

**MEDINA FOR TEXAS CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES BALLOT INITIATIVE DRIVE;  
“WE TEXANS MUST DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES”**

Gubernatorial Candidate Debra Medina's We Texans campaign is looking for volunteers to help with petitions for **several ballot initiatives**.

These ballot initiatives will help We Texans bring about a restoration of accountability in government and the creation of new tethers insuring our elected officials serve the people – to allow Texas to remain strong, free and prosperous.

Would you be interested in helping out with this revolutionary effort to preserve our republican form of government?

We will be working many venues and rallies in the greater Houston and surrounding areas this July 4th week and weekend. We need many volunteers to sign up today! If you would like to volunteer to help with this ballot initiative petition drive, please call Adam 713-492-4675 or Tyler 713-492-4657 or email [helena@medinafortexas.com](mailto:helena@medinafortexas.com)

**AN EXPLANATION:**

**Our elected officials are unaccountable and the voices of We the People seem to carry little weight. There are vehicles by which we can restrain our government and restore it to proper constitutional boundaries. We Texans need to use them!**

We must do more than simply vote every two years for candidates who, after being elected, seem to forget the very principles that gained our trust in the first place.

All political power is inherent in the people. The Freedom of Assembly protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees more than the freedom of speech or the right to gather to stage protests or rallies. It guarantees more than the forming of political parties. It guarantees that we have a mechanism to **effectively have our grievances redressed**. A political party has the power to set the standards for whom it will allow to be placed on a ballot under its name, and We Texans as the members of the party have the power to determine what those standards are. This authority of the people is not often discussed by the party leadership and current elected officials who prefer to maintain the status quo, but it is **real** and it is **powerful when used**.

Our nation's founders certainly understood this power:

“That whenever any **Form** of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to **alter** or to **abolish** it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers

in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. ... when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and **to provide new Guards** for their future security.” - Declaration of Independence 1776

And the courts continue to uphold it to this day:

“... the Court has recognized that the First Amendment protects the freedom to join together in furtherance of common political beliefs, ... which necessarily presupposes the freedom to identify the people who constitute the association, and to limit the association to those people only, ... That is to say, a corollary of the right to associate is the **right not to associate**...” California Democratic Party, et al. v. Jones, et al., Decision No. 99-401, decided June 26, 2000 United States Supreme Court

This election cycle, let's use these powers and **demand** that candidates seeking to run for office in the Republican Party's Primary do more than just take our money and ask for our vote. The Ballot Petition Drive is one step in a multi-step process to make Republican Candidates accountable to generally ignored positions of the Republican Platform.

What will the petitions do? We Texans will

1. **Demand** that the party require every candidate to disclose their position on every plank of the platform: support, oppose, or other--i.e., an unequivocal record of where the candidates stands;
2. **Demand** that the party impose unilateral **term limits** on the eligibility of candidates seeking the Republican Party Nomination for office, e.g., State Representatives to three consecutive terms etc.;
3. **Demand** that the party have every candidate sign a pledge of support for certain core issues, such as state sovereignty, property rights, fiscal conservatism, and the right to Life.

Establishing **new guards** of accountability will not be a simple task, and this is only the first step. Signing these petitions and asking others to do the same will send a message to the party that We the People will not accept more of the same. But to ensure the party listens, we must get involved in the convention process and become party delegates ourselves and make our voices, in addition to our vote, heard. Plan now on attending your precinct convention and working and fighting to be a delegate to your County or Senatorial District Convention, and from there to the State Convention. Delegates supporting these principles were nearly 40% of the vote at the last State Convention and your participation WILL make the difference. More information on how to join us will be coming as this project progresses. For now, sign the petitions, ask everyone you know to do the same, and work to stay informed.

The problems in the political system are pervasive, so the clean-up starts with honest new blood, new troops maintaining their integrity, willing to do what is necessary to restore the forms of our Republican Party and erect new guards for our future security.

Nothing is gained by complaining and then watching our State and Nation fall into disrepair. Now we can do more than talk the talk, We Texans can **stand up** and fix it.

FIRST we must clean our own house and clear out the unethical actions from within our own party. Join us on the path to restore our republic!

**MEDINA UPDATE:**

**Have you seen the Issues Section of the Medina Campaign Site?**

<http://www.MedinaForTexas.com/issues.php>