October 19, 2019

Hello everyone,

Our 3rd Annual Boots and Barbecue Fundraiser at the Bastrop Convention Center on September 7th was a resounding success. Our profit from the event was nearly $25,000.00 – a record for the party. Our guest speaker Lt. Col. Allen West delivered a rousing speech that resounded with all the attendees. In addition to Mr. West, our State Chairman James Dickey spoke about the positive strides our state party has made in the last 2 years.

I’d like to thank Sue Beck Chair of the Events Committee and the entire committee for their tireless work and countless hours that were committed to making this the best and biggest event BCRP has seen in its history.

Sincerely,

Dianna Greenwood
Chairman

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS NOVEMBER 2019**

This November we have several important Constitutional Amendments on the ballot. One is especially important –

**Proposition 4 (HJR 38):** “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual’s share of partnership and unincorporated association income.” A yes vote on this amendment will ensure that we never have an Income Tax here in the State of Texas.

There are other Constitutional Amendments on the ballot and can be reviewed at [https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2019/072319.shtml](https://www.sos.state.tx.us/about/newsreleases/2019/072319.shtml)

Empower Texans has an analysis of each Proposition which includes pro and con positions. [https://empowertexans.com/2019-constitutional-recommendations/](https://empowertexans.com/2019-constitutional-recommendations/)

**LOCAL UPDATES:**

We have several local propositions on the ballot this year. Please visit [https://www.bastropvotes.org/election-information-2/sample-ballots/](https://www.bastropvotes.org/election-information-2/sample-ballots/) for more information.

Austin’s homeless ordinance is continuing to harm the city and although we are not directly impacted by their horrendous policies, we see and feel it each time we visit the city. It has gotten so bad, that Governor Abbott is now demanding that the city do something about it, or the state will. (See article below)

We may not live in Austin, but we do travel to and from Austin at various times so this is an issue which has repercussions as to health and safety for Bastropians who work and
visit Austin. Please sign the petition, SaveAustinNow.com that Travis GOP Chair Matt Mackowiak created. Currently they have over 33,000 signatures. It is important that we continue to support this initiative. Our voices must be heard and we can make a difference.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monthly Meeting October 28th from 7-9 pm. We will be meeting at First National Bank in Smithville.

Our featured speaker is Susanna Feather, Policy and District Director for Representative Cyrier’s office. She will be giving a presentation on the Constitutional Amendment known as Prop 5. Light refreshments will be served.

INTERESTING ARTICLES:

Governor Abbott’s Letter to Austin Mayor Steve Adler

Miscellaneous Items

We have Trump 2020 hats available in our office for a $10.00 donation.

We have BCRP Shirts with our logo on it for a $25.00 donation.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As we get into primary season, we will need volunteers for clerk positions during the elections. We will also need folks to make phone calls and do door to door canvassing during the crucial two months before the primary. Please let us know if you are available to do this. If you’re interested, please contact us at bastropctypublicans@gmail.com.

FOUNDER’S QUOTE:

"The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave."

Patrick Henry to the Virginia Convention at St. John's Church, Richmond, Virginia, March 23, 1775