S. senators <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>, Contacting U.S. Senators and ask them to **vote NO**. I also encourage you to let the White House know about your strong opposition to this bill, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>. The progressive Left is zealous about this issue and will pull out all the stops to try to make it the law of the land.

People of faith need to PRAY. Churches need to recognize the significance of this and pray corporately, asking for God’s intervention and mercy to extend the religious freedoms we have been blessed with for so long.

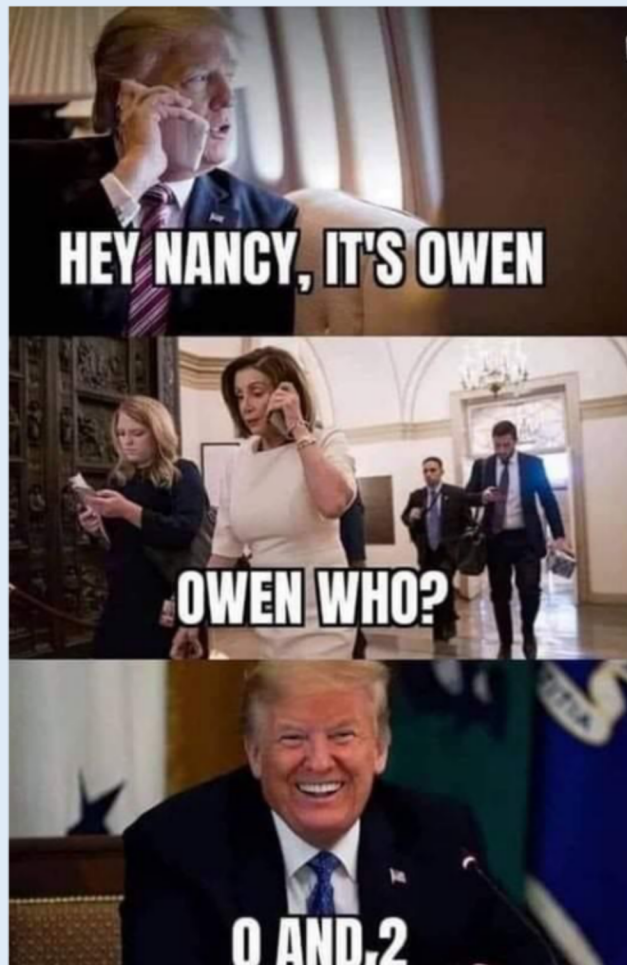
We also must get to work now, in these fleeting days before the Equality Act comes up for a vote again. As individuals, churches, and organizations, we need to let our representatives in the U.S. House and Senate know how important this is to us, and that we are asking them to vote an emphatic **NO to the Equality Act.**



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

HERE'S A START:

- Silicon Valley Underground Tunnel
- \$350 billion in blue state bailouts
- \$86 billion in union pension bailouts
- \$56 billion cost to raise the minimum wage
- \$34 billion to expand Obamacare
- \$200 million for Institute of Museum and Library Services
- \$135 million to the National Endowment of the Arts





GREATER HOUSTON COUNCIL OF FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN

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Greater Houston Council Calendar of Events



All General and Executive Committee Meetings at
Trini Mendenhall Community Center
1414 Wirt Rd. Houston 77055

General Meetings 9:30 am—noon

March 16, 2021

May 18, 2021

September 21, 2021

November 9, 2021

Executive Committee Meetings 2021, 10:00 am

April 20, 2021

August 17, 2021

October 19, 2021

For more information go to www.ghcfrwpac.org, or contact President Sophia Mafrige at
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Victory 2021 Calendar

- ☆ **March 16 — GHCFRW Nuts 'N Bolts Workshop**
- ☆ **April 20—GHCFRW Board Meeting**
- ☆ **May 18—GHCFRW General Meeting, Tribute to Our Military and RPT Chair Lt. Col. Allen West**
- ☆ **September 21—GHCFRW General Meeting**
- ☆ **April 1, 2022—SAVE THE DATE! GHCFRW 60th Anniversary Celebration at Minute Maid Park**



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