

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DEFUNDING WOKE AND WEAPONIZED GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, woke and weaponized government programs—including Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Critical Race Theory (CRT), and LGBT policies and programs—have been promoted and funded by various levels of government in Texas using taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, under the current system, Texas property owners and taxpayers are forced to perpetually fund ideological indoctrination through subjective bureaucratic priorities, hidden offices, consultant contracts, and circumvention tactics that prioritize racial division, gender ideology, and Marxist doctrines over neutral education, merit-based governance, and fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, these programs are immoral and divisive, ultimately harming all Texans—especially students, families, and future generations—by promoting racism under the guise of anti-racism, fostering polarization and resentment, undermining American exceptionalism, and exposing children to inappropriate sexual and ideological content at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, despite legislative bans, circumvention persists at institutions like UT Austin (and other public universities), where DEI-aligned administrators have been elevated to shape core curricula through land acknowledgments, identity-based oppression frameworks, and segregated initiatives, diverting millions in state appropriations from educational excellence to polarizing agendas; and

WHEREAS, taxpayer-funded DEI spending in Texas higher education and schools previously reached millions annually (e.g., \$11 million at Texas A&M before mandated cuts), with national patterns showing hundreds of millions wasted on DEI consultants and staff across public entities, far outpacing any legitimate public benefit and burdening hardworking taxpayers amid rising costs; and

WHEREAS, even after major legislative efforts since 2021—including statewide prohibitions on DEI offices and CRT instruction—bureaucratic resistance and non-school entities have offset savings, allowing continued growth in hidden or rebranded woke programs that undermine conservative reforms; and

WHEREAS, one clear example of such rebranding is the University of Texas at Austin's Division of Diversity and Community Engagement being renamed the Division of Campus and Community Engagement following SB 17's effective date, with related programs like First-Gen Equity rebranded as First-Gen Longhorns in order to maintain similar functions under new terminology; and

WHEREAS, these woke and weaponized programs are particularly ripe for waste, fraud, and abuse, as evidenced by examples including non-compliant contracts with third-party vendors to perform duties of prohibited DEI offices (as found in audits of Texas A&M University System components like Texas A&M University–Central Texas), required DEI trainings for new hires in

violation of state law (such as at McLennan Community College), millions diverted to DEI consultant contracts and rebranded initiatives nationwide and in Texas public entities, and unchecked bureaucratic spending that funnels taxpayer dollars to ideological priorities rather than core services; and

WHEREAS, unchecked bureaucratic and local spending on these initiatives and other initiatives are directly fueling misuse of funds while diverting resources that should prioritize core services, border security, tax relief, and limited government; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Republican Party of Texas Platform explicitly calls for defunding these programs through Plank 106 (“Defund Political Correctness, Fund and Support Western Civilization Instruction”), opposing any state funding or graduation requirements for divisive curricula including Marxist, anti-American, Critical Race Theory (CRT), multiculturalism, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), or diversity, equity, and inclusion courses, and stating “We oppose using public funds for homosexuality, transgender, or diversity, equity, and inclusion centers, employees, or programs”; and through Plank 93 rejecting CRT as a Marxist ideology that seeks to undermine law and order and reduce individuals to group identity; and

WHEREAS, the Republican Party of Texas has consistently opposed providing in-state tuition and other public subsidies to illegal aliens, as reflected in the 2024 Platform and legislative priorities calling for ending all subsidies and public services—including in-state college tuition and enrollment in public schools—for illegal aliens to reduce the burden on Texas taxpayers and prioritize resources for citizens and legal residents; and providing such benefits constitutes a form of woke and weaponized government policy that furthers divisive arguments weakening the meaning of American citizenship, effectively attacks and disenfranchises hardworking citizen taxpayers by redirecting their resources to non-citizens, and aligns with broader ideological agendas that prioritize equity over merit and national sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, Republican primary ballot propositions in 2022 demonstrated overwhelming grassroots support for rejecting these ideologies, with Proposition 4—stating that “Texas schools should teach students basic knowledge and American exceptionalism and reject Critical Race Theory and other curricula that promote Marxist doctrine and encourage division based on creed, race, or economic status”—passing with 91.1% support, reflecting consistent Republican voter priorities; and

WHEREAS, recent legislative and oversight efforts, including attempts to enforce full compliance with DEI bans and censure of officials who preserve related language, underscore the high priority of fully eliminating these programs at every level;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas strongly supports and calls for the complete defunding and elimination of all woke and weaponized government programs, beginning with the immediate and comprehensive prohibition of any taxpayer funding for DEI, CRT, or LGBT policies and programs at every level of government—from state agencies and higher education to public schools, local entities, and special districts—and empowering voters

and the Legislature with tools such as mandatory audits, defunding of non-compliant entities, penalties for circumvention, and structural reforms including a total ban on any state or local appropriations for such initiatives, removal of related staff and offices, prohibition of related training or curriculum, and no carve-outs or dilutions that would allow continued ideological indoctrination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Texas call upon all Republican legislators to prioritize and advance legislation achieving full elimination and the previously stated reforms, decline influence from special interests and their PACs that benefit from or promote these programs, and work to hold accountable any who obstruct or dilute this grassroots priority;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the _____ County/Senate District # _____ Convention Resolutions Committee from Precinct # _____ with the recommendation that it be passed and sent to the State Convention Platform Committee of the Republican Party of Texas.